

Wednesday 31 May 2023

**Memorial of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
& conclusion of the Marian Month.**

**Prayer for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly
of the Synod of Bishops.**

**E te Atua aroha mā te whakapuaki
i tō mātou whakapono
Loving God in professing the faith**
In which we are united as your people
we unite ourselves with the yes
of your mother Mary, the first disciple.

**E te Atua, te Puna o ngā mea ora katoa,
te kaihomai o ngā mea pai katoa
O God, Source of all life, giver of all that is good**
We, your people of Aotearoa New Zealand
meet in the bonds of your love.
Keep us faithful in our response to your love.

**E te Atua aroha, ka karangahia houtia mātou
e koe ki ngā hua o te ora.
Loving God, you call us anew to the abundance of life.**
In these years of renewed synodal reflection
we are listening for your voice.
Now we pray for those who will take our voice
to the October Synod dialogue in Rome.

**E te Atua, mā roto i te korowai o Maria
te whāea o tāu tamaiti, tō mātou whaea anō hoki
O God, under the patronage of Mary,
the mother of your son, and our mother**
May we grow as people of communion, participation and mission.
We pray that those entrusted with leadership of your church will be open,
that together we may enlarge the space of your tent in our land and in our world.

I tēnei wā, ka whakahoungia e mātou tēnei oati tapu
We pray, turning to Mary with new fervour.
In union with her Son Our Lord Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit God forever and ever.

Amen