

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.



The Catholic Women's League of Canada



Spiritual Program

PRAYER FOR THE OBJECTS
OF THE LEAGUE
AS WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER





"No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us."

[1 John 4:12](#)

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

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Reader 17: In fulfilling our commitments as members of WUCWO,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

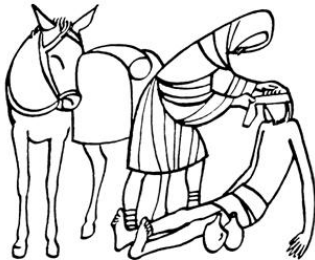
Reader 18: As we journey with our companions, whoever they may be, and become salt of the earth and light of the world,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Reader 19: As Jesus' brothers and sisters, obeying the commandment to *Love One Another*,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Song: "We Will Love with Open Arms" (verses 5 and 7)



ALL: STAND FOR LEAGUE PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE OBJECTS OF THE LEAGUE AS WE *LOVE ONE ANOTHER*

Song: "We Will Love with Open Arms" (verses 1 & 2)

Song: "We Will Love with Open Arms" (first two verses)

Leader: Let us pause and take a moment of silence to still our hearts and become

conscious of God speaking within and among us.

Reader 1: John 15:12-17

Leader: This afternoon, we will reflect on the Objects of the League and how we strive to

attain them as we *Love One Another*. The Objects of the League shall be to unite Catholic Women of Canada to achieve individual and collective spiritual development.

Reader 2: As we take the time from our busy schedules to "be still and know that [You are] God,"



All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Reader 3: In our efforts to help others experience spiritual development and growth,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Song: "We Will Love with Open Arms" (verse 3)

Leader: to promote the teachings of the Catholic Church

Reader 4: As we live out our call to be evangelizers in our homes, families, parishes, work places and communities,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Reader 5: In our roles as catechists, lay ministers, facilitators and workshop leaders,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Song: "We Will Love with Open Arms" (verse 10)

Leader: to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life

Reader 6: As we strive to be role models for children and youth,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Reader 7: When we fight against evil forces which attack our family values,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Song: "We Will Love with Open Arms" (verse 4 and 6)

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Leader: to protect the sanctity of human life

Reader 8: In all we do to protect the unborn,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Reader 9: In the battle to protect the vulnerable from euthanasia and assisted suicide,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Reader 10: As we work to educate ourselves and others in developing a culture of life,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Leader: to enhance the role of women in church and society

Reader 11: As we encourage and empower women to assume



leadership roles in church and society,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Leader: to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere

Reader 12: As we struggle to deal with issues such as trafficking and inhumane labour practices which dehumanize people,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Reader 13: In our attempts to reach out to the marginalized in our society,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Song: "We Will Love with Open Arms" (verse 8)

Leader: to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world

Reader 14: In all our struggles to uphold the sanctity of marriage, to keep Christ in Christmas and to safeguard our religious practices,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

Leader: to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony

Reader 15: As we work in solidarity with our brothers and sisters to make our world a better place,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

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Reader 16: As we devote ourselves to being peacemakers wherever we go and in whatever we do,

All: Lord, guide and sustain us.

