

## Pre-Synod Delegate Prayer – May 10, 2023

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### **Psalm 13**

*1 How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?*

*How long will you hide your face from me?*

*2 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts  
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?*

*How long will my enemy triumph over me?*

*3 Look on me and answer, Lord my God.*

*Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,*

*4 and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,”  
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.*

*5 But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.*

*6 I will sing the Lord’s praise,  
for he has been good to me.*

### **Turning to God**

*How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?*

*How long will you hide your face from me? (Psalm 13:1)*

God, I turn to you in...

God, hear our prayer about...

God, thank you we can turn to you in...

### **Complaint**

*How long must I wrestle with my thoughts  
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?*

*How long will my enemy triumph over me? (Psalm 13:2)*

God, I’m tired, exhausted and weary from...

God, our nation is divided in so many ways...

God, I mourn and have sorrow because...

God, I’m at my end dealing with...

### **Request**

*Look on me and answer, Lord my God.*

*Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,  
and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,”*

*and my foes will rejoice when I fall. (Psalm 13:3–4)*

God, give strength to those in leadership for...

Give protection from attacks to...

God, help us move forward in love in our denomination in...

## **Trust**

*But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.  
I will sing the Lord's praise,  
for he has been good to me. (Psalm 13:5–6)*

God, help me to trust in you even though...  
God, help me rejoice in your salvation in the difficulty of...  
I sing praise to you in the midst of...  
Thank you for your goodness even when...