

Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first words of the Latin original meaning, “We stand before You, Holy Spirit,” which has been historically used at councils, synods, and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560-636). This prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.³

**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 or let
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.

³ [usccb.org/prayers/prayer-synod-synodality](https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-synod-synodality)