

DCCW BOARD MEETING PRAYER SERVICE · NOV. 2, 2024

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader 1: Lord, we are grateful for our safe arrival here today. Though we may not know what this meeting holds, we know that You do. As we begin, help us to keep Your Word in mind. Lead us into conversations that are productive and enrich the lives of not just those who are here today, but those affected by our decisions. When we are undecided, please lead us in Your wisdom.

Leader 2: If our opinions may disagree, help us to remain respectful to one another. More than anything, Lord, would You help us both to seek Your will and to pursue Your glory through all that we say and do. We ask that you help us learn...

Side 1: To be grateful for what is—

Side 2: instead of emphasizing what is not.

Side 1: To search for and to see the good in others—

Side 2: rather than remembering their faults and weaknesses.

Side 1: To be thankful for each loving deed done by another—

Side 2: and appreciate the time, efforts and care that has been given.

Side 1: To seek to forgive others for their wrongdoings—

Side 2: and to put the past behind.

Side 1: To be as loving and caring as possible—

Side 2: in a culture that consistently challenges these virtues.

Side 1: To remember to say or send a “thank you”—

Side 2: for whatever comes as a gift from another.

Side 1: To be at peace—

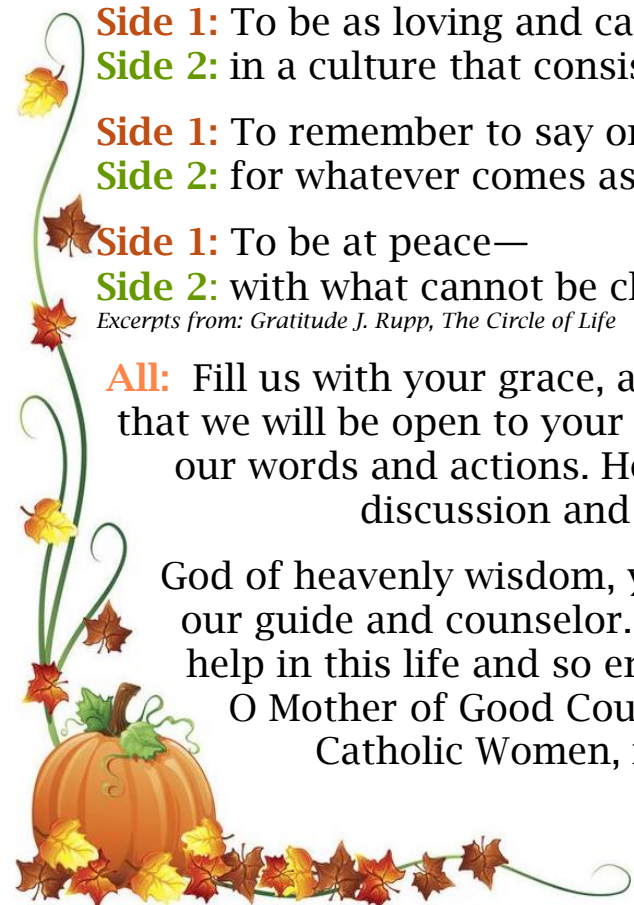
Side 2: with what cannot be changed.

Excerpts from: Gratitude J. Rupp, The Circle of Life

All: Fill us with your grace, as we make decisions. Open our hearts and minds that we will be open to your plans for us. Help us to carry Your light through our words and actions. Help us to have patience, engage in meaningful discussion and allow us to grow closer as a group.

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: Lord, we are filled with gratitude for the time spent together today. Thank You for the opportunity to collaborate and share ideas. As we close this meeting, we ask that You remind us of the blessings we have received. Help us to carry a spirit of thankfulness into our daily lives. We are grateful for our hosting parish, Women of St. Francis of Assisi, for their warm hospitality and ask you to bless them.

May our actions reflect our gratitude for Your goodness and mercy. Keep us safe in Your loving arms. May we always feel Your presence and peace. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

