

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

BLESSING AT THE END OF MASS

The following blessing may be used ad libitum by the priest.

The priest himself says the invitation:

Brothers and sisters, Jesus promised to be present in the midst of his disciples gathered in his name. In the coming days at Rome, Pope Francis will host the first session of the Sixteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Invoking the blessing of the Lord, we lift our minds to God that, by the stirring of the Holy Spirit, he may strengthen our communion, lead us to all truth, and enlighten the participants of the Synodal Assembly without ceasing.

Then the dismissal takes place. The Priest, facing the people and extending his hands, says:

The Lord be with you.

The people reply:

And with your spirit.

The Deacon or, in his absence, the Priest himself, says the invitation: Bow down for the blessing. Then the Priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing, with all responding: Amen.

May our God and Father,
who in many and various ways
spoke to our fathers through the prophets,
direct you and the whole Church
in fidelity to his word and in discernment of his will.
R. Amen.

May the Only Begotten Son, sent in the fullness of time
to manifest to all the riches of the Father's mercy,
keep you in communion with himself and your brothers and sisters.
R. Amen.

May the Holy Spirit lead you all,
and especially the Synodal Assembly,
to perceive the signs of the times,
so that, adhering to the will of God in all things,
you may bear the abundant fruit of unity
by promoting the life of the Church and witnessing to the Gospel.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER - INTERCESSIONS

FOR SUNDAY MASS

For the XXVII Sunday of Ordinary Time (A), we propose several intentions for Universal Prayer for the Synod Assembly:

For the Church, during this time of Synod, that the presence of the Gospel, alive and at work in her, may make her like the vineyard in the parable, a vital place where all men and women who seek meaning in their life find a place, a word, and a breath of hope, we pray:

For the bishops and all the participants in the Synodal Assembly, that proposals may spring forth from their listening to the Holy Spirit, so that the entire People of God, in a dynamism of communion, may feel that they are truly participating in the life of the Church and be a living and attractive witness to the newness of the Gospel in the world, we pray:

For theologians: may the gifts of wisdom and revelation accompany their contribution to the work of the Synodal Assembly, so that the gift of faith may become life in all God's people, we pray:

For young people, seekers of truth and authentic witness, concreteness and spirituality; that, as a result of the synodal journey, they may feel increasingly involved in the Church's life and mission in the midst of the challenges of today's world, giving to so many, with the enthusiasm of their age, the hope that springs from an encounter with Jesus, we pray:

For us gathered here in communion with Christian communities throughout the world: that by tasting the goodness of the Lord that comes to each one in the body and blood of Jesus, we may receive from him a fresh view of our neighbor and be made witnesses to generosity in the world in which we live, we pray:

UNIVERSAL PRAYER - INTERCESSIONS

FOR A WEEKDAY

These sample petitions may be used on a weekday either as Prayers of the Faithful at Mass or as Intercessions at Vespers.

To the Holy Spirit, Creator and Lord of the Church who guides her through time and gently urges her ever onward, we address this supplication:

R. Come, you who make all things new!

Come, Holy Spirit, soul of the Church: unite and make fruitful the struggle, hope, and desire of all involved in the Synodal Assembly, let us pray to the Lord:

Come, gentle Breath of God, who in Jesus revive the dwindling flame and restore vigor to the bruised reed, let us pray to the Lord:

Come, Creator Spirit, who restore dry bones, gather the lost, and bring diverse peoples into conversation, let us pray to the Lord:

Come, burning Fire of God, who purify every vain thought, burn and transform every sadness into the joy of new birth, let us pray to the Lord:

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, let us pray to the Lord:

Come, God's Forgiveness, and convert us to your ways which reconcile us for a new fellowship, let us pray to the Lord:

Come, unapproachable Wisdom, and fill us with your synodal gifts, let us pray to the Lord:

Come, unfailing Hope of the Church, and stir up dreams and desires according to the heart of God which seem impossible to the human eye, let us pray to the Lord: