

## DCCW Board Meeting • Sept. 16. 2023 • St. Helen's Parish in Roosevelt

## **Opening Prayer Service**

**Leader 1:** Thank you Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on our lives and for bringing us all here safely. It's hard to set aside other concerns for a few hours, but with You as our companion and guide, we dedicate this meeting to Your honor and glory.

All: We trust Your Spirit to lead us.

Leader 2: May you come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

All: We trust Your Spirit to lead us.

**Leader 1:** To say aloud those things that others need to hear, and to refrain from words and actions that distract.

All: We trust Your Spirit to lead us.

**Leader 2:** To think creatively, to develop ideas that will empower us to grow in your spirit.

All: We trust Your Spirit to lead us.

**Leader 1:** Strengthen us Lord and help us remember and that we serve together in your name and by your call.

All: We trust Your Spirit to lead us. Amen.

**Leader 2:** O Giver of all gifts, who has so enriched our lives, we have many needs. We come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group.

**All:** We place our work and ourselves into your hands. Anoint our creativity, our ideas, and our energy, so that even the smallest task may bring You honor. Lord, when we are challenged, guide us, when we are weary, energize us. Bless us with wisdom, commitment, grace, understanding, and compassion. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

## **Closing Prayer**

**All:** Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to gather today. We are grateful for our hosting parish, Women of St. Helen's for their warm hospitality and ask you to bless them.

We appreciate the fellowship we've had and the lessons we've learned from one another. We appreciate everyone's contributions. Thank you so much for bringing us all together.

Now, as we conclude this gathering, we ask that you allow us to reach our homes safely and be blessed with your grace and wisdom. Let all matters discussed serve as our guide to living our lives in accordance with Your will. All these we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.