



Prayers for Marianist Boards



The Marianists
PROVINCE OF THE UNITED STATES

OPENING PRAYER I

Gracious and loving God,
we thank you this day for your gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us.
Grant us wisdom and insight
as we discuss and discern ways
to strengthen our Catholic Marianist mission.

Each day we hear about violence in our world.
Let this violence not overwhelm us.
May it challenge us to create a community
that fosters the formation of people in faith
and educates leaders for the common good.
May the young people entrusted to our care
find new ways to promote peace and justice.

We lift up our prayer to you, our gracious God.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER II

Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the many gifts you have bestowed upon us,
especially for the faculty, staff, students, alumni,
and friends of this Catholic Marianist school.
We thank you for the opportunity we have
to serve this school community.

We thank you for the men and women who have gone before us
and have contributed to the educational mission
that has brought us to this day.

We ask for the guidance of your Spirit upon our work.
May our work contribute to the fulfillment of our mission
for this and future generations.

We ask for your guidance as we commit ourselves
as a community of faith,
for excellent scholarship and service.

Gracious God,
we raise our minds and hearts in praise to you.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER III

Gracious and loving God,
the giver and sustainer of life,
we thank you for the opportunity we have
to sustain and nurture
our Catholic Marianist community,
a community of prayer, life, work and service
that contributes to building up
a just and peaceful society.

Guide our efforts during this meeting
with the wisdom of your life-giving Spirit.
Let us be receptive to your guidance and love.
May we imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary
and say *yes* to directions you put before us.

May we minister to build a community of faith
dedicated to deepening the Gospel message
among our stakeholders.

We make our prayer to you our gracious God,
in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER X

Holy Spirit of wisdom,
you have entrusted us with a share in leadership.
Help us share ideas and plans with each other.
Keep us kind as we interact with each other.
Grant that we listen with an openness of mind and heart.

As Mary, our Mother, let us work together
for the mission of (*name school/retreat center*).
Give us the insight to minister to benefit
all members of our community.
May we accept our responsibilities
and meet the needs of the times
and prepare for the future.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

We ask for your guidance as we make decisions
to enrich the life of the people we serve.
Be with us as we minister together
to fulfill the Catholic Marianist mission
of this community.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER IX

Mary, intercede with your son
to bring about in each of us
a renewed enthusiasm for our faith
and the mission of (*name school/retreat center*).

Inspire us with the courage and zeal
to live the Gospel and the Marianist mission
to bring Christ to everyone we meet.

Open our hearts to the gift of your spirit
as we make decisions to benefit our community.

Mary,
enlighten us,
walk with us,
strengthen our faith,
unite us in love,
as we continue to strive
to become disciples in mission.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER IV

Gracious and loving God,
we gather today as leaders of this school community.
We recognize the opportunity we have to serve your people.
We recognize the need for wisdom.
We pray, therefore, like Solomon
for an understanding mind and heart to lead your people.

We pray for the courage to proclaim
our Catholic Marianist mission.
We pray for the wisdom to continually
enhance our Catholic Marianist mission
among members of the community.
We pray that we develop a community of faith
dedicated to service
and building a just and peace-filled society.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus,
and in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER V

Let us pray.

God, giver of life and wisdom, as we begin our meeting,
we give you thanks and praise for the opportunity
to serve this community.

Even in times when we experience doubt and frustration,
may the wisdom and guidance of your spirit enable us
to continue to find joy and satisfaction
in what we do for your people.

Through our planning and decisions may we plant new seeds

to give life to grow as a community of hope and vision
in our Catholic Marianist tradition.

You are a God of promise.
You live and reign for all ages
helping us develop a just and peace-filled society.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER VI

Mary, our mother,
help us follow your example
of faithfulness, openness and honesty.

Be with us as we collaborate
to continually fulfill our ministry as board members.
Ignite in us a tireless passion for our work together
to deepen our Catholic Marianist charism
in the lives of each member of our community.

Caution us against presumptions
about experience and inexperience,
tradition and newness.
Guide us as we work together
to be agents of positive and life-giving change.

Make us steadfast to our commitment
for the faith development of our community
in the Marianist tradition,
to respect all people,
and to provide programs that benefit all people.

God bless the work of our hearts and minds.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER VII

Almighty God,
you inspired Blessed Chaminade
to found groups of people
dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We ask you to grant us
the grace of fidelity to his vision.
Strengthen our alliance with Mary our Mother
so that we might be formed
in the image of her son.

Grant us a clear vision
of the needs of our community.
Grant us the courage
to be leaders for our community.

We pray that our ministry as board members
under the leadership of Mary
will enrich our Catholic Marianist Mission.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
be glorified in all places
through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER VIII

Lord, Our God,
we are about to begin our meeting.
We do so with the awareness
that without your guidance at our meeting,
and also within ourselves,
our work will not fulfill our mission.

Grace us with your wisdom and vision.
Gift us with holy humor and humility
so that not only this meeting,
but all our lives,
may witness the message of your Gospel.