

# Model for the celebration of the Second Anniversary of the Ecclesial Assembly:

*"2 years of synodal journey".*

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Y EL CARIBE

(As prayers we could use the various Mass intentions  
For the Church B/ Eucharistic Prayers for various needs II)



## **Entrance Antiphon Rev 7: 9**

I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count,  
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.

### *Collect*

O God, in the covenant of your Christ  
you never cease to gather to yourself from all nations  
a people growing together in unity through the Spirit;  
grant, we pray, that your Church,  
faithful to the mission entrusted to her,  
may continually go forward with the human family  
and always be the leaven and the soul of human society,  
to renew it in Christ and transform it into the family of God.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with kindness the offerings we bring you, O Lord,  
and grant that your Church,  
which came forth from the side of Christ as he slept on the Cross,  
may ever draw her holiness from participation in this mystery,  
living by it always and responding worthily to her founder,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface VIII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time, p. 586.

## **Communion Antiphon Jn 19: 34**

One of the soldiers opened his side with a lance,  
and at once there came forth blood and water.

Or: Rev 7: 12

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving,  
honor and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

### ***Prayer after Communion***

Nourished by the Sacrament of your Son,  
we implore you, Lord,  
to make fruitful the work of your Church,  
for by it you constantly reveal  
the fullness of the mystery of salvation to the poor,  
whom you have called to an honored place in your eternal Kingdom.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### ***Introduction***

Dear brothers and sisters, today the Latin American and Caribbean Church wants to celebrate two years of Synodal Journey through the experience that we continue to live from the Ecclesial Assembly. From CELAM, our particular churches have lived some experiences of life and faith that have motivated them to continue deepening in the question of how to continue giving life to our peoples from Jesus Christ. Pope Francis had already invited all the faithful, including bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated men and women and lay people, to enter into a school of synodality in order to be a model of the journey together for the whole church. Today we give thanks to God through this Eucharist in communion with all those who give witness to Christ in our countries.

## *Monition for the readings*

The synodal journey always opens us to hope. God, who has listened to his people and knows their reality, now speaks to their hearts so that they may know what is in his heart. God wants to rebuild his people and thus restore hope and joy to them. God's love and mercy are manifested in response to suffering. This is why God also makes us responsible not only for his message but also for his people. Carrying this earthen vessel implies an action of full trust in God who has entrusted to us as his initiative the project of the Kingdom. That is why we cannot forget that there is still much work to be done. There are still many voices waiting for a shepherd, for someone to communicate Life to them. Let us listen to the Word of God.

## *First Reading*

### **A reading from the book of Jeremiah (31, 1-7)**

At that time, says the LORD,  
I will be the God of all the tribes of Israel,  
and they shall be my people.  
Thus says the LORD:  
The people that escaped the sword  
have found favor in the desert.  
As Israel comes forward to be given his rest,  
the LORD appears to him from afar:  
With age-old love I have loved you;  
so I have kept my mercy toward you.  
Again I will restore you, and you shall be rebuilt,  
O virgin Israel;  
Carrying your festive tambourines,  
you shall go forth dancing with the merrymakers.  
Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;  
those who plant them shall enjoy the fruits.  
Yes, a day will come when the watchmen  
will call out on Mount Ephraim:  
“Rise up, let us go to Zion,  
to the LORD, our God.”

For thus says the LORD:  
Shout with joy for Jacob,  
exult at the head of the nations;  
proclaim your praise and say:  
The LORD has delivered his people,  
the remnant of Israel.

The Word of the Lord

### *Psalm 70(71)*

R. My mouth will tell of your salvation.  
In you, LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue and deliver me;  
listen to me and save me! R.

Be my rock of refuge,  
my stronghold to give me safety;  
for you are my rock and fortress.  
My God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evil and violent. R

You are my hope, Lord;  
my trust, GOD, from my youth.

On you I have depended since birth;  
from my mother's womb you are my strength;  
my hope in you never wavers.

My mouth shall proclaim your just deeds,  
day after day your acts of deliverance,  
God, you have taught me from my youth;  
to this day I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

### *Second Reading*

**A reading from the second letter from St. Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor 4, 7-15)**

Brothers and sisters,  
We hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we too believe and therefore speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

The Word of the Lord

## *Gospel*

### *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mathew (Mt 9, 35 – 10, 1)*

Jesus made a tour through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness. And when he saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is rich, but the laborers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to his harvest.’ He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

The Gospel of the Lord

### *Prayer of the Faithful:*

We present to the Lord our prayer as one family listening to the cry of the community and desiring to walk together as a sign of communion:

1. For the church that as a sign and instrument of the encounter with Jesus Christ, it may always be ready to listen to the voice of all, especially the poor, excluded and discarded. Let us pray.
2. For a spirituality of walking together. That we may be formed as disciples of Christ, as families, as communities and as human beings, through our experience of this Synodal journey.
3. That all of us may open ourselves to an integral formation that will help us to be a Church on the Way, a Church that lives Charity. Let us pray.

4. That each celebration may become an experience of the life of the community and that it may transmit from every culture the joy of the Gospel. Let us pray.
5. That every person may feel part of the Mission of Jesus Christ, especially those voices that are often not valued or welcomed. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That we become aware and responsible for being custodians of the Common Home, especially for those areas and people who suffer from the loss of its resources. Let us pray.
7. For all of us who are part of this School and Way of Synodality, that we may be a new motor for the promotion and evangelization of all peoples. Let us pray.

Father of Goodness and Life, welcome the prayer of all your people, may our prayer be raised to your presence in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.



