

SYNOD CONTINENTAL PHASE SESSION II:  
OPENING SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

**Scripture:**

1 Cor 12: 4-11

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A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth, where Prisca, along with her husband Aquila, was a leader of a house church and friend and companion to Paul.

There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit.  
There is a variety of ministries, but we serve the same One.  
There is a variety of outcomes, but the same God is working in all of them.  
To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.  
To one, the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse,  
to another, the word of knowledge through the same Spirit.  
Through the Spirit, one person receives faith;  
through the same Spirit another is given the gift of healing;  
and still another, miraculous powers.  
Prophecy is given to one;  
to another, power to distinguish one spirit from another.  
One receives the gift of tongues; another, that of interpreting tongues.  
But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts and distributes them at will.

The Word of God

**Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer:**

from *Pope Francis' Address Opening the Synod*

Come, Holy Spirit!  
You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips:  
keep us from becoming a “museum Church”,  
beautiful but mute,  
with much past and little future.

Come among us, so that in this synodal experience  
we will not lose our enthusiasm,  
dilute the power of prophecy,  
or descend into useless and unproductive discussions.

Come, Spirit of love, open our hearts to hear your voice!  
Come, Holy Spirit of holiness, renew the holy and faithful People of God!  
Come, Creator Spirit, renew the face of the earth!

**Amen.**