

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

God our Father,
You sent Your only Son into the world
to save humanity and serve through love.
In following His example, may our faith come alive
through attentive listening and actions of love.
Amen

Come, Holy Spirit of love,
open our hearts to listen.
Come, Spirit of holiness,
renew the holy faithful People of God.
Come, creator Spirit, renew the face of the earth!
(Pope Francis)

We hope that you will enter this period of preparation for our Archdiocesan Synod Consultation open to the Holy Spirit and with a deep desire to grow closer to God and one another as we make our journey together! Next week we will pray for an openness to Mission.

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WEEK 2 OF PRAYER



"MISSION"

Prayer for the Synod *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*

Once again, just as they did at every session of the Second Vatican Council, we begin our reflection with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, meaning, “**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,**”. Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings have begun in this manner for centuries; it is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). This prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community of grace. Please bring the Synod daily to the Lord in prayer, using these words.

**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.**

SHORT DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Sunday	24 October	Galatians 5:	6
Monday	25 October	Romans 10: 13 - 17	
Tuesday	26 October	John 10:	27
Wednesday	27 October	Acts 2: 41 - 42	
Thursday	28 October	Isaiah 6:	8
Friday	29 October	Matthew 24:	14
Saturday	30 October	Proverbs 10:	17

Reflection for the week MISSION

The Primary Mission of the Church is to spread the Gospel of Resurrection which is manifested through Righteousness, Justice and Peace. At the heart of the Mission of the Church is the service of all people, rooted in the belief that all human persons are created in the image of God. As a Communion of believers in Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church seeks the fullness of the Reign of God through evangelization, serving humanity, caring for creation and listening to the plight of the poor in its many guises.

Listening is a key component to evangelism; the Church invites us to listen to God's invitation and to one another. *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me."* Revelation 3:20. Called by Christ to listen and understand (Mt 15:10), we journey together as Christian communities and families, listening to God talking to us through Scripture, through the sacraments and through one another.

