

Prayers for people in the pews – Synod Assembly Bishop Election Petitions 3/20/26

Creator, you are continuously doing a new thing. You send your Spirit into the world to equip and empower your saints for service, calling them to the places where their deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. As the East Central Synod of Wisconsin engages the process of raising up those in consideration for the office of bishop, fill hearts and minds with the spirit of compassion and the wisdom of discernment. In your name, we pray. Amen.

God of justice and mercy, we lament the pain and suffering in the world caused by conflict and strife. When the East Central synod of Wisconsin gathers for Synod Assembly to make decisions on leadership and the direction of the Church, we are the body of Christ. Knit us together as one, being of the same mind, having the same love, and doing nothing from selfish ambition or conceit. Help us to look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others, just as Jesus has taught us. In your name, we pray. Amen.

God of resurrection, each day springs forth new life from the earth. For those who are weary, give them strength. For those who are discouraged, give them hope. For those who have been hurt, give them healing. For those who slumber, awaken them to your light and your love. As Synod Assembly approaches, enlighten us, through the Holy Spirit, to follow your will and walk in your ways as resurrection people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Holy One, you have raised up leaders to shepherd your flock. As they heard your call, some doubted. Yet, you encouraged and equipped them to be who you called them to be. Encourage and equip those who are or will be discerning your call to the office of bishop in the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. Grant them grace as they pray, seek wise counsel, and engage their loved ones in holy conversations. Give them confidence and humility to recognize that no matter the outcome, you walk with them always, on the path they were meant to take. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.