



**The Catholic Women's League
of Canada**



Spiritual Program

A LITANY OF THE LEAGUE



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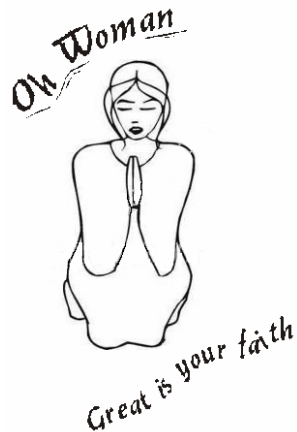
As we begin a new year and CWL members across Canada renew their commitment to the League and others are called to take their place as sisters in the League, let us take time to reflect on the great women who come together for God and Canada. We also remember our sisters who have left this world. Their strong spirits are amongst us and strengthen our universal sisterhood centered on Christ.

ALL: O Holy Spirit who has generously filled League members with gifts, we thank you for the many women who cooperate with you in using and sharing their talents. We remember today what some of your gifts are and how they grow and blossom in the League to produce great works for the good of all.

LEFT: We think of those who share with us their gift of knowledge and understanding of the faith, their deep prayerfulness and spirituality.

RIGHT: They inspire and enrich sister members, reach out to communicate with those of other faiths, and help spread the Good News of Christ, at home and abroad.

LEFT: We think of those who share their leadership abilities, their organizational skills, their understanding of finances, their business and secretarial skills.



Official Prayer of the Congress

God our Father,

We bless you and give you thanks
For your Son Jesus, the gift of your love
For the life of the world.

Watch over your Church as it celebrates in joy and hope
The 49th International Eucharistic Congress.

Renew our faith in the Holy Eucharist,
The memorial of your Son's death and resurrection.

May your Holy Spirit shed its light upon us
And grant us strength
To serve as faithful witnesses to the Gospel.

Nourish us with your Word and your Bread of Life
So that united with Mary,
The Mother of your Divine Son and Mother of the Church,
We will bear much fruit
For the salvation of the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

ALL: God, Creator of each human being in Your image and likeness, help me to see the face of Christ in friend and stranger alike. Give me an open, listening mind and an understanding heart, so that I may be a true companion to everyone I meet, as I try to answer Christ's call to *Love One Another*. May Your Holy Spirit guide my thoughts and actions and those of my sisters in The Catholic Women's League of Canada so that, through us, Your light will illumine our world. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord. Amen

ALL: 49th International Eucharistic Congress Prayer



RIGHT: They help all parts of the League run smoothly, thereby fostering unity and understanding and assisting in all League works.

LEFT: We think of those who share their ability to welcome and affirm.

RIGHT: They attract, welcome and enrich new members, creating in the League a haven of fellowship and community.

LEFT: We think of those who share their ability to teach and inspire.

RIGHT: They help members discover and develop their gifts, their self-confidence and their knowledge of the League for the good of all, and they reach out to young people to assist them in self development.

LEFT: We think of those who share their gift of compassion, their quickness to see and take responsibility for the needs of others.

RIGHT: They give service to community, assist immigrants, and provide help to the needy here and in the Third World.

LEFT: We think of those who share their dedication to life, their steadfastness and courage in the face of discouragement and difficulty.



RIGHT: They persist against the tide of the times in defending life, strengthening the family and promoting vocations.



LEFT: We think of those who share their gifts of communications by word and pen, and their knowledge of modern methods and technologies.

RIGHT: They make known League goals and works and have made every effort to help the media work for good rather than evil.

LEFT: We think of those who use their sensitivity to justice and the needs of society, their skill in research and preparation of resolutions.

RIGHT: They are the conscience of government and mobilize members to be a leaven in the world.

LEFT: We think of those who share their creativity in ideas, handicrafts and food.

RIGHT: They contribute immeasurably to the life of the parish family and provide financial support for innumerable charities.

LEFT: We think of those who develop their gifts of wisdom and faithfulness through long service in the League.

RIGHT: Their experience and careful preservation of the history of the League ensures that the works of those who have gone before will not be forgotten but will inspire future League members.

ALL: For all our own talents and the talents of other League members, we are grateful. We thank you, O Holy Spirit, 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 live in us.

AMEN

LEAGUE PRAYER

The League is a universal sisterhood



united through Christ.