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Reflection Questions

The fundamental question Pope Francis is inviting us to reflect on during our synodal listening sessions is:

- A Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.”
 - How is this “journeying together” happening today in your local Church?
 - What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?

As you prepare to participate in or lead gatherings, you are invited to reflect on and pray through the following questions:

- What specific experiences or stories of our local Church does the question above call to mind for you? How have you personally experienced “journeying together” in the Church?
- Explore these experiences in greater depth: What joys did they bring? What difficulties and obstacles did they raise? What wounds did they reveal? What insights have they elicited for you?
- Gather these fruits to share: Where in these experiences does the voice of the Holy Spirit resound? What is the Spirit asking of us? What are the points to be confirmed, the prospects for change, the steps to be taken? What paths are opening up for our local Church?

All participants are invited to pray daily in advance of the session.

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*