

**The Catholic Women's League  
Toronto Diocesan Council**



**League Prayer**

We humbly pray you, O God our Father, to bless the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Bless our beloved country, our homes and families.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills that we may know and fulfill your great law of charity.

Teach us to share with others at home and abroad the good things you have given us.

This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Amen

**ABCs of League Members' Action  
– for reflection**

- A** assist, attain, answer, articulate
- B** become, bloom, bring our gifts
- C** celebrate, cooperate, comfort, convey the Good News, communicate, choose
- D** develop, defend, distribute
- E** empower, encourage, educate, elect
- F** foster, fan enthusiasm, feed, forgo criticism
- G** gather, gift, give
- H** heal, help, harmonize
- I** imitate Mary, increase, involve, invigorate
- J** join, jot down needs, joke with each other
- K** kindle, kneel in prayer, keep communication open
- L** learn, lead, laugh, labour
- M** mail reports, make friendships, mourn, match gifts and needs, minister
- N** nurture, nourish, name, notify
- O** obey God's will, object to injustices, offer, observe
- P** participate, promote, pray, proclaim the Good News, protect and provide
- Q** question, quench, qualify
- R** reach out, renew, respect, resolve, realize
- S** support, serve, spread, spend and be spent, share
- T** teach, taste, tap into, try
- U** understand, unite, upgrade
- V** value, venerate, verify, vary, vote
- W** witness, work, wait, win people to Christ
- X** expect, excite, expose, exalt
- Y** yearn, yield to majority decisions
- Z** zealously treasure the League

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***Council Prayer Partner***



## Council Prayer Partners

The first objective of the Catholic Women's League is:  
- *to achieve individual and collective spiritual development*

As members of the Catholic Women's League we understand the importance of our faith and the power of prayer. The challenges we all face, whether personal or council based, highlight the need for prayer.

Through prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to work in all of us to help us fulfill our commitment to the League and to each other as we come together in faith, fulfillment and fellowship.

This *Prayer for Councils* has been composed to help achieve this goal and to encourage each member of one Parish Council to specifically pray for a fellow Parish Council.

This *Prayer for Councils* can be recited after the League Prayer at each CWL meeting.

As *Council Prayer Partners* we will strengthen and confirm our commitment to each other as women of faith to serve God and Canada.



## Council Prayer Partners' Prayer

Lord Jesus, as we unite our thoughts we pray and focus on you as the centre of our Council meeting. Never let us lose sight of the life that flows from the Gospel, nor the fact that we are here to serve you as people of God.

As sisters of the Catholic Women's League, we are bound together by faith. Allow the Holy Spirit to move within us. As we look into each other's eyes, help us to see you our Saviour.

We pray that in all our efforts we will encourage, nurture and rejoice in this special sisterhood that we share.

We especially pray for our Council and (CWL Parish)

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We pray that you give us peace, unity of heart and mind, and wisdom as we face the tasks and challenges that may come before us.

Renew Your Spirit within us and make us worthy carriers of Your message of love, hope and life. Give us all courage and strength to love and support one another in all that we do.

Teach us compassion and guide us always as we use the gifts you have given to us to glorify your goodness.

As members of the Catholic Women's League, we gather as one body as we live out our mission to serve God and Canada.

We ask this grace through Christ our Lord, AMEN

Our Lady of Good Counsel. Pray for us.

*Lucia Vacca*

## Thanksgiving Prayer

### for CWL Members

Holy Spirit, with grateful and joyful hearts, we give you thanks and praise for all the good things You have given us through the League.

We thank you for the many gifts and blessings of friendship that you have granted to the members of the Catholic Women's League.

We are grateful that you have inspired so many to come and share their time and talents, while at the same time blessing everyone with many more gifts.

Help us to never forget that You are always with us listening to our prayers, ready to give us comfort, hope and courage.

Lord, through Your Holy Mother, Our Lady of Good Counsel, our patroness, we pray that You will bless and protect us always. Grant us strength, wisdom and peace as we strive to live as women of faith.

Help us to go forward and spread the good news of your love through the many workings of the members of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, AMEN

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for us.

*Donna Capobianco*