

*OPENING PRAYER
AT THE
II VATICAN COUNCIL
1962*



**BLESSED
POPE JOHN XXIII
pray for us**

*We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
conscious of our sinfulness,
but aware that we
gather in your name.*

*Come to us, remain with us,
and enlighten our hearts.
Give us light and strength
to know your will,
to make it our own, and to
live it in our lives.*

*Guide us by your wisdom,
support us by your power,
for you are God, sharing the
glory of Father and Son.*

*You desire justice for all:
enable us to uphold the rights of others;
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance
or corrupted by fear or favour.*

*Unite us to yourself in the bond of love
and keep us faithful to all that is true.*

*As we gather in your name
may we temper justice with love,
so that all our decisions may be pleasing
to you, and earn the reward promised to
good and faithful servants.*

*You live and reign with the Father
and the Son, One God, forever and ever.
Amen.*