***Prayer for the Beginning of***

***a Synodal Meeting***

Here we are before you, Holy Spirit;

in your name we are gathered.

You, our only counselor, come to us, dwell with us,

deign to dwell in our hearts.

Teach us where to go,

show us how we should walk together.

We who are weak and sinful,

do not allow ourselves to cause disorder.

Let us not be led astray by ignorance,

nor let partiality influence our actions.

May we find our unity in you,

without straying from the path of truth and justice,

advancing together towards eternal life.

We ask this of you, who act in all times and places,

in the communion of the Father and the Son,

for ever and ever.

Amen.