

Reflection on the League Prayer

We humbly pray you, O God our Father, to bless The Catholic Women's League of Canada . . . every blessing is a sign of God's love for us. Do I take time to give praise and thanks to God for the privilege of being a member of the League? Am I really a blessing to my council by being a loyal and responsible member? Do I share with other Catholic women the blessings of membership?

Bless our beloved country, our homes and families . . . Do I daily invoke God's help and protection in every situation of my country, home and family? In my family and community, do I try to live signs of love and respect for Canada? Am I a fine example to children and young people of a person who respects our Canadian flag and anthem? Do I offer prayers of thanksgiving in my home for my country?

Send your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills . . . When I ask for the Holy Spirit to fully enter my life, am I always open to what that really means? Am I truly open-minded when presented with new or different ideas or opinions? Do I take the time and effort to do my own research and reach a personal and well-informed decision for myself?

that we may know and fulfil your great law of charity . . . Am I continuing to grow in my understanding and application of the law of charity? Do I strive to see beyond the surface meaning of charity? Do I apply it only when it is convenient for me or will not hurt me in any way?

Teach us to share with others, at home and abroad, the good things you have given us . . . In praying for the ability and opportunities to share the good things with others, do I extend this to include some of my most precious gifts of time and talents, as well as my material treasures? Do I try to understand what it is like to be always on the receiving end? Can I accept and forgive when my efforts to share are not always appreciated? Do I thank God constantly that I have things to share?

This we ask, through Our Lord Jesus Christ . . . Am I always aware of the power of these words? Do I appreciate the tradition of our Catholic faith which encourages us to call on the name of Jesus Christ?

and the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel . . . To ask Our Lady of Good Counsel to intercede is to truly believe in the closeness of the relationship between Jesus and Mary. Am I constantly striving to discover Mary's true role within the life and growth of the church?

Amen

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