

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Bishop: As we await with longing
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
dear brothers and sisters,
let us with renewed devotion beseech his mercy,
that, as he came into the world
to bring the Good News to the poor
and to heal the contrite of heart,
so in our own time, also,
he may bring salvation to all in need.

Reader: For the Church. That we may journey as companions, side by side
one another on the same road. Let us pray to the Lord.
R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

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. Let us pray to the Lord.
R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

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. Let us pray to
the Lord.
R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

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. Let us
pray to the Lord.
R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

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For the sick, the lonely, the oppressed, and the suffering: that they may never be discarded, but rather treasured and cared for as the face of Christ in a suffering world. Let us pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, gathered here: that this synodal process may lead us ever deeper into the communion of the Church, foster our participation in it, and equip us to go out on mission. Let us pray to the Lord.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

**Bishop: O God, our refuge and our strength,
hear the prayers of your Church,
for you yourself are the source of all devotion,
and grant, we pray, that what we ask in faith
we may truly obtain.
Through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen