**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Introductory Rites During the Synod on Synodality Session One

Introductory Rites

**In the name of the Father and of the Son**

 **and of the Holy Spirit.**

 R: Amen.

The priest, extending his hands, greets the people, saying:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God**

 **and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

 R: And with your spirit.

or:

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father**

**and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

 R: And with your spirit.

or:

**The Lord be with you.** R: And with your spirit.

 A Bishop says:

**Peace be with you.** R: And with your spirit.

Introduction 28-OT

The priest introduces the liturgy in these or similar words:

**During the month of October, Pope Francis has convened the first session of the global Synod with delegates from around the world. We pray for their success as they reflect on the unity of the Church with God and among its members.**

Penitential Act

**Let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

Pause for silent reflection. Deacon or priest:

**Lord Jesus, you became one with us so that we might become one with God, Lord have mercy.**

 R: Lord, have mercy.

**Lord Jesus, you prayed that we may be one as you and the Father are one, Christ have mercy.** R: Christ, have mercy.

**Lord Jesus, you came with a message of peace to unite all people of the world, Lord, have mercy**

 R: Lord, have mercy.

Priest:

**May almighty God have mercy on us**

**forgive us our sins**

**and bring us to everlasting life.**

Gloria

The Gloria is sung

Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect

**Let us pray.**

Pause for silent prayer.

**May your grace, O Lord, we pray,**

**at all times go before us and follow after**

**and make us always determined**

**to carry out good works.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,**

**who lives and reigns with you**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**God, for ever and ever.**

R: Amen.

Universal Prayer

These or similar intercessions may be added to the community’s Universal Prayer:

**For the Church as it gathers in Synod: may it unite all members of the Church into the one body of Christ. We pray:**

**That this time of Synod may be a sign to the world to work together for peace and unity among all people. We pray:**

This conclusion of the Universal Prayer may be used during the month of October:

**O God,**

**who care for your people with gentleness**

**and rule them with love,**

**hear our prayers this day.**

**Watch over the members of the Synod**

**and endow them with a spirit of wisdom**

**that your people may be led to know your truth**

**and grow in holiness.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

The following could be used in bulletins, websites or other social media:

**The Synod and Communion**

Pope Francis has called together the first session of the Synod on Synodality during the month of October. One of the main themes they are focusing on is Communion. By his gracious will, God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith, through the covenant that he offers to his people. The communion we share finds its deepest roots in the love and unity of the Trinity.

We all have a role to play in discerning and living out God’s call for his people. All of the faithful are asked to pray for Pope Francis and the Synod delegates from around the world as they discuss, discern and shape the Church’s understanding of the importance of Communion in the Church. Please consider using the prayer below to pray for the Synod throughout October. Thank you!

**Synod Prayer**

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and rule them with love,

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