

Prayer for the Synod

Let us pray for the Synod, that the delegates in Rome may listen deeply to one another, and most especially, to the Holy Spirit. This is also a good time to read, reflect on, and discuss the questions to be considered in the [*Instrumentum Laboris*](#).

*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.*

The prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus* has been used for hundreds of years at synods, councils, and important gatherings of the Church. It was used before every session of Vatican Council II. It is attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636). This slightly simplified version was prepared for the Synod of 2021-2024.