



Prayer to Reclaim the Vision of Vatican II

Gracious and Holy God,

We join together in prayer for all who seek to reclaim the vision and spirit of Vatican II anywhere, and all those who gather in Detroit this Pentecost.

May we be anointed by your Spirit to share in divine creativity in solving the challenges of carrying out Vatican II's empowerment of the baptized.

Send forth your Spirit!

May we benefit from the diversity of gifts you have bestowed on all your people and work toward recognizing and using those gifts fully and inclusively.

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May we be open to your grace and steadfast in the face of scorn, opposition and dismissal.

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May we always remember all those who have gone before us, both blazing prophets and quiet souls, who have labored for freedom, truth and dignity for your people.

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May we join our footsteps with those of your Son, who walked to his death on Good Friday, embracing the anguish of Calvary while looking ahead to the Alleluia of a resurrected Church and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

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May we be strengthened by the solidarity of this communal prayer to remember that in the grace and power of the God who binds us all together we can do more as one than any of us dreams alone.

Send forth your Spirit!

Amen.