

Now is the favourable time:

We Reflect

Meeting together, we come to share

our wisdom,
our differences,
ourselves.

We come to explore new ways

of keeping the old ways relevant,
of honouring the past with a hope-filled vision of the Future,
of living without fear of the new.

Meeting together, we come to be encouraged by the word of truth and the power of God, by the inspiration of Catherine McAuley and the example of the Mercy Sisters, by the present day work of Mercy and its plans for the future.

We dare to dream along the edge of improbability to awaken ideas and fashion strategies, to meet tomorrow with confidence.

We Pray

And so we proclaim that 'now is the favourable time'-

a time to commit ourselves with determined energy
a time to conquer hesitation and to abandon lingering doubt,
a time to celebrate the faith and charism that bind us,
and, in the celebration, to find new reasons to believe,
a time to laugh at our fears,
to let love rule our hearts, and
to take the leading edge out to meet
the horizon of God's promise and Catherine's example of peace
and justice and fulfilment for all.

Amen