

Prayers for group use

The first step when a group assembles to respond to the Synod topics is to introduce the members of the group if they do not already know one another.

After a brief introduction, the group should take some time to pray together, in their own way (if they have one) or in one of the following ways.

Using Scripture

1. Each one of the topics has a Scripture quote. Choose one quote from the topics to be considered – preferably the facilitator will do this before the meeting. The quote used can be more than just the single sentence in the topic.
2. Someone reads the scripture quote aloud slowly, followed by silence as people reflect upon what it means for them.
3. Each person gives one word in the quote which struck them, or one sentence about what it meant for them, followed by silent reflection.
4. The group prays the Synod prayer together.

Synod “litany” prayer

1. Leader: Lord, we come into your presence with gratitude and thanksgiving. As we participate in this Synod process, open our hearts and minds to your Spirit as we seek to do your will.
2. Allow time for silent reflection.
3. One person can act as leader for the litany or group members can take turns.

Leader: Go, you are sent to find leaders.
As we seek to do your will
Lord, hear us.

Group: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Leader: Go, you are sent to the peripheries of society.
As we seek to do your will
Lord, hear us.

Group: *Lord, hear our prayer*

Leader: Go, you are sent to deepen your bicultural relationship.

- As we seek to do your will
Lord, hear us.
- Group: *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Leader: Go, you are sent as members of the one Body of Christ.
As we seek to do your will
Lord, hear us.
- Group: *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Leader: Go, you are sent to your own peripheries.
As we seek to do your will
Lord, hear us.
- Group: *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Leader: Go, you are sent to refugees and migrants.
As we seek to do your will
Lord, hear us.
- Group: *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Leader: Go, you are sent to care for creation.
As we seek to do your will
Lord, hear us.
- Group: *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Leader: Go you are sent to fellow Christians.
As we seek to do your will
Lord, hear us.
- Group: *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Leader: Go, you are sent to accompany one another.
As we seek to do your will
Lord, hear us.
- Group: *Lord, hear our prayer*
- Leader: Go, you are sent to support marriage and families.
As we seek to do your will
Lord, hear us.
- Group: *Lord, hear our prayer.*
4. The group says the Synod prayer together.

