

Nightly Synod Vigil Outline—Women's Ordination Conference

Begin by praying three Hail Marys.

Opening Prayer:

God, Living Water of our Baptism,
We gather tonight in gratitude, in hope, and in holy persistence.
We offer thanks for the grace of our baptism
And the equal dignity it bestows upon all of your children.
We pray with hope for an opening of hearts at the Synod
To the movement of your Spirit
Who calls all genders to ordained ministry.
We pray for the gift of persistence,
For a renewed sense of your presence with us on this journey,
For inheriting the spark of our ancestors in the struggle for ordination justice,
And for carrying it forward into the future
Where your Spirit fans the flames of equality. Amen.

We will now hold 2 minutes of silence as we connect with the Source underneath the noise of our daily lives.

What petitions, prayers, and hopes do we bring before God and one another this evening?
Allow space for those gathered to offer petitions.

Prayer for the Synodal Path:

Source, Sojourner, and Spirit,
To journey with you
Is to walk with our gazes fixed upon a horizon of hope.
To journey with one another
Is our challenge and our calling.
You call us to move with missionary urgency
To become a more vibrantly living sign of your love in the world.
Break us out of worn paths,
Free us from the thickets of we've always done it this way,
And for those who may be frightened by the new vista revealed,
Grant boldness of heart.
May we become a church
Where all vocations are welcomed, celebrated, and nurtured,
Where your priests reflect the diversity of your people,
And where our structures are at the service
of your kin-dom of radically loving inclusion.
Cultivate in us a holy, healthy restlessness on this synodal path.
Make us unafraid of prophetic decisions
That take us along uncharted territory.
Give us the radical unity that is your gift and promise.
Grant us generosity of trust and expansiveness of hope as we say,
Amen. May it be so.