



PRAYERS FOR SYNOD

The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO | Archbishop | Diocese of Perth

I have been asked by some lay people for prayers for the Diocese as we approach Synod. Thank you to The Reverend Dr Elizabeth Smith for these prayers. I hope you will use them at your place alongside the daily prayer diary.

PRAYING FOR THE DIOCESE

God our wisdom and our strength,
we pray for your Church in this diocese
as we face challenges and change.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Renew our love for one another
in every part of diocesan life.

In our schools, caring agencies and parishes,
on our boards, committees and councils,
refresh our relationships with gracious listening.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Where the wounds of our past are still painful,
bring healing and forgiveness.

When the shape of our future is slow to emerge,
bring patience and imagination.

When our resources are limited, and we face big challenges,
provide for us.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

At Synod, when we legislate,
may we seek the mind of Christ with simplicity and discretion.

When we make policies,
may we call forth the best in one another in the unity of the Spirit.

When we discuss today's big issues,
may your justice and truth be made known as Good News for everyone.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

To Archbishop Kay, and all who share with her
the responsibility of shaping our diocesan life,
give clear vision, good timing,
and constant trust in your own abundant care
for the Church you love,
the Body of your beloved Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

