

Prayer for the New Executive Term

Preparation: Provide a Bible: choose a leader and seven readers: and notify the members of the Executive, who will be taking part.

Reading: Leader: Romans 12:3-6

As we begin a new year, we recognize that we all bring different gifts to our work in the League. Let us commit ourselves to recognizing and sharing these gifts in a spirit of co-operation and empowerment so that we may build up the kingdom of God in a loving caring manner.

General Prayers:

Reader 1 May all who attend our meetings be treated with respect and kindness.

Reader 2 May all who attend our meetings find love and acceptance.

Reader 3 May all who attend our meeting find encouragement and affirmation.

Reader 4 May all who attend our meeting find caring and compassion.

Reader 5 May all who attend our meetings find gentleness and patience.

Reader 6 May all who attend our meetings find forgiveness and reconciliation.

Reader 7 May all who attend our meetings find courage and strength.

Leader: Lord, we ask you to bless the efforts of this executive team as we work together to promote the League within Nova Scotia.

President: May my leadership and dedication to the League allow all members to celebrate their faith and may I always experience the hand of God in my service for God and Canada.

Secretary: May I record, accurately and in a timely fashion, all meeting minutes.

Treasurer: May my efforts to monitor the finances of our council always reflect good stewardship.

Past-President: May my efforts to record the history of our council reflect the love and dedication of those who went before us.

Chairperson of Spiritual Development:

May my efforts help members to enhance and deepen their own spirituality, as they grow in knowledge and appreciation of their gift of faith.

Chairperson of Organization:

May my enthusiasm for the League draw in new members and help current members to develop leadership skills.

Chairperson of Christian Family Life:

May my efforts support and strengthen the family unit, with all its diversity and challenges.

Chairperson of Community Life:

May my efforts help members to reflect a Christian perspective in the many diverse activities in their communities.

Chairperson of Communications:

May my work in communications help educate everyone about the significance and value of the work of the League.

Chairperson of Education and Health:

May my efforts encourage members to explore issues of health and to promote education in its many forms, in our communities.

Chairperson of Resolutions:

May my work in resolutions draw attention to the inadequacies and disparities that exist in our society and further the efforts of members to work on resolutions, to create a more just society.

Chairperson of Legislation:

May my efforts convince members to monitor legislation, particularly as it affects the lives of the vulnerable in our society.

Spiritual Advisor:

May my efforts to assist the Executive and members of the League, help them to grow in their faith and to experience joy in their ministry to the people of God.

All: May we rejoice in the work of the League and celebrate the many opportunities we have to see the face of Christ in the people we serve.

Leader: Romans 15:13

All: Amen

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