

PRAYERS FOR THE GENERAL SYNOD

(Prayers for use in preparation for General Synod 1998, and particularly on Sunday, May 24, 1998, during the General Synod meeting.)

Book of Common Prayer

Guide, we beseech thee, Almighty God, by the light of thy Holy Spirit, the counsels of the *Bishops, Clergy, and Laity* at this time assembled in *General Synod*; that thy Church may dwell in peace, and fulfill all the mind of him who loved it and gave himself for it, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Book of Alternative Services

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in *General Synod* for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the 35th General Synod

We are mindful:
that General Synod will be held in Montréal, a city set under a cross upon its mountain;
that it will meet from Ascension Day until the eve of Pentecost;
that its theme will be "*Lift Every Voice - Faisons Entendre Nos Voix*",
and so we pray, O God:
that General Synod may be worthy of its place, meeting in the shadow of the Cross;
that it may be worthy of its time, celebrating the Lordship of Christ and the empowering of the Holy Spirit;
that it may be worthy of its theme, lifting every voice to be heard in love.
So may your Church fulfill all the mind of him in whose Name we pray, Jesus our Lord.
Amen.