**Prayers of the Faithful for the Opening of the Synod**

For the Church and Society. That we journey as companions, side by side on the same road.

E te Ariki

R/. Whakarongo mai ki a matou

For listening ears. That our hearts and minds are open to listening to others without prejudice.

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For the gift of speaking out. That we be encouraged in the Synod journey to speak with courage and parrhesia, integrating freedom, truth, and love.

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For a celebrating Church. That our journey together in the coming months will be based on a communal listening to the Word and the celebration on the Eucharist.

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For our participation in the Mission of God. That through participation in the synod preparations we will become co-responsible for the mission which is entrusted to us.

E te Ariki

R/. Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou

For true dialogue in Church and Society. That through a path of perseverance, which includes silences and sufferings, we will be able to gather the experience of persons and peoples.

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For unity of Christians. That dialogue between Christians of different denominations, united by one baptism, will have a special place in the

 synodal journey.

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For authority and participation. That a synodal church will bring about a participatory and co-responsible Church at all levels.

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For discernment. That all decisions of the synod will be discerned though a consensus which flows from common obedience to the Spirit.

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For a spirituality of journeying together. That we will be formed as people, Christians, families, and communities through the experience of synodality.

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