

Introduction: In September of 2023, an ecumenical prayer vigil was held in St. Peter's Square, at the beginning of the Second Session of the Synod on Synodality. The opening prayer, began with these words set to music:

“Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus, veni ad nos, adesto nobis.”

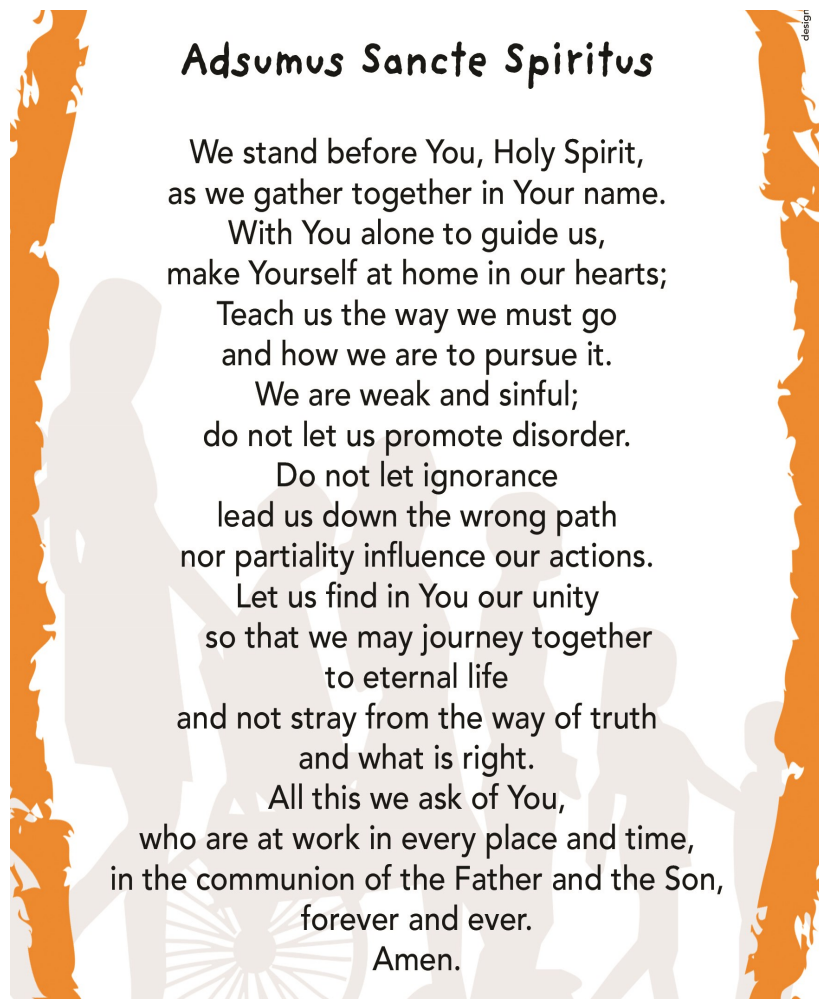
We are here before you, Holy Spirit, come to us, dwell in our hearts.

Estamos aqui diante de ti, Espírito Santo, vem até nós, habita em nossos corações.

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This prayer is attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636) and it has very long history. It was used in many councils, synods and other gatherings throughout the history of the Church at the time when it was a need of discernment, for understanding what the Spirit was saying to the Church and so it is today. It was recited at the beginning of every session of the Second Vatican Council. Several Brothers of the Taizé community, at the invitation of Pope Francis, worked together to create a new composition that can be sung using a short refrain in Latin, English and Portuguese. Let us call upon the Holy Spirit to be with us these days and entrust ourselves and this synodal way of proceeding to the Spirit's holy manner of working.

Prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit for an ecclesial assembly of governance or discernment .



Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance
lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together
to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.