

SCHOOL BOARD PRAYERS

A BOARD MEMBER'S PRAYER

I have been asked to serve, Lord, and I have agreed.

Help me to know my fellow board members: their gifts, their concerns, their lives. I am doing your work, Lord, and your love for me and for them is, above all, personal.

Help me to welcome conflict as a sign of the diversity in this board, as an opportunity to reach for creative solutions.

Help me to recognize this diversity as a sign of your capacity to love us all, and help me to cherish it as a great strength.

Help me to approach issues with an open, inquiring mind, free from prejudice, with my spirit depending on yours for the strength to make hard decisions.

Help me to listen; to know when and to whom I should listen. Help me to learn to use my own gifts to promote thorough, thoughtful discussion of important concerns in our Catholic community.

Help me to develop my skills as a peacemaker, to know how and when to mediate, to conciliate, to negotiate.

Help me to enjoy doing your work and to remember your promise: whenever two of us are gathered in your name, you are with us. Sit with me now. Amen.

Taken from: [National Catholic Education Association \(NCEA\)](#)

A PRAYER FOR “RENEW MY CHURCH”

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,
as you spoke to holy men and women
who have gone before us.
In every age and in our own time,
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,
and so enable us
to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.
May their example and presence
inspire us with patient confidence
in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign
with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen.

Taken from: [Archdiocese of Chicago - Renew My Church](#)

A PRAYER BEFORE A MEETING

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that might affect the students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends of (Insert School Name). And continue to remind us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of You, and for the service of humanity. We ask these things in your name. Amen.

Taken from: [Ignatian Spirituality - Loyola Press](#)

A PRAYER BEFORE A MEETING

Dear Lord,

As we begin our meeting, we pray to you for the gift of grace and balance. May our lives be blessed with gracious, harmonious balance.

May we invest ourselves in our work,

Yet not forget that it is you who is working through us.

May we invest ourselves in activity,

Yet not neglect the precious prayer and reflection that gives our activity depth.

May we invest ourselves in our tasks,

Yet not lack appreciation for the relationships close to our hearts.

Grant that we may be both serious and happy,

Both hard-working and relaxed,

Both passionate and at peace.

Amen.

Taken from: [Catholic Principal's Council of Ontario](#)



A LEADERSHIP BLESSING

May the gift of leadership awaken in you as a vocation, keep you mindful of the providence that calls you to serve.

As high over the mountains the eagle spreads its wings, may your perspective be larger than the view from the foothills.

When the way is flat and dull in times of gray endurance, may your imagination continue to evoke horizons.

When thirst burns in times of drought, may you be blessed to find the wells.

May you have the wisdom to read time clearly and know when the seed of change will flourish.

In your heart may there be a sanctuary for the stillness where clarity is born.

May your work be infused with passion and creativity and have the wisdom to balance compassion and challenge.

May your soul find the graciousness to rise above the fester of small mediocrities.

May your power never become a shell wherein your heart would silently atrophy.

May you welcome your own vulnerability as the ground where healing and truth join.

May integrity of soul be your first ideal, the source that will guide and bless your work. Amen.

Taken From: John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space Between Us*

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