

(Adapted from New Parish Prayers, Frank Colquhoun, 1982)

**Most merciful God,
as we prepare to meet in your service,
we commit ourselves to you
for the tasks that lie before us
and the decisions we shall be called to make.
So guide us with your wisdom,
and cleanses our hearts from all self-seeking,
that we may resolve only those things that will promote your glory,
and further the mission you have entrusted to us in this Diocese;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

OR

**God of all grace, wisdom and power,
we lift up our hearts to you in prayer
as we prepare to take counsel together in the Synod of the Diocese of NS & PEI.
Make us sensitive and responsive to the guidance of your Holy Spirit;
bring all our plans into conformity with your perfect will;
and use all our endeavours for the furtherance of the Gospel,
and the glory of our Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

OR (Prayers for Synod in BCP)

Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles, and has promised, through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world: We beseech thee to be present with the Synod of this Diocese about to be assembled in thy Name. Save its members from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great mercy vouchsafe so to direct, govern, and sanctify them in their deliberations by thy Holy Spirit, that through thy blessing the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, the order and discipline of thy Church maintained, and the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour enlarged and extended. Grant this, we beseech thee, through the merits and mediation of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OR

Guide, we beseech thee, Almighty God, by the light of thy Holy Spirit, the counsels of the Bishops, Clergy and Laity about to be assembled in Diocesan Synod; that thy Church may dwell in peace, and fulfil all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.