

# ROSARY FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Tuesdays in October at 12 pm ET/9 am PT/6 pm Rome



Opening Song: *Stone by Stone* by Claire Hitchins  
<https://catholicartistconnection.com/art-synodality/stone-by-stone>



# Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

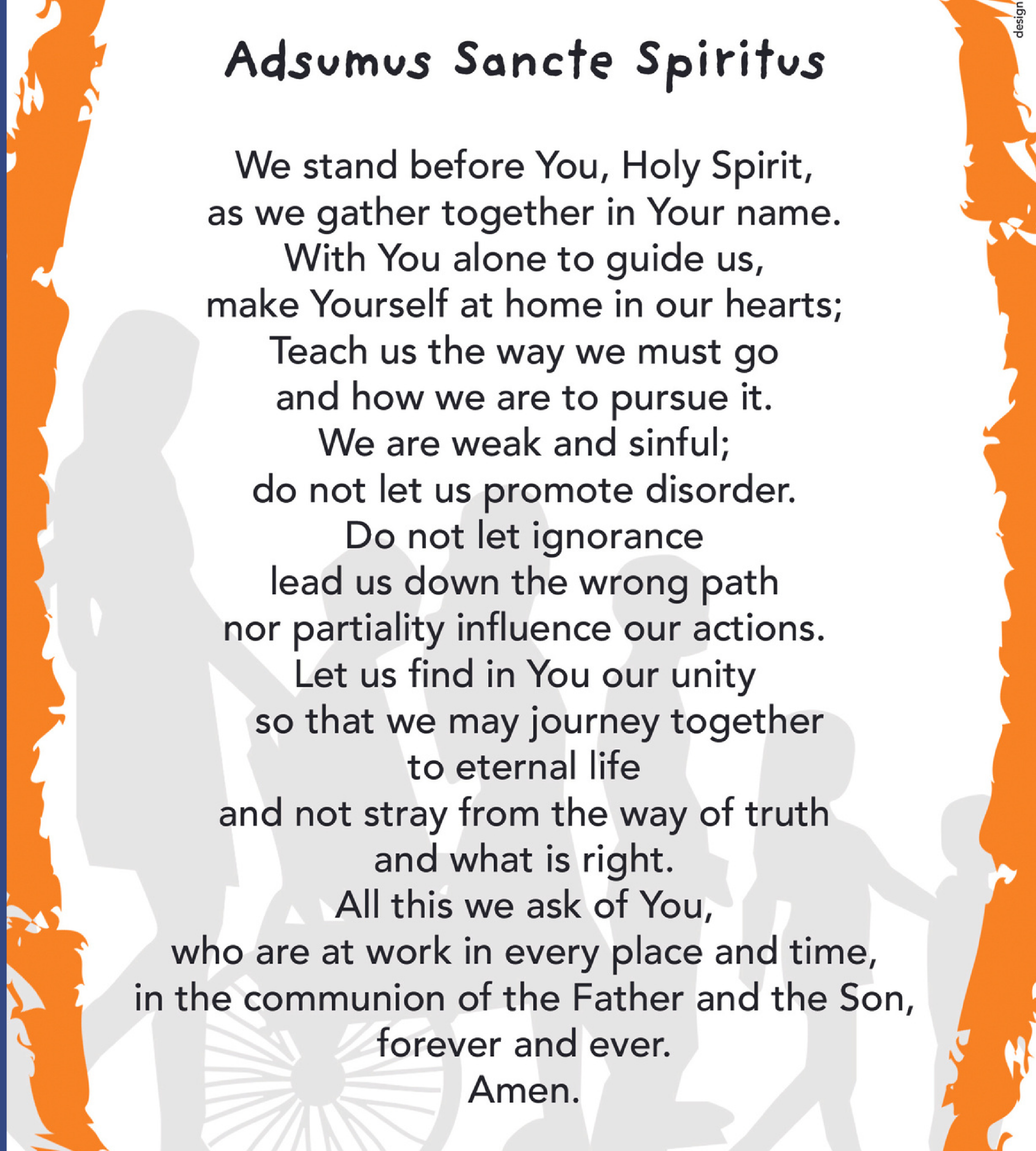
We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance  
lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together  
to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.

Amen.





## Third Mystery for a Synodal Church: Jesus hears and heeds the Canaanite woman

Matthew 15:21-28

Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did him homage saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.



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## Reflection:

A daughter is tormented.

A mother is desperate to find healing for her daughter.

What wouldn't we do for our daughters?

What shame would we not endure?

What shame does God endure for us, and for our daughters, even today.

In a world where women continue to be silenced, not believed.

Here—before Jesus's circle of disciples—in the face of their skepticism and their judgment of her as "other"—she presses ahead to Jesus, the one she knows can make a change. The one she knows can heal our daughters.

In this encounter, Jesus' humanity is on display. Reminding us of a mystery of our salvation – that God was fully human and fully divine.

HE responds in a way that can and should make us uncomfortable – likening her to the dogs. Barely offering her scraps.

She responds with a quick wit. Not to be deterred. What does she see that Jesus – until this encounter – hasn't fully seen?



## **Reflection:** (continued)

**She is a part of his learning.** She is part of **revealing who he came for, who he came to heal and to save.** Not only to those who were already inside of God's covenant – but to all who seek God's gracious mercy.

*O woman, great is your faith.*

Today we call upon your witness – strengthen those on their journey, especially any woman who is feeling shamed, downcast – give strength to those who are advocating for their daughters, for our common home, for peace in the face of violence.

Let your uncomfortable presence be felt, even in the synod hall this day. Reminding the Synod participants that there are those on the peripheries in need of their courageous unlearning and learning – their effort to expand the space of our tent.





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Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

*Our Lady of the Rosary* by Alisha Monnin







Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

(x10)

*Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.*



# LITANY

Holy Mary Mother of God  
**Walk with us on our synodal journey**

Mother of the Church  
**Walk with us and pray for us**

Mother of the disciples of Jesus  
**Walk with us and pray for us**

Mother of the lost and the lonely  
**Walk with us and pray for us**

Mother of the confused and hesitant  
**Walk with us and pray for us**

Mother of those who are searching and questioning  
**Walk with us and pray for us**

Mother of those who are on the margins  
**Walk with us and pray for us**

Mother who gives us direction and points the way ahead  
**Walk with us and pray for us**

This litany was developed by the Knock Shrine in Ireland, in response to Pope Francis' call for us to consecrate the synodal path to Mary,



*Santa María del Camino* by Rev. Fernando Aritzti, SJ  
In which Mary clears the path of rocks to make a way for migrants seeking refuge

Woman of silence and reflection  
**Help us to listen to the Spirit**

Woman of service and action  
**Help us to listen to the Spirit**

Woman who sets out in mission  
**Help us to listen to the Spirit**

Woman who directs us towards your Son  
**Help us to listen to the Spirit**

You journeyed from Nazareth to Bethlehem  
**Be with us on our pilgrim way**

You journeyed on the refugee road into Egypt  
**Be with us on our pilgrim way**

You journeyed as a pilgrim to Jerusalem  
**Be with us on our pilgrim way**

You accompanied your Son Jesus on the road to Calvary  
**Be with us on our pilgrim way**

You walked with the disciples as they shared the Good News  
**Be with us on our pilgrim way**

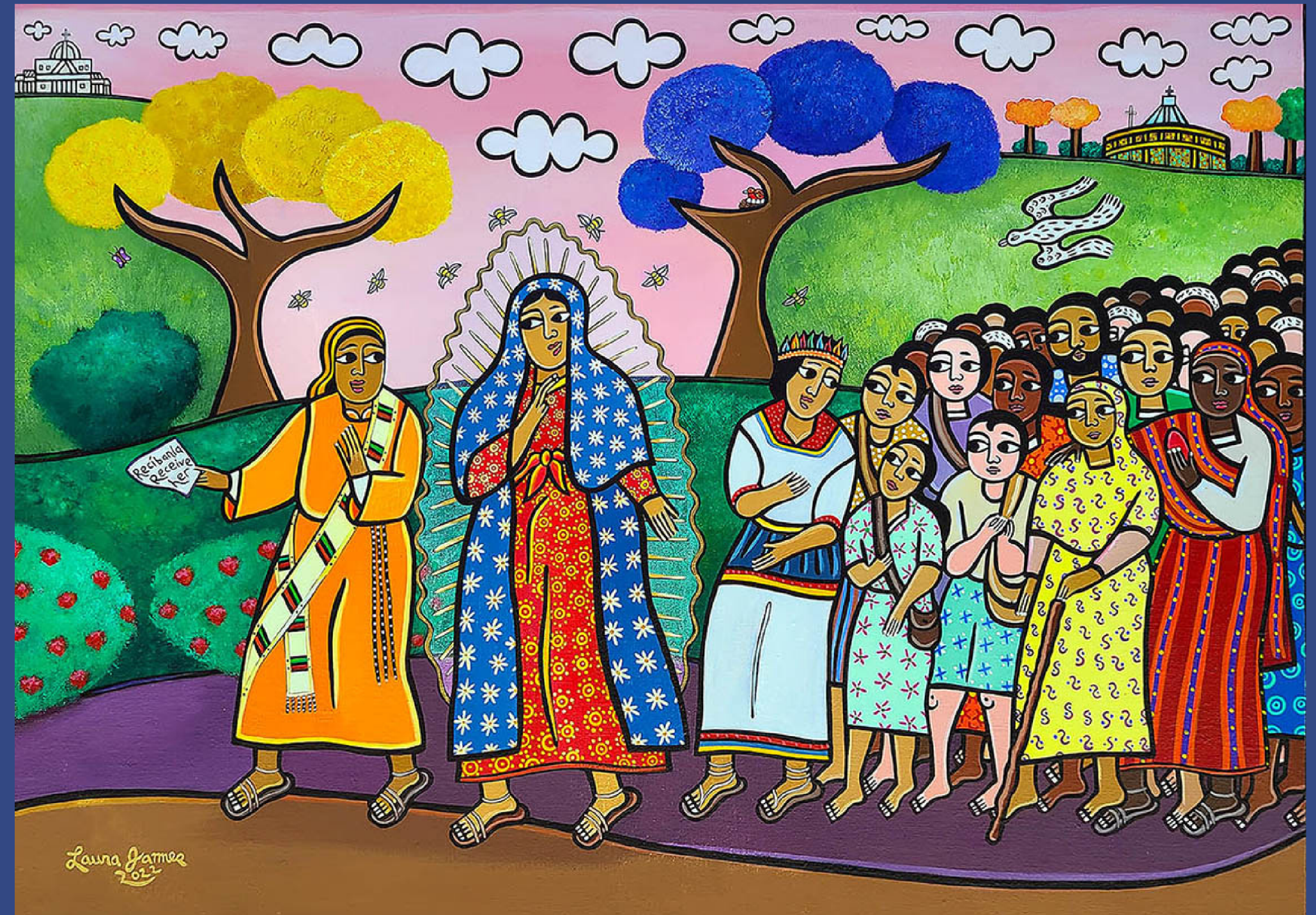


Holy Mary,  
Mother of God  
and Mother of the Church.  
Guide our steps along the right path.  
Direct us towards your Son and  
help us to follow Him faithfully.

Our Lady of the Way  
**Pray for us**

Our Lady of the Way  
**Stay with us**

Our Lady of the Way  
**Walk with us**





Mientras recorres la vida  
Tu nunca solo estás  
Contigo por el camino  
Santa Maria, va

**Ven con nosotros al caminar  
Santa Maria, ven  
Ven con nosotros al caminar  
Santa Maria, ven**

Aunque te digan algunos  
Que nada puede cambiar  
Lucha por un mundo nuevo  
Lucha por la verdad

Si por el mundo los hombres  
Sin conocerse van  
No niegues nunca tu mano  
Al quien contigo estás

Aunque parezcan tus pasos  
Inútil caminar  
Tu vas haciendo caminos  
Otros los seguirán

# Santa Maria del Camino

song by Juan A. Espinosa

Suggested recording by Veronica Sanfilippo  
<https://youtu.be/1XvGo6viUdE?feature=shared>



Santa Maria del Camino, painting by Fr. Fernando Aritzti, SJ, 1988  
original painting at Dolores Mission Church, Los Angeles

As you go through life  
You are never alone  
With you along the way  
Santa Maria goes

**Come with us as we walk  
Santa Maria, come  
Come with us as we walk  
Santa Maria, come**

Even if some tell you  
That nothing can change  
Struggle for a new world  
Fight for the truth

If in the world people  
walk without knowing one  
another  
Never hold back your hand  
From the person who is with you

Even though your steps  
may seem useless  
If you make the way  
Others will follow

