



Opening Prayer —

Leader 1: O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. As we continue to welcome the autumn days, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest. May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

ALL: May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

Leader 2: God, we gather together unified in Your name this morning, seeking guidance, wisdom, and support as we reflect on our past accomplishments and look ahead to our future. Grant us courage, patience, respect and discernment, as we engage in meaningful discussion, in an effort to grow closer to each other and to you.

ALL: We place our work and ourselves into your hands.

Leader 1: Anoint our creativity, our ideas and our energy, so that even the smallest task may bring You honor.

ALL: God, when we are challenged, guide us, when we are weary, energize us.

Leader 2: When we tire in our efforts to bring Your reign of justice to our world, Support us with your strength and renew us with your grace so that we can be ever faithful to your call.

ALL: May the work that we do and the way that we do it, bring hope, support and strength to all we serve.

Leader 1: God of the seasons, there is a time for everything: there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

ALL: God, be our guide

Leader 2: God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

ALL: God, be our guide

Leader 1: God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

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Leader 2: God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power-filled presence. May we gain strength from this.

ALL: God, be our guide

Leader 1: God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

ALL: God, be our guide

Leader 2: God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

ALL: God, be our guide

Leader 1: God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

ALL: God, be our guide

Leader 2: God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this, we are grateful.

ALL: God, be our guide

God of heavenly wisdom, you have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor. Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come. O Mother of Good Counsel, patroness of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, intercede for us, that we may be wise, courageous, and loving leaders of the Church. Help us, dear mother, to know the mind of Jesus, your son.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence for God's creation, and compassion for all God's children. May our labors of love on earth enhance the reign of God and may God's gifts of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come. Amen.



Closing Prayer—

ALL: Thank you, Lord, for your presence with us this day. As we depart, may we be committed to worshiping and serving you in our daily lives, with patience, love, hope and charity. Lord, show us ways that we can be a blessing to others each day with our actions, words and deeds. Please bless the Women of Christ the King Parish for their warm hospitality.

Through our prayers, we ask that you allow us to reach home safely and be blessed with your grace and wisdom. May we go forth in Your peace to love and serve You in one another. Let all matters discussed serve as our guide to living our lives, according to your will. All these we pray for in Jesus' name. Amen.