



Turning to Grace

185th SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF HURON

October 18th and 19th

Suggested Prayers for Synod 2024

A Prayer for Our Synod Gathering 2024

Gracious and caring Lord God, we gather in great gratitude as a synod family this year. Together we remember your faithfulness and your ongoing presence with us as we discover new ways to sing the Lord's song in our churches, as we navigate this different land that is familiar and yet changed. Send your Holy Spirit to continue to guide us to follow your ways Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be open to what you would have us do as your church, now and forever. Amen

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Loving and gracious God, as we come together from across the diverse and wonderful faith communities that comprise Ontario's great southwest, we gather to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church in our time and in our context. May we be strengthened in our Christian witness and mission. Help us to be faithful to the leading of your Holy Spirit and in the midst of change to be always confident in your abiding presence with us and the abundance of grace available to us. All this we ask in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

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Sovereign God, we gather in your name for the 185th Synod of the Diocese of Huron. Give us the gift of your Spirit, to inspire and lead, to help us be buoyed up in your gentle breezes, so that, together, we may offer you worship and praise as we plan together for a new future. All this we ask in the name of Jesus. AMEN

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Holy God, the navigator of our souls, hear us as we hold up before you this Diocesan Synod gathering. Be with us in our yearning to chart a course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give insight and courage to our Bishop, all of our leaders, and to each one of us, as we move forward with your blessing. For all we do, we do in your glory, in Jesus' name. AMEN

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Almighty and everlasting God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in Huron for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN BAS, page 676

For Synod Delegates, Staff and Leaders

O Holy One, in your wisdom, guide and direct all our synod delegates, remembering especially those sent from this parish (*names may be inserted*). May those called to serve in these responsibilities, strive to live a life directed by you. May they always seek to be in your will, able to examine issues with care, so that the decisions of Synod may be to the building up of your church and to the glory of your Name; may we be truly unified as one in Christ. AMEN

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For our Bishop

Heavenly Father, give to our Bishop Todd, a daily renewal in your presence, uphold him with your peace, a peace that passes all understanding, enlighten him with your word, and strengthen him with your grace.
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For the Mission of the Church

God of all, Draw your church together
Into one great company of disciples
Together following our Lord Jesus Christ
Into every walk of life, together serving Him
In His mission to the world, and together witnessing to His love
On every continent and island,
Particularly in our country of Canada. AMEN BAS, page 676

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For the Ongoing Mission of the Church

God of all, draw your church together into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving Him in His mission to the world, and together witnessing to His love on every continent and island, particularly in our Diocese. Amen

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O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
Look favourably on your whole Church,
That wonderful and sacred mystery.
By the effectual working of your providence,
Carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation.
Let the whole world see and know

That things which were cast down are being raised up,
And things which had grown old are being made new,
And that all things are being brought to their perfection
By him through whom all things were made,
Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
Who lives and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. *BAS pg 644*