



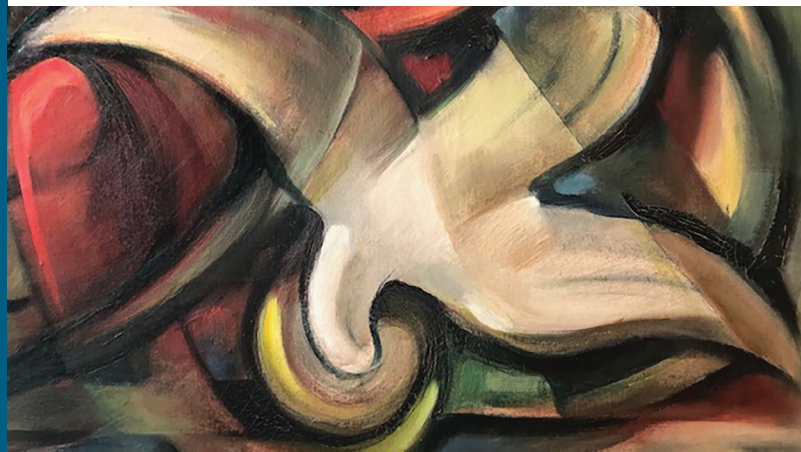
**Mary, Mother of the Church, Help of Christians  
and Star of the Sea, pray for us.**

*Mary Star of the Sea, an icon by Michael Galovic*



**Plenary Council**  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

# A Prayer for the Plenary Council Journey



**CATHOLIC  
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BROKEN BAY**

## Opening Prayer

### + Sign of the Cross

Gracious and loving God, as we continue together on our Plenary Council journey, we place before you our hopes and dreams for the Church and ask Your guidance as we seek to discern Your will for our community of the Church of Broken Bay.

Help us to be a Church centred ever more fully on Christ and His Gospel.

May we learn to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit rather than our own worldly thinking, that we may hear clearly what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in Australia at this time.

## Scripture Reflection

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

**Matthew 28:16-20**

## Intercessions

### R We pray

For a prayerful Church that fosters a real encounter with the person of Jesus. **R**

For a Church that nurtures and engages the gifts of all the faithful. **R**

For a humble Church that heals the wounds of humanity. **R**

For a Church which proclaims the saving message of Jesus Christ to all. **R**

For a joyful Church open to the movements of the Holy Spirit. **R**

For a Church that continues to uphold the dignity of every human being, especially those most vulnerable in our community. **R**

For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Plenary Council journey. **R**

For the Bishops and Plenary Council delegates, that all they say and do may be inspired by the Holy Spirit. **R**

For all Australian Catholics, may they live out more intentionally Christ's mission of evangelisation. **R**

## The Third Glorious Mystery of the Rosary: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

**Acts 2:1, 4**

### Our Father, Hail Mary (x10) and Glory Be

## The Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other

and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.