

Prayer Before A Meeting (Opening Prayer)

Lord God of Holiness,
You have called us to be the servants of Your servants-
Our brothers and sisters in the parish.
We meet here as their representatives,
And so we ask for the Grace of Your Guidance.
Help us to truly represent them
And not simply ourselves.
May the true needs of our parish
And the common good of all be our concern.
And above all, may Your Will in these matters become our Will.
Help us who serve in leadership
Remember that all of our concerns are aimed at
The spiritual transformation of our parish community.
May the material aspects we discuss
Not blind us to the primary work of our parish:/
The holiness of all its members
May the Holy Spirit
Who inspired the Pentecost meeting of the apostles,
Visit us and grant us the light of Divine Wisdom.
We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
Forever and ever.
Amen

Prayer After A Meeting (Closing Prayer)

Lord of Day and Night
Of beginnings and endings
As we prepare to conclude this meeting,
We once again lift up our hearts to You,
The Divine Source of All Life.
We thank you for the gifts that have been present
Within this act of service to the community.
For the gifts of fellowship and understanding,
Of mutual respect and shared vision,
We are grateful
For the gifts of perseverance
And insight into the common concerns we share,
For these and all other graces, we are thankful.
As You have blessed our coming together,
Now bless our departure and journeys homeward.
May Your blessing be upon us,
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.