

# A Parish Prayer

*Adapted for a Parish Pastoral Council:*

Lord, as we meet in your name -  
we ask for your guidance, blessing and inspiration:

May we be a parish and a church  
where it is good to live,  
where we can say what we think.

May we be a parish and church  
that listens before speaking,  
that welcomes instead of judging.

May we be a parish and church  
where the Holy Spirit will be able to feel at home  
because everything has not been foreseen,  
settled and decided in advance.

May we be a church  
where the audacity to do something new  
will be stronger than the habit  
of doing things as they have always been done.

Lord, we may be small  
and fragile –  
but we are full of hope.

Help us to know it is your Kingdom we build.    Amen

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*'The main purpose of the church  
is to illuminate the person of Christ  
and the main purpose of the parish  
is to facilitate that illumination'*

*Richard Gaillardetz*