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*I know the plans I have in mind for you.
Plans for peace...reserving a future
full of hope for you. (Jer 29:11)*

*Jesus, you are God's word of hope and
God's spirit of promise for our time.*

*Jesus, you promise us your Holy Spirit
to guide us always until the end of time.*

*Jesus, we pray now as we prepare for our Diocesan
Assembly for your spirit of courage, joy and hope.*

*Jesus, give us your spirit of trust, as you
invite us to walk on the waters of our fears.*

*Jesus, give us a heart of flesh to hear and to embrace
the prayer of hurt, pain, tears and anger of our people.*

*Jesus, make our Diocesan Family of 41 parishes,
a place of joy and laughter where all our children
will be safe and free and feel at home.*

*Jesus, give us a prophetic voice for climate justice
and care for our planet, having your passion
to mind our beautiful common home.*

*Jesus, may we reflect the face of your Good Shepherd,
to bring back the stray, look for the lost and
bandage the wounded of our world.*

*Jesus, help us together, build a church of solidarity
with the haunted faces of refugees, the wounded of
war, and the voiceless victims of injustice in every land.*

*Jesus, keep us united as a family of lay and religious,
young and old, women and men with
Francis our bishop to guide us.*

*Jesus, together may we reflect your dream
of a church as a "Mother Hen" who gathers
all under the wings of shelter and protection.*

*Jesus, we invoke the intercession and protection of all
who have gone before us and left us the legacy of
their example, inspiration and prayer.*

Mary, Mother of Jesus:

St. Ciarán, Abbot of Clonmacnois:

St. Mel, Bishop of Ardagh:

Pray for our Diocesan Family at this time.

St. Thérèse, Bláithín, befriend us all.

Amen.