

OPENING PRAYER:

Before we begin our work, we turn to you O Lord.
For it is your work that we do, the work of the gospel.
We know this but we often lose sight of it.
We begin to rely on our own efforts only.
Or we lose sight of the vision and get absorbed in the details.
And so today, we bring to our work a lively sense that you, Lord
In this awareness may we do our work lovingly.
In this awareness may we do our work joyfully.
May we not be too quick with our judgments, our agenda, our interpretations.
May we pause patiently, to open up to your wisdom, to see with your eyes.
And may we not be so absorbed in our tasks that we forget our members and those
for whom we struggle.
May the way in which we carry out our work make for healing and reassurance for
all.

PRAYER FOR OFFICERS (TOGETHER)

Most loving Father, you have invited us to serve the human family through the
Catholic Women's League of Canada.
Assist us with your grace, that we may fulfill our duties as officers with
competence and love.
Teach us to put aside our personal desires for glory and recognition.
And help us to lead with a true spirit of justice, integrity and charity.
Show us how to reach out to each other to give support and encouragement as
together we carry out our duties.
Let us live within the policies of the League, so that we might be an example for
others to do the same.
Grant that we may relay the Gospel message and reflect the image of Our Lady of
Good Counsel in the guidance we give to our members.
Let us have strong convictions but make us gentle and considerate in the way we
express ourselves.
And let us be patient with those who do not share our opinions with the same
intensity.

Almighty God grant us the virtues we need and sustain us with your divine grace. Send your Spirit and consecrate each one of us with its anointing so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord enabling us to bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Blessed are you, heavenly Father, maker of heaven and earth, you have chosen us to be your people and to give you glory in everything we do. Be with us during our meeting, which will bring us together as one. Help us to meet one another in joy, and to work together for your glory and the benefit of our Catholic Women's League. This we ask in Jesus name. Amen.