



Universal Prayer

Presider: The Spirit brings new life to the church. Let us be open to the prompting of the Spirit as we pray for our needs and those of the church.

For the Catholic Church in Australia as we begin the First Assembly of the Plenary Council; that the Holy Spirit may inflame the hearts and minds of all so that we may experience a new Pentecost in this Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Plenary Council members who are assembling around Australia for the First Assembly: that their hearts and minds are opened to receive the Holy Spirit in all their conversations and prayer. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

For our Nation: that this journey of discernment and listening of the Plenary Council becomes a source of wisdom and courage as we move into the future. Lord, hear us. All Lord, hear our prayer. For all those who are currently living under lockdown conditions due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and those involved in the front line of care: that they may be supported in this difficult time by our loving and prayerful support. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are suffering: that they will know the compassion and kindness of Jesus by the outreach of all Christians. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who have gone before us: May their lived example as followers of Jesus Christ be an ever present memory that fires our own commitment to the Gospel message. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer

Presider: Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your loving presence. Make us strong and constant followers of Jesus with a desire to live and proclaim the Gospel message.

All Amen.