

**PRAYER IN
PREPARATION FOR
THE AMAZON SYNOD**



Lord, help your Church to listen
to the people of the Amazon,
and to respond **with them**
to the devastation
facing both people and environment.
The Amazon in all its biodiversity
and cultural richness
is "a mirror of all humanity".*
To defend it, we must all make changes -
within ourselves,
our nations,
and within the Church.

As we travel the journey
Laudato Sí sets out before us,
may we be more aware
of the ecological and cultural crisis
of the Amazon Basin,
and learn how to be better carers and
stewards of creation.
May we courageously stand
against injustices, including:
loss of territory,
exploitation,
threats to biodiversity
and the imposition of
cultural and economic models
which are alien to the lives
of indigenous peoples everywhere.

Teach us how to listen deeply,
to act justly,
to love tenderly
and to walk humbly on this earth.
Amen

* Prologue Working Document, *Amazon Synod*