**29th 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 29-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 mission of the Church and what it means to be sent by Christ.**

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 sent the Apostles to cast out demons and heal the sick, Lord have mercy.**

 R: Lord, have mercy.

**Lord Jesus, you journeyed with the disciples on the road to Emmaus and revealed himself to them, Christ have mercy.** R: Christ, have mercy.

**Lord Jesus, you command us to teach and baptize in your name, 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.

**Almighty ever-living God,**

**grant that we may always conform our will to yours**

**and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.**

**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 Pope Francis and the delegates who gather in Synod: may they consider effective ways to spread the good news of Christ. We pray:**

**That this time of Synod may be a reminder that we are all called by Christ to serve the mission of the Church as instruments of healing and peace. 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 Mission**

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 Mission. The Church exists to evangelize. We can never be centered on ourselves. Our mission is to witness to the love of God in the midst of the whole human family. This Synodal Process is intended to enable the Church to better witness to the Gospel, especially with those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, and political peripheries of our world. In this way, synodality is a path by which the Church can more fruitfully fulfil her mission of evangelization in the world, as a leaven at the service of the coming of God’s kingdom. 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 Mission in the Church. Please consider using the prayer below to pray for the Synod throughout October. Thank you!

**Synod Prayer**

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