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## Pray for Spanish unity, Church urges ahead of Catalan vote

**T**HE Spanish Catholic Church said yesterday there was "no moral justification" for Catalonia to seek independence from Spain and urged its faithful to pray for unity ahead of a regional election on Sunday.

The church is the latest institution to wade into a stand-off between the government and the wealthy northeastern region, whose leaders have cast the election as a proxy for a vote on secession.

Cardinal Antonio Canizares, the Archbishop of Valencia and one of Spain's most senior clerics, urged Catholics to pray for a united Spain.

"We are not making a political statement, as that is not our place," Canizares said in a letter published on the Archdiocese's website.

"We all need each other: unity is always better than division ... let us pray for Spain, let us pray for Catalonia, let us pray for it to be faithful to its roots, for its progress, for its welfare."

Spanish banks, including some based in the Catalan capital Barcelona, warned last week that a split could unleash financial turmoil, while the Bank of Spain said yesterday that Catalonia would be booted out of the euro zone if it broke away.

The government in Madrid has strongly opposed the independence push, and blocked attempts to hold a referendum on secession.

Pro-independence parties have said they will start a "road map" to an independent state within 18 months if they win control of the regional assembly.

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