

The First Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council in Australia 3-10 October 2021

Invitation to Prayer



In the week ahead, you are invited to spend at little time each day praying in preparation for the Plenary Council. May we “Listen to what the Spirit is saying.”

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Preparation. *Find a quiet spot. You might like to light a candle.*

Remember that you are in the presence of God. “Be still and know that I am God.” Lord, your words lead us to the calmness and greatness of your presence.

Read and Pray For the past two years, thousands of the faithful have been engaged in many of the processes in preparation for the Plenary Council. Now, close to three hundred delegates will begin the difficult discernment process of the way forward for the Church in Australia, a heavy responsibility.

We pray for the Plenary Council Members who are preparing for the First Assembly in October, that they will be attentive to the heartfelt hopes voiced in the initial consultations and they be guided by the Spirit of Wisdom and Truth.

Reflect

*Look at the image. Notice what catches your attention.
Talk to the Lord about that.*

*Read the Scripture text.
Notice the word or phrase
and talk to the Lord about
what you noticed.*



**“And I will ask the
Father and He will
give you another
Advocate to be with
you forever... this is
the Spirit of truth.
(John 14:18)**

Concluding Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love

MONDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Preparation *Remember that you are in the presence of God.*

“Be still and know that I am God.” Lord, your words lead us to the calmness and greatness of your presence.

Pray We pray for the Church in Australia as we prepare for the Plenary Council that is about to begin. May we, the faithful, listen deeply to what the Spirit is saying as we share with one another our joys and hopes, and then speak humbly and in love of what we have heard.

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**“Incline your ear,
and hear the words of
the wise, and apply
your heart to my
knowledge.”(
Proverbs 22:17-18**

Concluding Prayer

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TUESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

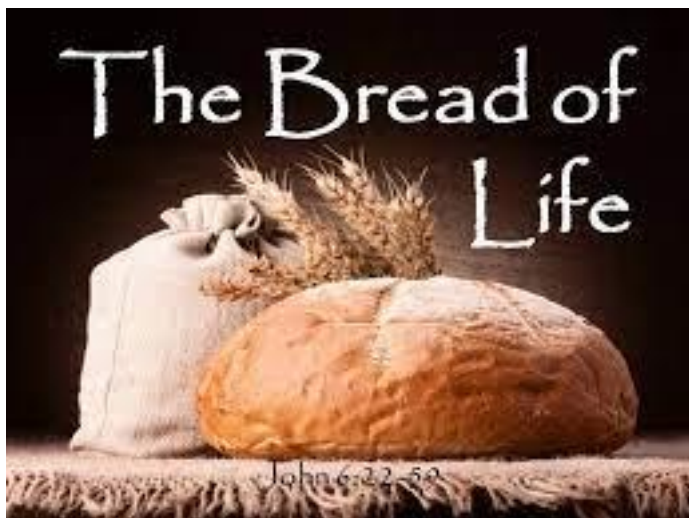
Preparation *Remember that you are in the presence of God.*

“Be still and know that I am God.” Lord, your words lead us to the calmness and greatness of your presence.

Pray Lord, lead your Church into a hope-filled future that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

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**I am the bread of
life. He who comes to
me will never be
hungry; he who
believes in me will
never thirst.” (John
6:24)**

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WEDNESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

Preparation *Remember that you are in the presence of God.*

"Be still and know that I am God." Lord, your words lead us to the calmness and greatness of your presence.

Pray Creator God, we know that where two or three are gathered, you are in our midst. Thank you for being with us at this important time in our decision making. We pray that those members who have been chosen to come together as a community of discernment, have the courage to speak boldly and with passion, and the humility to listen with open hearts.

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**"Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well."
(Matthew 6:25)**

Concluding Prayer

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THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Preparation *Remember that you are in the presence of God.*

"Be still and know that I am God." Lord, your words lead us to the calmness and greatness of your presence.

Read and Pray Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait... We wait for the rain to fill our rivers and water the thirsty earth... We wait on God, too. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of dadirri (that deep listening and quiet stillness) His way will be clear. (Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr)

We pray for the openness to listen to these ancient voices of wisdom.

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**"Wait for the Lord;
be strong and take
heart and wait for
the Lord." (Psalm
27:14).**

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FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Preparation *Remember that you are in the presence of God.*

“Be still and know that I am God.” Lord, your words lead us to the calmness and greatness of your presence.

Read and Pray We pray for the deliberations during the Plenary Council: that those members who are participating be encouraged and strengthened when their dialogue gets messy and they cannot see where the Spirit is leading them.

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**“Know this, my
beloved brothers and
sisters: let every
person be quick to
hear, slow to
speak, slow to anger:
“(James 1:19)**

Concluding Prayer

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SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Preparation *Remember that you are in the presence of God.*

“Be still and know that I am God.” Lord, your words lead us to the calmness and greatness of your presence.

Read and Pray Lord, you never waited for us to have all the answers before showing us the measure of your love and commissioning us to serve you. We dare to believe that you are always calling us to a new horizon and will never cease to do so. Lord be with us until we have done our part and share our joy. Amen

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**“What is this
wisdom that has
been granted Him,
and these miracles
that are worked
through Him?”
“(Mark:1-60)”**

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