

**PRAYER FOR THE NATIONAL SYNOD CONVENTION  
OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA**

*(suggested for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 27, 2015)*

*Pastor/Assistant:*

O Holy Spirit of God, You guide and sanctify the hearts and lives of Your faithful people. We thank You for the bonds of fellowship and love between us and our beloved brothers and sisters in Australia. Give safe travel to the pastors and lay delegates assembling for their Convention this week. Root their words in the words You, O Spirit, have spoken to us in the Holy Scriptures. Grant them love and patience as they listen to one another. Endow them with Your wisdom to make healing decisions for the body of Christ. Preserve them now and always in the faithful confession of Jesus the Saviour. Across oceans and boundaries, we implore You to hold our churches together in the unity of faith and teaching. Lord, in Your mercy,

*Congregation:*

**HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

*(A Note of Explanation: Through its Bishop, Dr. John Henderson, the Lutheran Church of Australia has asked for the prayers of their Canadian partners as they move toward their national convention and debate on potentially divisive issues. LCC congregations are most welcome to speak public prayers in whatever words they choose, but this possible form of prayer is provided for any who would appreciate it. September 27 is the final Sunday before the LCA convention begins, and would be a very suitable time to honour Bishop John's request.)*

*--Robert Bugbee, President  
Lutheran Church-Canada*