

*Praying  
for  
a  
new  
Bishop*



## SOME SUGGESTED PRAYERS FOR DAILY USE

### Prayer for Synod

Almighty and everliving God,  
give wisdom and understanding  
to the members of the Synod of this Diocese.  
Teach us in all things  
to seek first your honour and glory.  
May we perceive what is right,  
have courage to pursue it  
and grace to accomplish it;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*APBA*

### Prayer at a Time of Choosing a Bishop

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,  
In your mercy give your Church in this Diocese  
a shepherd after your own heart  
who will walk in your ways,  
and with loving care watch over your people.  
Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.  
So may your Church be built up  
and your name glorified;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## A LITANY

Lord God,

we seek to be mindful of the issues and concerns that  
confront the regions of our diocese  
and to understand how the Gospel compels us to respond  
as faithful members in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness  
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,  
one and equal in dignity.

We ask for hearts of compassion  
especially for those who are victims and survivors of abuse  
and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear  
the cries of children abandoned, adolescents lost men and  
women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or  
gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open  
to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to  
your Kingdom on earth and in heaven.

We pray for discernment so that we may discern  
leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in  
the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus  
and his disciples.

Guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

