



## Becoming the Community Christ Calls Us to Be

### Let us pray...

We are called to go out into the deep with the Holy Spirit, to a place of vulnerability and surrender, a space of encounter and new possibilities.

Lord, encourage and strengthen us as we journey into the unknown. Open our hearts to the joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties of all people, and of all Creation. We pray,  
***Spirit of Love, guide us out into the deep.***

Lord, deepen our listening so we may share questions and doubts, journeying side by side, to banish all claims to absolute power and to put our abilities and gifts at the service of the common good. We pray,  
***Spirit of Humility, guide us out into the deep.***

Lord, help us to reach out beyond ourselves to engage the voices of the other, especially the voices we find hardest to hear because of our own prejudices. We pray,  
***Spirit of Wisdom, guide us out into the deep.***

Lord, stir us to justice and mercy, for all who suffer violence, and all who long for safety and for peace. We pray,  
***Spirit of Courage, guide us into the deep.***

Lord, renew our hearts to welcome all who are forgotten, excluded, and denied their dignity. We pray,  
***Spirit of Tenderness, guide us out into the deep.***

Loving God, through the grace of your Holy Spirit, may we continue to respond to the invitation to become the community Christ calls us to be. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. We pray,

**Amen**

Adapted from the prayer of the faithful offered at the Diocesan Forum on Saturday 13 July.



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