The young Church reminds us of our mission and our commission

Let us be a church rooted in faith:
Christ and Christ alone at the center,
his hope for a church united our goal. Amen!

Let us be a church that really struggles to be one,
and that is serious about seeking unity. Amen!

Let us be a Church unafraid to dialogue,
unafraid to discuss even difficult issues
but always with honesty and respect. Amen!

Let us be a Church unafraid to dream of being one,
a Church that is willing to take risks
to bring about the unity for which Christ prayed. Amen!

Let us be a Church that is in tune with the world around us,
dealing with the real concerns of real people,
a Church that matters,
making a real difference in people’s lives. Amen!

Let us be an inclusive Church
in which no one feels unwelcome or unwanted,
no matter what, no matter what. Amen!

Let us be a witnessing Church:
witnessing to the call to be one,
witnessing to the poverty of Christ in a consumer society,
witnessing to justice and peace in the midst of injustice and war. Amen!

Let us be a Church that shows the face of Christ
the face of compassion, forgiveness, and love,
a Church in which all are servants. Amen!

Let us be a confident Church,
one that is not gloomy and without joy,
but a Church that laughs. Amen!

Let us be a Church that seeks to know and follow the Lord, not perfectly, but ever more closely. Amen!
Let us be a Church that forgives and asks for forgiveness. Amen!

Let us be a Church that perseveres in the teaching of the apostles, in the breaking of the bread and in prayer. Amen!

Finally, let us be a Church that has priorities, a Church in which there is a priority of persons over things, of truth over expediency, a Church where there is a priority of love over all else, a Church in which we say that the greatest of all, of everything, is love. Amen!