

Prayer for the
UNIVERSAL SYNOD

beginning at the Vatican on
October 4, 2023



**To the Holy Spirit, Creator
and Lord of the Church who
guides us through time and gently urges us ever onward, we pray:**

COME, YOU WHO EVER MAKES ALL THINGS NEW!

**Come, Holy Spirit, soul of the Church: gather into unity
and make fruitful the toil, the hope, and the desire
of each one involved in the Synod Assembly, we invoke you.**

**Come, gentle Breath of God, who in Jesus revives the dwindling flame,
and restore vigor to the bruised reed, we call upon you.**

**Come, Creator Spirit, who restores parched bones,
gathers the lost, and brings into dialogue languages
that do not recognize each other, we beseech you.**

**Come, burning fire of God, who purifies every vain thought,
burning and transforming every sadness into the joy of new birth,
we implore you.**

**Come, Beauty of the lowly and the poor,
build up the beautiful bride of the Lamb through the tears of those
who love peace and hunger for justice, we invoke you.**

**Come, God's Forgiveness, and convert us to your breath
that reconciles us for a new fellowship, we call upon you.**

**Come, unapproachable Wisdom, and fill us with your synodal gifts,
we beseech you.**

**Come, unfailing Hope of the Church,
and stir up dreams and desires
according to the heart of God which,
to the human eye, seems impossible,
we implore you.**

Amén!

Without prayer,
there will be no
Synod


Pope Francis

