

How to be a Synodal Church in Mission

Towards the Second Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, October 2024



Intercessions based on the *Instrumentum Laboris* for the Second Session (October 2024)

For the Second Session of the Synod

- 1. For the Second Session of the Synod:** we pray that the continuing journey of the faithful together in the Synod be a time of grace. May the Risen Lord's presence be recognised and the many fruits of the Spirit's action be welcomed with joy and hope. Guide us forward in our shared mission. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
- 2. For Listening:** we pray that understanding and appreciation of the diverse backgrounds of the People of God continue to enrich the Synodal process. May the dynamic relationships between brothers and sisters, between Churches, and with the Risen Lord be strengthened by active listening, dialogue and discernment. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the People of God: charisms and ministries #28

- 3. For the People of God:** we pray that all the baptised be encouraged and enabled to take up their unique charisms so that God's action in the world can flourish for the good of all. May Christians in each culture and place radiate the love of God in and through their families and social relationships. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

With ordained ministers: at the service of harmony #35, #36 and #41

- 4. For bishops, priests and deacons:** we pray that they are supported and accompanied in their ministry of service as they bring out, recognise and animate the different baptismal charisms and ministries of the People of God. May healthy and sustainable relationships lead to harmony, unity and a bond of communion within all the Churches. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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Between the Churches and in the world: the concreteness of communion #48

- 5. For solidarity:** we pray that Churches around the world impacted by violence, persecution and a lack of freedom are supported in their struggle to survive and transform. As we generously share our gifts with our neighbours, we commit to promoting paths of reconciliation that embrace and promote life, peace, and justice. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Decision-making processes #67, #68 and #76

- 6. For inclusive decision-making:** we pray that the People of God answer the Spirit-led call to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue, discern and offer advice in the process of pastoral decision-making. As we walk our synodal path together, we ask your blessing on each community member and pray that their skills and gifts are welcomed through meaningful, transparent and ongoing consultation.
We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

The bonds that shape the unity of the Church #95, #96 and #102

- 7. For unity:** we pray for flourishing relationships, connections and associations that bond the People of God together across the world. In recognising the glorious diversity of different cultures and expressions, we give thanks and delight in the gifts given and received for mutual enrichment. Give us courageous and collegial spirits that celebrate inculturation and co-responsibility.
We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

The synodal Church in the world #110 and #112

- 8. For a Church on Mission:** we pray that the Church becomes a refuge and shelter to the poor and needy in their distress, proclaiming and witnessing to the Resurrection. We ask that the Spirit of the Lord leads us ever to conversion of life, healing wounds and opening horizons of beauty, humility and simplicity. We pray that God continues to travel with us on our synodal journey as pilgrims of hope. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.