

Gathering Prayer

Look kindly God on this group that trusts in You.
During this gathering as we discuss and reflect on important issues, help us to hear the voice of your Spirit and receive your word in faith.

May we always act with due concern for both the present and the future, respecting our tradition but attentive to the signs of the time.

Intercessions

(Adapted from Morning & Evening Prayer of the Sisters of Mercy—Page 565-566)

With the coming of this day, generous God, we reflect on your call to service. We remember those who commit themselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and we pray:

All: Bless them today, generous God

For those who lead others to truth: educators, theologians, poets, musicians, artists, we pray:

All: Bless them today, generous God

For those charged with protecting the common good and promoting justice: legislators, national leaders, delegates, we pray:

All: Bless them today, generous God

For Sisters of Mercy, our associates and colleagues in ministry, and for all those you are calling to Mercy life, we pray.

Concluding Prayer

ALL

Merciful God,

In you, past, present and future
are brought together in one great hope.
You have brought us this far,
and we praise you.

Continue to lead us that we may carry
your word of hope to others so that
we may be messengers of your
love, justice and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

