

We praise and thank you, O Lord. For in Christ,
You have enriched us with blessings beyond
measure to build up His body in love.

Grant that today's gathering might quicken our
resolve to walk forward together in the unity of
Your Spirit for the good of our schools and to
the glory of Your Name.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus the
Lord. AMEN!



One of the main tasks of
theology is to find words that do
not divide but unite, that do not
create conflict but unity, that do
not hurt but heal.

Henri Nouwen



I can do things you cannot
You can do things I cannot
Together we can do great things.

St Teresa of Kolkata

Core Cluster Group Meeting

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We are only as strong as we
are united, as weak as we are
divided.

J.K. Rowling

As we start our meeting, let us begin,

In the name of the +Father and of the +Son and of the +Holy Spirit. Amen!

O God our Father, You created and endowed each of us in Christ with gifts to serve others in love. Open our hearts to welcome the gifts each of us brings, our ears to listen attentively to one another's words, and our minds to discern your Spirit's wisdom at work in our midst.

We make this prayer to You in the name of Jesus, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.



Let us listen to a reading from one of Paul's letters to the Ephesians:

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Let us pray...

for Christians everywhere..... that all who share a common baptism might embrace more fully their call to walk forward together, exercising the gifts our Lord has bestowed, in loving service, in the unity of the Spirit, to build up the body of Christ. We pray to the Lord.....*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for the world..... that all God's children will lay aside their differences and earnestly seek the peace and unity for which they were created, bearing with one another in love.

We pray to the Lord.....*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for all those who suffer, especially those living in isolation due to differences in culture, economic status, to infirmity as well as those persecuted for their Christian faith..... for their consolation and our willingness to reach out to them in their needs

We pray to the Lord.....*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for our families, parishes, schools.... that their members will be renewed in faith, hope, and love, to walk forward together in their shared mission to hand on the faith of Christ and His Church.

We pray to the Lord.....*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For our school communities and own intentions, held in the silence of our hearts. (pause)

We pray to the Lord.....*Lord, hear our prayer.*

And now, let us unite our prayers with Jesus' constant prayer before the Father on our behalf, as, with one voice, we use the words He gave us:

Our Father...

