

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Heavenly Father,
I thank you for calling us to share in the
living, loving and life-giving community
that you have with your Son, and the Holy Spirit.
I thank you for allowing me to experience the blessing of
Community life on so many levels;
with my family, my friends, and my Parish Community.

Help me to know that I am never alone;
that I journey together with others.
May I always appreciate their presence in my life.
Help us to be a Community that is pleasing to you
and life-giving to others.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen
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.*

Archbishop Mandla

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WEEK 4 OF PRAYER



“COMMUNITY”

Prayer for the Synod *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the original Latin, meaning, “We stand before you, Holy Spirit,” which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, and is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. Let us commit to praying this prayer every day.

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,	07 November	Matthew 5: 1 - 12
Monday	08 November	Luke 17: 1 - 6
Tuesday	09 November	John 2: 13 - 22
Wednesday	10 November	Luke 17: 11 - 19
Thursday	11 November	Luke 17: 20 - 25
Friday	12 November	Luke 17: 26 - 37
Saturday	13 November	Luke 18: 1 - 8

REFLECTION FOR WEEK 4

COMMUNITY

One of the most central aspects of our Faith is our belief in our God as a Trinity of Persons – a Living, Loving, and Life-giving Community. We are called to imitate the very nature of the Trinity as we live out our Faith.

As we embark on the process of “Journeying together, announcing the Gospel” – a deeper appreciation and celebration of the Community Dimension of our Faith is of primary importance.

We could start by looking at how we as a family give expression to the community dimension of our Faith – Is there family prayer? Do we attend Holy Mass as a Family? We are encouraged to consider how our families can connect with other families in the Parish, through greater Participation, and so deepen the experience of Community on a Parish level. As a Parish Community are we embracing our Mission of making a difference in the broader community.

Let us never forget too, that we are part of the Communion of Saints, who are constantly interceding for us as we strive to announce the Gospel in our times.

