

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, in Your wisdom, You created the earth, all the plants and animals and You created man and woman in Your image. As Catholic Women working together on this Diversity Committee, send Your Holy Spirit to guide us at all times to open our hearts, minds, eyes and ears to see the dignity, beauty and worth of every human being. Strengthen us and fill us with the courage needed to heal wounds, forgive and be forgiven for past blindness. Guide us in opening the eyes of all in our Church and world to see the face of Jesus in each person we encounter during this earthly life. We ask all this in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen

Closing Prayer

Lord of all, we lift up our prayers to you asking for healing from all forms of injustice

Response: Lord hear our prayer...

For the Church and the Council of Catholic Women that our voices may make known the cycles of ignorance, prejudice and racism that degrade the dignity of all, we pray:

For our country, that we appreciate our racial diversity and the contributions of every fiber of our many cultures, we pray:

For our leaders, that they will seek to unite our country rather than divide us at all times, we pray:

For all victims of racial and cultural discrimination, that they may be filled with hope for a more just future and healed from their wounds, we pray:

For this Committee and all who work for racial and cultural justice, that they may be filled with the grace to persevere in love, hope and courage, we pray:

Let us close with the Hail Mary