

LIVING AS WOMEN
"Centred on Faith and Justice"

By
Role-modelling the Mission Statement of the
Catholic Women's League

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION AS MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

Opening Prayer:

- Leader: O Holy Spirit, You have generously filled League members with Your gifts. We thank you for the many women who have cooperated with you in using and sharing their talents. We remember today what some of Your gifts have been and how they have grown and blossomed in the League to produce great works for the good of all.
- Left: We think of those who shared with us their gift of knowledge and understanding of the faith, their deep prayerfulness and spirituality.
- Right: They inspired and enriched sister members, reached out to communicate with those of other faiths.
- Left: We think of those who share their leadership abilities, their organizational skills, their understanding of finances, their business and secretarial skills.
- Right: They have helped all parts of the League run smoothly, thereby fostering unity and understanding and assisting in all league works. REFRAIN
- Left: We think of those who shared their ability to welcome and affirm.
- Right: They have attracted, welcomed and enriched new members, creating in the League a heaven of fellowship and community.
- Left: We think of those who shared ability to teach and inspire.
- Right: They have helped members discover and develop their gifts, their self-confidence, and their knowledge of the League for the good of all, and have reached out to young people to assist them in self-development. REFRAIN
- Left: We think of those who have shared their gift of compassion, their quickness to see and take responsibility for the needs of others.
- Right: They have given service in the community, assisted refugees and immigrants, and provided help to the needy here and in the Third World.
- Left: We think of those who shared their dedication to life, their steadfastness and courage in the face of discouragement and difficulty.
- Right: They have persisted against the tide of the times in defending life, strengthening the family, and promoting vocations. REFRAIN
- Left: We think of those who shared their gifts of communication by word and pen, and their knowledge of modern methods and technologies.
- Right: They have made known League goals and works and have made every effort to help media work for good rather than evil.
- Left: We think of those who used their sensitivity to justice and the needs of society, their skill in research and preparation of resolutions.
- Right: They have been the conscience of government and have mobilized members to be a leaven in the world. REFRAIN
- Left: We think of those who have shared their creativity in the implementation of innovative ideas, handicrafts and food.
- Right: They have contributed immeasurably to the lift of the parish family and community. They have provided financial support for innumerable charities.

Left: We think of those who have developed their gifts of wisdom and faithfulness through long service in the League.

Right: Their experience and careful preservation of the history of the League has ensured that the works of those who have gone before will not be forgotten but will live to inspire future League members.

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Left: We think of those whose hearts have been steeped in League dedication and activity in time gone by and how the old order has passed. We think of how they have been asked to leave behind familiar working relationships that reflect their heritage, their traditions, and their spiritual roots; and have been asked to stretch, to grow, to progress in new directions.

Right: They have embraced change, like the braving of an unknown frontier: they have risked their hearts and their energy for the good of the League; they have pledged their wisdom and efforts as sisters in solidarity for the growth and good of all.

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Closing Prayer:

Leader: For all our personal strengths and the strengths of other League members we are grateful. We thank you, Holy Spirit, most loving and divine for the many ways in which You have enhanced these gifts and given us new ones through the Catholic Women's League.
Please continue to be with us, and to enlighten us with the vision to build a League that in all things evangelizes and encourages us to be like Christ and carry out his mission ... to put God's love in practise.

All: AMEN