

Suggested Readings for Parish Team Representatives to use in their Synodal meetings



“I thank my God every time I remember you, and in every prayer of mine for you all. I pray with joy at your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, confident that the One who began good work in you will bring it to completion by the Day of Christ Jesus. It is right that I should think about you all in this way, because I hold you in my heart, both in my bonds and in the defence of strengthening of the gospel, as you are all my partners in grace. For God is my witness how much I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus, and this I pray, that your love for one another may overflow more and more with knowledge and complete understanding that will enable you to discern what is best, so that you may be innocent and blameless for the Day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness through Jesus @christ, for the glory and praise of God.” (Philippians 1:1-11)

“Let faithful love and constancy never leave you:
tie them round you neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favour and success
in the sight of God and of people.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
put no faith in your own insight;
acknowledge him at every course you take,
and he will see your paths are smooth.” (Proverbs 3:3-6)

“The whole group of believers was of one heart and mind; no one claimed private ownership of any possession, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. None of their members were ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses sold the, brought the proceeds of the sale, and laid it at the feet of the apostles; it was then distributed to each as any had need.” (Acts 4:32-35)

“What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our own eyes, what we have watched and touched with our own hands, about the Word of life, this is our theme. This life was revealed; we have seen it and give testimony, and declare to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was to revealed to us. We are declaring to you what we have seen and heard, so that you too may share our life. Our life is shared with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing this to you so that our joy may be complete.”
(1 John 1: 1- 4)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing of heaven in Christ, as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and faultless before him in love, marking us out beforehand for adoption as sons, through Jesus Christ according to the generosity of his will; to the praise and the glory of his grace, which he lavished on us in the Beloved, in whom we have redemption through his blood, forgiveness of sins, according to the richness of his grace.” (Ephesians 1:3-7)

“This then, is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every fatherhood, in heaven or on earth, takes its name. In the abundance of his glory may he, through his Spirit, enable you to grow firm in power with regard to your inner self, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, with all God’s holy people you will have the strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth, so that, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all understanding, you may be filled with the utter fullness of God.

Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:15-21)

“Always be joyful, then, in the Lord; I repeat, be joyful. Let your good sense be obvious to everyone. The Lord is near. Never worry about anything; but tell God all your desires of every kind in prayer and petition shot through with gratitude, and the peace of God which is beyond our understanding will guard your heart and your thoughts in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, let your minds be filled with everything that is true, everything that is honourable everything that is upright and pure, everything that we love and admire – with whatever is good and praiseworthy. Keep doing everything you have learnt from me and were told by me and have heard or seen me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:4-9)

“Meanwhile the eleven set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.’” (Matthew 28:16-20)