

How have you experienced

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2021-2023 SYNOD
ON SYNODALITY
MARCH 4-12

NOVENA

A Novena is an ancient devotion that consists of 9 days of prayer in preparation for a feast day or for a specific intention. The original novena of prayer happened between the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost as the disciples and Mary prayed in the upper room awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Following their example, all faithful of the Diocese of Calgary are invited to unite in the Diocesan Novena of Prayer for the Synod as we invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit and the Lord's guidance in preparation for the synod encounters that will take place in our parishes and communities.

The Novena will commence on March 4th and finish on March 12. It is a fitting time to begin the Novena on the first Friday of the month because of all the graces and spiritual promises of first Friday devotion. Many faithful also have a devotion to a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament on first Friday. We invite you to bring the Synod and the Holy Father's intentions before the Lord during your time of prayer.



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NOVENA **DAY 1**

Father of love and compassion,
with trust in your great mercy we place
our Diocesan Phase of the Synod into your hands.
Be with each member of our Diocese
and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit.
Give us all the wisdom and the courage
to respond in new ways to the challenges we face
and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,
so that we may become ever more closely
the Church you are calling us to be.

**Today we pray specifically for the Bishop and the
Diocesan Synod Leadership Team that the Holy Spirit
may grant them the wisdom and insight they need to guide a
meaningful and fruitful synodal journey for our local Church.**

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



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NOVENA **DAY 2**

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Be with each member of our Diocese
and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit.
Give us all the wisdom and the courage
to respond in new ways to the challenges we face
and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,
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the Church you are calling us to be.

Today we pray for the ones responsible for the communications about the Synod, that the Holy Spirit inspire them to create effective and inviting messages that can touch the hearts of people to enter into the process.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



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NOVENA **DAY 3**

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Be with each member of our Diocese
and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit.
Give us all the wisdom and the courage
to respond in new ways to the challenges we face
and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,
so that we may become ever more closely
the Church you are calling us to be.

Today we pray for our pastor and the parish synod leadership team that they may be given the wisdom and perseverance needed to prepare a meaningful and fruitful synodal process for our local parish community.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



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NOVENA **DAY 4**

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Be with each member of our Diocese
and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit.
Give us all the wisdom and the courage
to respond in new ways to the challenges we face
and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,
so that we may become ever more closely
the Church you are calling us to be.

**Today we pray specifically for the grace of response for all
who are invited to participate in the synodal journey.**

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



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NOVENA **DAY 5**

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with trust in your great mercy we place our
Diocesan Phase of the Synod into your hands.
Be with each member of our Diocese
and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit.
Give us all the wisdom and the courage
to respond in new ways to the challenges we face
and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,
so that we may become ever more closely
the Church you are calling us to be.

**Today we pray specifically for listening ears and hearts,
and minds open to listening to others without prejudice.**

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



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NOVENA **DAY 6**

Father of love and compassion,
with trust in your great mercy we place our
Diocesan Phase of the Synod into your hands.
Be with each member of our Diocese
and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit.
Give us all the wisdom and the courage
to respond in new ways to the challenges we face
and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,
so that we may become ever more closely
the Church you are calling us to be.

**Today we pray specifically that our journeying together
be rooted in listening together to the Word of God and
the celebration on the Eucharist in the communion of
the People of God.**

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



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NOVENA **DAY 7**

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with trust in your great mercy we place our
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Be with each member of our Diocese
and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit.
Give us all the wisdom and the courage
to respond in new ways to the challenges we face
and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,
so that we may become ever more closely
the Church you are calling us to be.

**Today we pray specifically that we may be attentive
to the experience of persons and peoples on the
peripheries.**

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



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NOVENA **DAY 8**

Father of love and compassion,
with trust in your great mercy we place our
Diocesan Phase of the Synod into your hands.
Be with each member of our Diocese
and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit.
Give us all the wisdom and the courage
to respond in new ways to the challenges we face
and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,
so that we may become ever more closely
the Church you are calling us to be.

Today we pray specifically that our journey together will bear fruit in new ways of being at the service of one another at all levels of the Body of Christ.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



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NOVENA **DAY 9**

Father of love and compassion,
with trust in your great mercy we place our
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Be with each member of our Diocese
and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit.
Give us all the wisdom and the courage
to respond in new ways to the challenges we face
and to the needs of our brothers and sisters,
so that we may become ever more closely
the Church you are calling us to be.

**Today we pray specifically that we may be formed as
disciples of Christ, as families, as communities, and as
human beings through our experience of this Synodal
journey.**

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



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