

God of the journey,  
you have called us together from many places,  
many churches, many communities,  
and many different stories.

Yet in Christ, we belong to one another.

**Leader:** God who has travelled with us,  
**All: Help us to remember with gratitude.**

We remember those who walked before us:  
those who prayed when the way was uncertain,  
those who served when nobody noticed,  
those who built, planted, preached, cared and loved.

We remember the communities that formed us,  
the wisdom we have inherited,  
and the stories that have brought us to this moment.

For all that has been good, we give you thanks.  
For all that has wounded or excluded, give us grace to learn.

**Leader:** God who has travelled with us,  
**All: Help us to remember with gratitude.**

*Silence*

God who makes all things new,  
save us from believing that yesterday  
is the only place where you can be found.

Open our eyes to what your Spirit is doing now.

Give us imagination for churches shaped not simply by what we  
have inherited,  
but by the communities we are called to serve.

Help us hear voices we have overlooked,  
notice people standing at the edges,  
and discover gifts in unexpected places.

**Leader:** God who goes before us,  
**All: Help us to reimagine with hope.**

*Silence*

God of courage,  
sometimes the next step frightens us.

We worry about what we might lose.  
We fear getting things wrong.  
We prefer the familiar road because we know where it leads.

But you call your people to step into rivers,  
to leave nets behind,  
to walk unfamiliar roads,  
and to trust that you are already there.

Give us courage to experiment,  
courage to change,  
courage to fail and learn,  
and courage to follow wherever Christ leads.

**Leader:** God who calls us onwards,  
**All: Help us to risk with faith.**

*Silence*

God of wisdom,  
teach us not only to act,  
but also to pause.

Give us the humility to look again  
at the decisions we have made,  
the paths we have taken,  
and the things we have tried.

When something has flourished,  
help us to celebrate and learn from it.

When something has not worked,  
save us from blame or defensiveness;  
give us the courage to learn, change and try again.

And when we have become too busy to notice  
what you are saying among us,  
teach us to stop, listen and discern.

**Leader:** God who is still teaching us,  
**All: Help us to review with humility.**

*Silence*

And now, God of our journey,  
we pray for this Synod.

When we speak,  
**All: Teach us to speak with grace.**

When others speak,  
**All: Teach us to listen deeply.**

When we disagree,  
**All: Teach us to love generously.**

When decisions are difficult,  
**All: Give us wisdom.**

When possibilities emerge,  
**All: Give us imagination.**

When you call us beyond what is comfortable,  
**All: Give us courage.**

And when the road ahead is uncertain,  
**All: Remind us that we do not walk alone.**

So together we pray:

**Help us to remember with gratitude, to reimagine with hope, to risk with faith, and to review with humility.**

And may Christ walk beside us,  
the Spirit lead us,  
and the love of God hold us together, today and on every road  
still to come.

**Amen.**