

PARISH PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

You are the wisdom that guides us,
You, are the love that unites us
You are the divine energy that empowers us.

Come, lead us into all Truth liberating us
to become Your Church, the sacrament of God's Loving
for our 21st Century world.

Come speak to your Church through
the voices of the silenced, the hurting, the wounded.

Come so that we may listen with love to unfamiliar
voices
for through them You speak healing and hope
to the People of God, renewing and reforming us in love.

Teach us the way we must go, what we must change
Show us new ways to be Your Church
and make this Journey of Synod Your own!

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place, person and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and
ever. Amen.

Day One: For a spirituality of journeying together. That we may be formed as disciples of Christ, as families, as communities, and as human beings, through our experience of this Synodal journey.

Day Two: For listening ears. That our hearts and minds be open to listening to others without prejudice.

Day Three: For a Church that celebrates. That our journey together in the coming months will be based on listening together to the Word of God and the celebration on the Eucharist in the communion of the People of God.

Day Four: For our participation in the Mission of Christ. That through our Synodal journey together, we may grow in our shared responsibility of the mission that is entrusted to us.

Day Five: For true dialogue in the Church and in Society. That through a path of perseverance, patience, and mutual understanding, we may be attentive to the experience of persons and peoples.

Day Six: For new ways to exercise of authority and participation in the People of God. That the Synod will bear fruit in new forms of ministry and charisms of service to our world & one another at all levels of the Body of Christ.

Day Seven: That our discernment be led by the Holy Spirit. That decisions made on this Synodal path may be discerned through a consensus that flows from our courage to speak and to listen in shared loving obedience to the Holy Spirit.