

PRAYER SERVICE

DCCW BOARD MEETING · APRIL 26, 2024

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader 1: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Heavenly Father, as we gather together, we recognize the importance of understanding our purpose and goals. Guide us in aligning our efforts with the objectives set before us. Grant us clarity as we focus on what needs to be accomplished during this meeting. May we approach them with open hearts and minds, ready to learn, share, and collaborate for the greater good. May your wisdom and judgment be our guide as we strive to achieve our shared goals.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader 2: Lord, thank you for giving us the opportunity to gather here today. Thank you for protecting us as we traveled and providing an opportunity to meet, learn, and grow. We dedicate this time to you.

Your Word says in Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Thank you for blessing our time together. Help us make new connections and gain wisdom to do the work you've set before us.

ALL: We give you honor and glory, oh Lord.

Leader 3: Hear our plea, O Lord, and fulfill it by drawing us near to you. Bless each and every moment of this meeting, that it may leave us all richer in wisdom, friendship and understanding. We ask this through your Holy Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

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, thank You for inviting us into Your presence. We come before You with grateful hearts, seeking strength, patience, guidance, wisdom, and blessings as our convention begins. We pray that Your presence will be with us throughout. May we become shining examples of Your peace, bringing hope and light to all those around us. Amen.

