

PRAYERS

A Prayer in Preparation for General Synod

Eternal One, whose love draws the circle wide,
prepare a place in our hearts for you
as we prepare for General Synod.

Open our hearts to the communion you have given us in your Son,
that in beholding each other
we may honour that gift of life together in You.

Open our lives to share your love and mercy
as we look on each other and see Jesus
our joy, our way, our truth our life. Amen.

A Meditation

Holy One, Author of all creation,
the circles of our lives are drawn together
in your wisdom, joy and self-giving love.

Draw us together in compassion,
that we may behold one another in Christ.
Give us humility to confront, confess and forgive
all that falls short of your vision.

As you ever widen the circle of Jesus' embrace,
make us one in your healing and reconciling grace.
With boldness may we seek your peace,
do your justice, and tend the wounds of your world
till the circle is unbroken in the eternal dance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Collect for the General Synod

God, your boundless love formed the whole of creation.
Shape the gathering of this General Synod,
that knowing you as our centre, we may join in your creative work,
drawing our world into the wide and ever wider circle of your embrace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.