

Proposal of Ecumenical Prayer – October 11, 2024

In communion with the ecumenical prayer in Rome, one year after the Together gathering, and during the second session of the Synod on Synodality of the Catholic Church.

Song: *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*

Opening Prayer

Litany of Praise with excerpts from *Lumen Gentium* and the song *Tibi Deo Gloria*

1. Christ is the Light of nations. Because this is so, this Sacred Synod gathered together in the Holy Spirit eagerly desires, by proclaiming the Gospel to every creature, (cf. Mk 16:15) to bring the light of Christ to all men, a light brightly visible on the countenance of the Church. (LG 1,1)

We praise you, God the Creator, for the good news of Jesus,
spread throughout the world and history.

2. From *Lumen Gentium*: All men are called to this union with Christ, who is the light of the world, from whom we go forth, through whom we live, and toward whom our whole life strains. (LG 3)

We bless you, O God of Life,
for your universal call to a life in union with your Son, Jesus Christ.

3. From *Lumen Gentium*: The holy people of God shares also in Christ's prophetic office; it spreads abroad a living witness to Him, especially by means of a life of faith and charity and by offering to God a sacrifice of praise, the tribute of lips which give praise to His name. (cf. Heb 13:15). (LG 12)

We give you thanks, O Christ, head of the Church,
for the gift of your Spirit, which leads us into all truth.

4. From *Lumen Gentium*: In virtue of this catholicity each individual part contributes through its special gifts to the good of the other parts and of the whole Church. Through the common sharing of gifts and through the common effort to attain fullness in unity. (LG 13)

We praise you, Christ Jesus, our teacher and Saviour,
for all the gifts freely received from you, which we also wish to share freely to everyone.

5. From *Lumen Gentium*: In all of Christ's disciples the Spirit arouses the desire to be peacefully united, in the manner determined by Christ, as one flock under one shepherd, and He prompts them to pursue this end. other Church never ceases to pray, hope and work that this may come about. She exhorts her children to purification and renewal so that the sign of Christ may shine more brightly over the face of the earth. (LG 15)

Praise to you, Spirit of love, Spirit of truth, for your work of unity among us, especially through what we receive in this Synod, you who never cease drawing us closer to Christ.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-8

Psalm 121 (Verses from this psalm can be sung alternating with the song *Alleluia 7*)

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Song: *Alleluia 7* (once)

Short Readings in various languages (in case of an international assembly)

Song: *Bless the Lord*

Silence

(About 8 minutes. To introduce this moment, if the assembly is not used to a time of silence, it is recommended to invite them to this moment explaining briefly: *The prayer will now continue with several minutes of silence*)

Prayer of intercession with the song *Kyrie eleison 1*

1. God of life, who from the beginning gives life to every being, we pray that your Spirit may continue in us the work of communion and unity.
2. O Christ, love of the Father, who has called us to the greatest love and to love our neighbor, you come to us, in every baptized person, grant that we may bear witness to you together and that divisions may cease.
3. Holy Spirit, dynamism of life in God, come to renew in us charity, so that our solidarity and commitment may grow towards those who suffer from hunger, the sick, the prisoners, the migrants, and all who have lost hope.
4. O God, who created us and gave us new birth through Baptism, grant us to live by your grace so that we who are united by this same baptism may be led to full communion in the Eucharist.
5. O Christ, our hope, you who promised us your presence forever, it is in the love of the Father and the impulse of the Spirit that we find strength. We pray that we may be one, so that the world may believe.
6. *Add an intercession connected with your local situation and the quest for unity*

Song: *Bogoroditse Dievo 2*

Meditation (where there is a bishop, pastor or minister welcoming the prayer participants, suggest that they prepare a meditation on John 17:20-26)

Song: *Beati voi poveri*

Blessing (the ministers present may impart the blessing together to the participants).

Moment of prayer before the cross

Song: *Misericordias Domini*

Other songs: *Jesus remember me, Laudate omnes gentes.*