

# For a synodal Church

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Day 1



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.





## Journeying Together

Dear Heavenly Father,  
The fullness of Christ Your Son is known  
Through the celebration of the many becoming one  
Without sacrificing the gifts that  
make each of us who we are.

Through our participation in this Synodal journey,  
May we learn to balance between uniting in  
shared experiences,  
And appreciating the distinctions  
of each person's life and circumstances.

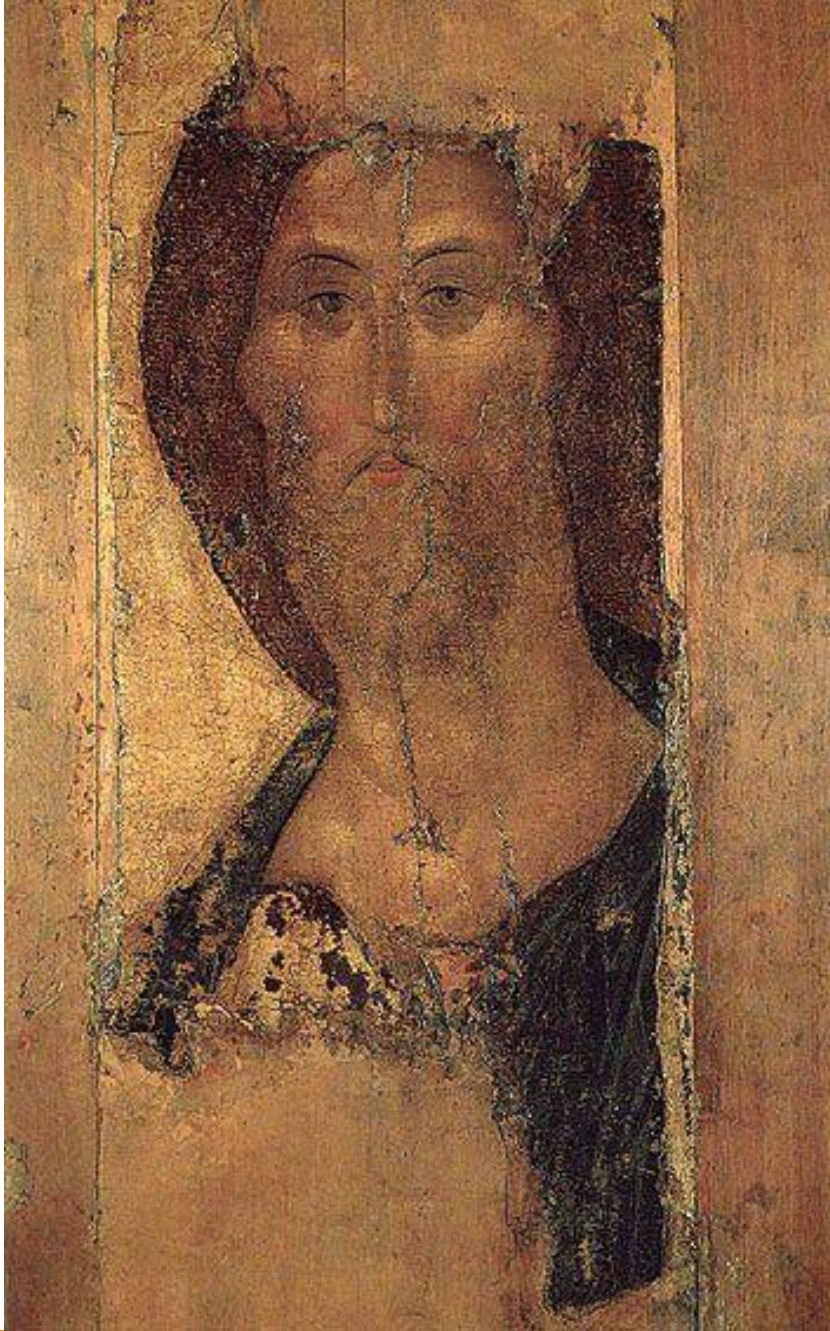
In the paradox of the Trinity,  
The more we come to understand the uniqueness  
of each of the three Persons,  
The more we feel the unity that exists within.

We pray that, through the Church's experience  
of Journeying Together,  
We may find, as the Body of Christ,  
the same mystery of unity in diversity.  
Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen



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## Listening

God of silence and God of all sound,  
In our Synodal Journey, help us to listen.  
Help us to listen deeply to the sounds of our souls,  
Waiting to hear the whisper  
Of Your Holy Spirit calling us deeper into You.  
Give us attentive ears that separate the noise  
From the murmur of Your voice;  
Help us to listen to one another with our whole being:  
Listening with our hearts and our minds,  
Our ears and our eyes.  
Let us listen to laity, religious and clergy;  
Woman and man;  
Black and white;  
Stranger and friend;  
Coming together as one unified  
And holy People of God.  
We ask you this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen





## Discernment

Good and loving God, our source of love and light,  
Thank you for bringing us together today  
In a spirit of generosity.

May we honour one another by keeping an open mind.  
May we voice our truth and listen with an open heart.  
May we discern your will to unite  
In a fruitful outcome for our Church.

We ask for your wisdom and grace,  
To use our talents for the betterment of  
The Body of Christ.

With gratitude, we offer this prayer  
Through Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen

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## Participation

Dear Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for calling us together  
As your people, the People of God.

We are lay, consecrated and ordained,  
called to serve You and one another  
through the gifts bestowed on us by your Holy Spirit.  
As we participate in your ever-emerging Church,  
help us to use our rich diversity  
as we pray, listen and discern the way forward.

May Thy will be done, through us and in us  
as we take our rightful part in our journey of faith.

May we be courageous and bold  
As we walk together in participation  
As the People of God,  
Journeying with the entire human family.  
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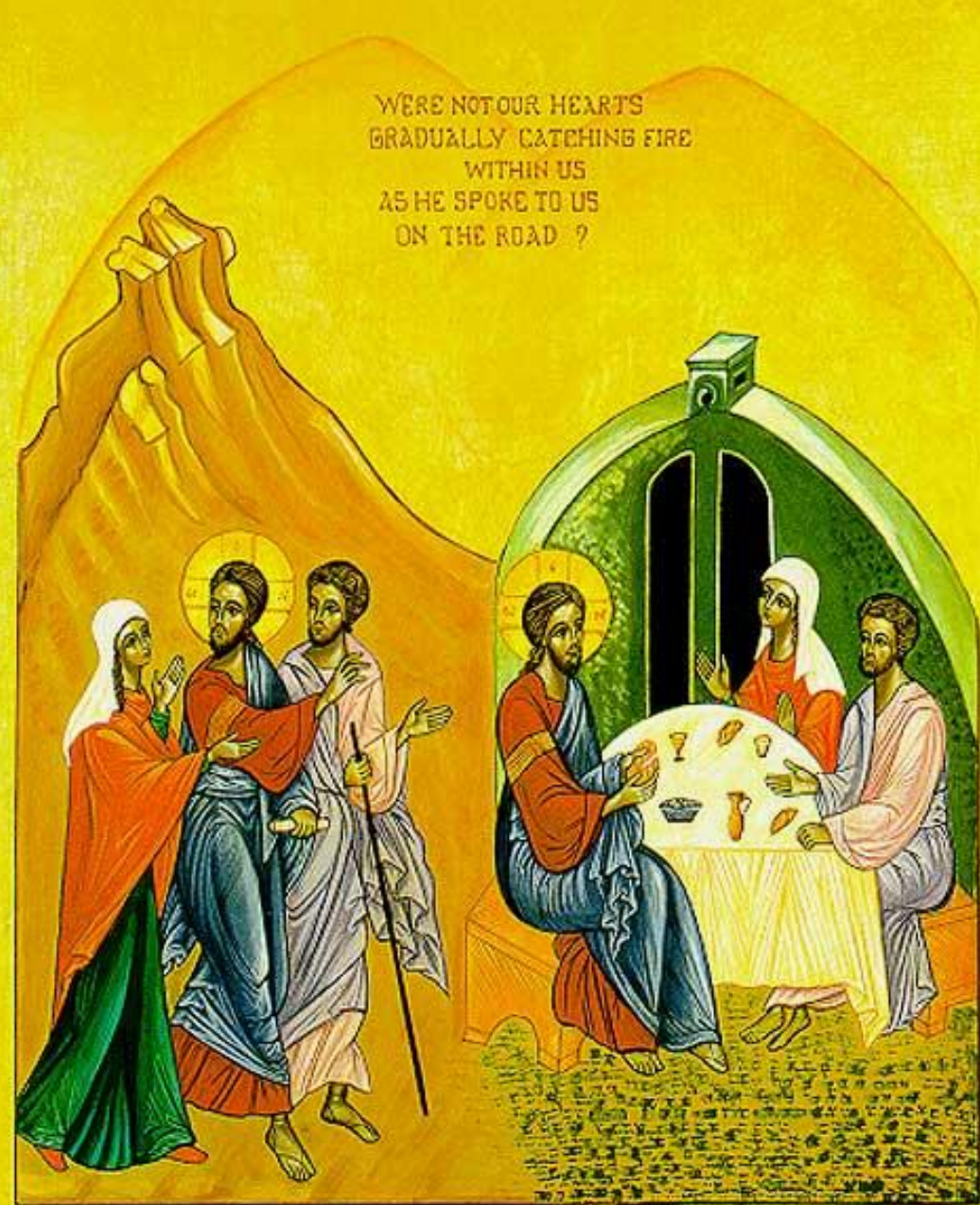
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Day 6



# Mission

Dear Heavenly Father,  
We thank you that as the Baptised,  
We are all of us living stones  
In the building up of the Body of Christ.  
May each of us appreciate and live out  
This mission to the full.  
We know that as Your children,  
There is no one excluded from the joy of the Gospel.  
May we recognise that each of us has  
A special mission in witnessing  
To Your Gospel in all parts of human society.  
We ask that as disciples of Jesus,  
You bestow us with strength,  
Commitment and dedication  
To become leaven, so that at this very special time,  
The kingdom of God may rise across the entire world.  
We ask all this through Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen

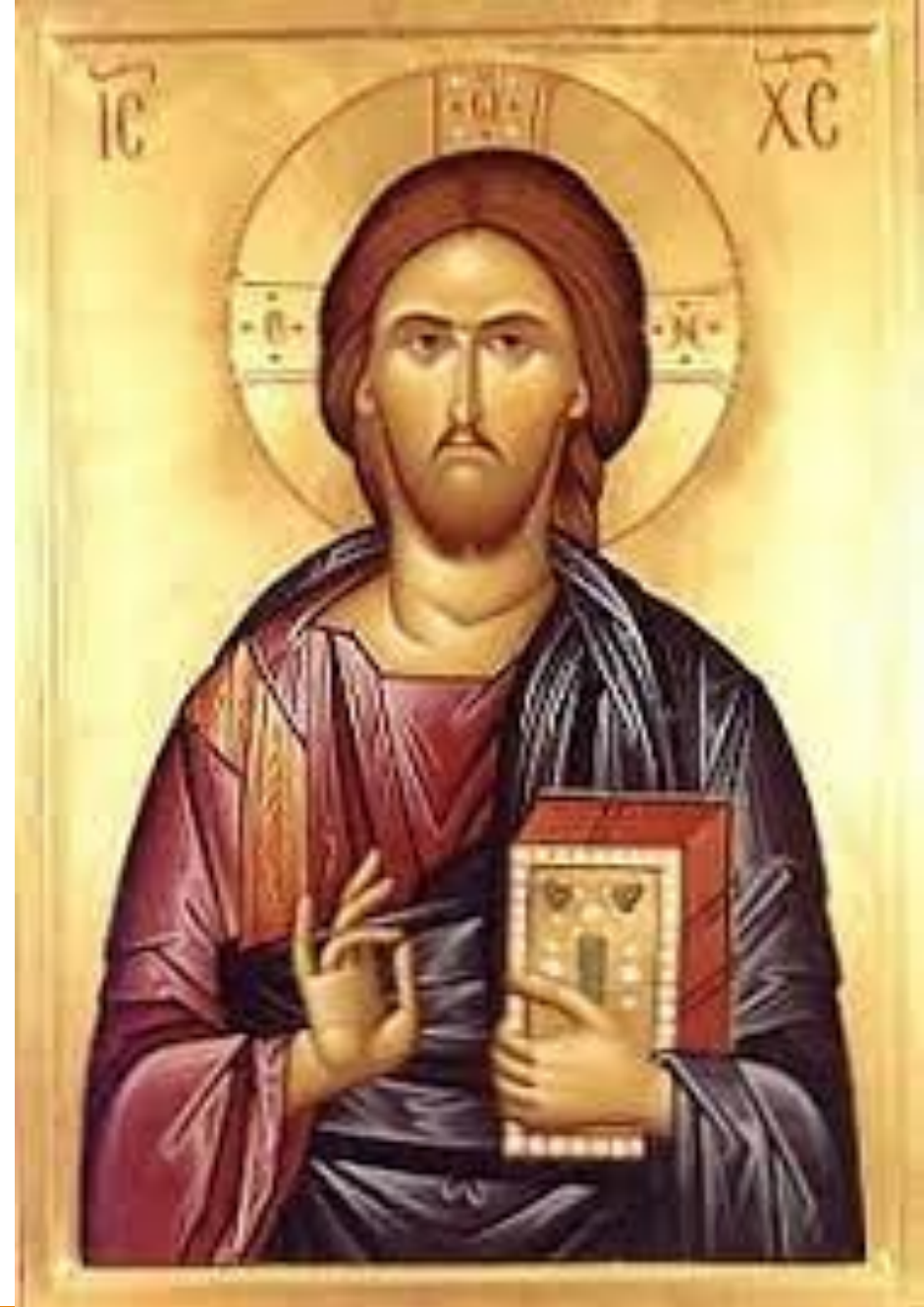


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Day 7

# Conversion

Dear Father in Heaven,  
We thank you for your Apostle Peter,  
To whom Your Church on earth was entrusted  
By Your Son Jesus.  
As our Church today steps out on our Synodal Journey,  
May we turn to You in our need.  
As individuals and as a community,  
We pray that we grow towards  
The same mind that was in Your Son.  
May we become a community of change and of changing,  
Ever dying to self in order to keep rising to newness in Christ.  
May we recognise Your Holy Spirit as  
He continues to guide our way back to You,  
Through paths of growth, trust, love and surprise.  
We thank you, Father in Heaven, for Your servant Francis,  
and for his vision for Your Universal Church.  
In the light of Your Spirit, may we listen and discern,  
Participate and unite, as we ever return to Your Love.  
Through Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen



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