

**2021 DIOCESAN PASTORAL CONGRESS  
CLOSING PRAYER (PRAYER TEMPLATE)**

This service may be adapted. It can be led by a Priest, Deacon or Lay Person.

**GREETING**

**Presider**      **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

**All**              **Amen.**

**Presider**      **The Lord be with you.**

**All**              **And with you your Spirit.**

**Presider**      **Through this gathering Jesus himself has spoken to us.  
Let us give thanks to him for the gifts that have been present today.  
For the gifts of fellowship and understanding, of mutual respect and shared  
vision, we are grateful.  
For the gifts of perseverance and of insight into the common concerns we  
share, we are thankful.**

**Since our task is to conform our lives to the word we have heard, before  
leaving let us raise our minds and hearts to God, praying that he may guide  
us through the Holy Spirit to a fuller possession of the truth and give us the  
power always to do what is pleasing to him. Our response is: Lord, hear our  
prayer.**

**INTERCESSIONS**

**R/.**              **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**V.**              **Christ, Son of God, you came into the world to proclaim the Gospel of the  
Father's love; increase our faith, so that we will receive your word as the sign of  
his love, we pray to the Lord, R/.**

**V.**              **Christ, Son of God, the Father's favor rested on you, and he commanded us to  
listen to you; give us the gift of understanding, so that we may contemplate your  
words and experience its gentle power, we pray to the Lord, R/.**

**V.**              **Christ, Son of God, you Word lights up the darkness of our minds and gives  
understanding to the lowly; help us to listen to your word with simplicity and to  
treasure the mysteries of your kingdom, we pray to the Lord, R/.**

**V.**              **Christ Son of God, you continually proclaim your Word in the Church, make us  
grow as lovers and doers of your word, so that as Christians we may all be of one  
mind and one heart, we pray to the Lord, R/.**

**V.** Christ, Son of God, you gave us your Word to hasten our salvation for your greater glory; fill our minds and hearts with the word to make us heralds and witnesses of the Gospel, we pray to the Lord, **R/**.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*In these or similar words ...*

**Presider** Brothers and sisters, asking God, our all-powerful Father, to keep our steps always in the way of his commandments let us pray together the words he taught us. Our Father ...

**BLESSING**

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

All And with your Spirit.

**Presider** God, the Father of mercies, has sent his Son into the world. Through the Holy Spirit, who will teach us all truth, may he make us messengers of the Gospel and witnesses of his love to the world so that we may "Know Christ, Live Christ and lead Christ to Other.

All Amen.

**Presider** May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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*If a Lay Leader is presiding this blessing is used.*

**Leader** May the Lord bless us,  
protect us from all evil  
and bring us to everlasting life.

All Amen.

*It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song.*

Suggested: Prayer of Saint Francis / Oración de San Francisco  
Abre Mis Ojos / Open My Eyes Lord  
Vayan al Mundo / Go Out to the World  
Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning  
Christ Be Our Light / Sé Nuestra Luz