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**Spiritual**  
**Spiritual Communique**  
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**A Blessed Summer to All!**

As we are relaxing over this time, visiting and enjoying family and friends, working our gardens and orchards, we thank the Lord, our God, for all that we have. We pray for safe passage for all that are travelling during this time. And as CWL members we pray for a successful National Annual Meeting of Members, in Saint John, New Brunswick, August 13-16, 2023.

One of the main concerns of the League is leadership at all levels – parish, diocesan, provincial, national. With that in mind, I have modified the **Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena**, <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/lady-good-counsel-novena>, concentrating on the discernment that we may be doing regarding our service to the League. I have put in suggested intentions, but I do encourage all to personalize your intention.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena – by Janet MacPhee**

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena - Day 1**

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

Mary, our Mother, you have always been concerned with the affairs of the world and of each person throughout history. In your “yes” to the angel Gabriel to accept your role as the Mother of God, you accepted a unique role as a mediator between Heaven and Earth. Our Lady of Good Counsel, today, I ask for your intercession for a world in need of your guidance and for counsel in my own life.

*(State your intentions here)*

*Suggestion: As a CWL member help me to realize my future role in the League*

For guidance for our leaders, especially our National Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada, pray for us.

For counsel for those who are persecuted and suffer grave injustice, pray for us.

For an increase in love, trust, and devotion to your Immaculate Heart that leads us to Jesus, pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Star of the Sea, guide us now as you have guided pilgrims in years past. Be our constant beacon, a blazing light in this dark night, and lead us home to dwell with your Son forever and ever.

Amen.

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena - Day 2**

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

Mary, our Mother, you have always been concerned with the affairs of the world and of each person throughout history. You have provided counsel and comfort to those who needed you, even during your earthly life when you visited your cousin Elizabeth while she carried John the Baptist in her womb. Our Lady of Good Counsel, today, I ask for your intercession for a world in need of your guidance and for counsel in my own life.

*(State your intentions here)*

*Suggestion: As a CWL member, help me to serve the League, where it can best be served.*

For guidance for our leaders, especially our Provincial CWL Council, pray for us  
For counsel for those who are exiled from their home countries, pray for us.  
For an increase in love, trust, and devotion to your Immaculate Heart that leads us to Jesus,  
pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Star of the Sea, guide us now as you have guided pilgrims in years past. Be our  
constant beacon, a blazing light in this dark night, and lead us home to dwell with your Son  
forever and ever.

Amen.

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### **Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena - Day 3**

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Mary, our Mother, you have always been concerned with the affairs of the world and of each  
person throughout history. Your counsel to us extends back to your earthly life when you spoke  
of your Son, commanding us: "Do whatever He tells you". Our Lady of Good Counsel, today, I  
ask for your intercession for a world in need of your guidance and for counsel in my own life.

*(State your intentions here)*

*Suggestion: As a CWL member, help me to follow the command "Do whatever He tells you".*

For guidance for our leaders, especially our Diocesan CWL councils, pray for us.

For counsel for those who are homeless, pray for us.

For an increase in love, trust, and devotion to your Immaculate Heart that leads us to Jesus,  
pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Star of the Sea, guide us now as you have guided pilgrims in years past. Be our  
constant beacon, a blazing light in this dark night, and lead us home to dwell with your Son  
forever and ever.

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Mary, our Mother, you have always been concerned with the affairs of the world and of each  
person throughout history. At the Cross, Jesus gave you to the disciple St. John, saying  
"Behold, your mother" to him and to all of us who follow after him. Our Lady of Good Counsel,  
today, I ask for your intercession for a world in need of your guidance and for counsel in my own  
life.

*(State your intentions here)*

*Suggestion: As a CWL member, guide my service to my own CWL council and to my parish.*

For guidance for our leaders, especially our Parish CWL councils, pray for us.

For guidance for our home parish, pray for us.

For counsel for those who do not pray, pray for us.

For an increase in love, trust, and devotion to your Immaculate Heart that leads us to Jesus,  
pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Star of the Sea, guide us now as you have guided pilgrims in years past. Be our  
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### **Our Lady of Good Counsel Novena - Day 5**

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Mary, our Mother, you have always been concerned with the affairs of the world and of each person throughout history. In the 16th century in Mexico, you counseled Juan Diego, saying, "Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here, who am your Mother? Is there anything else you need?" Our Lady of Good Counsel, today, I ask for your intercession for a world in need of your guidance and for counsel in my own life.

*(State your intentions here)*

*Suggestion: As a CWL member, guide me in my prayers of discernment, let me not be troubled or weighed down in the process. Give me a clear mind without anxiety as I pray for counsel.*

For guidance for our friends, especially our CWL sisters discerning their service to the League, pray for us.

For counsel for those who are lonely, pray for us.

For an increase in love, trust, and devotion to your Immaculate Heart that leads us to Jesus, pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Star of the Sea, guide us now as you have guided pilgrims in years past. Be our constant beacon, a blazing light in this dark night, and lead us home to dwell with your Son forever and ever.

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Mary, our Mother, you have always been concerned with the affairs of the world and of each person throughout history. In 1830, you counseled Catherine Laboure in Paris, instructing her on the design for the Miraculous Medal and saying, "All who wear this medal will receive great graces." Our Lady of Good Counsel, today, I ask for your intercession for a world in need of your guidance and for counsel in my own life.

*(State your intentions here)*

*Suggestion: As a CWL member, help me to recognize my graces that have been bestowed to me.*

For guidance for our extended families, pray for us.

For counsel for extended families who are estranged, pray for us.

For an increase in love, trust, and devotion to your Immaculate Heart that leads us to Jesus, pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Star of the Sea, guide us now as you have guided pilgrims in years past. Be our constant beacon, a blazing light in this dark night, and lead us home to dwell with your Son forever and ever.

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Mary, our Mother, you have always been concerned with the affairs of the world and of each person throughout history. In 1858, you counseled Bernadette Soubirous in France, telling her where to dig in the ground to bring forth a spring where a great multitude of people would be healed of illnesses and infirmities for decades to come. Our Lady of Good Counsel, today, I ask for your intercession for a world in need of your guidance and for counsel in my own life.

*(State your intentions here)*

*Suggestion: As a CWL member, guide my discernment on service to the League.*

For guidance for our families that they realize the importance of the League to me, pray for us.

For counsel for families who are torn, pray for us.

For an increase in love, trust, and devotion to your Immaculate Heart that leads us to Jesus, pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Star of the Sea, guide us now as you have guided pilgrims in years past. Be our constant beacon, a blazing light in this dark night, and lead us home to dwell with your Son forever and ever.

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Mary, our Mother, you have always been concerned with the affairs of the world and of each person throughout history. In 1917 in Fatima, Portugal, you counseled three shepherd children, saying, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Our Lady of Good Counsel, today, I ask for your intercession for a world in need of your guidance and for counsel in my own life.

*(State your intentions here)*

*Suggestion: As a CWL member, let your Immaculate Heart guide me in my service to the League.*

For guidance for ourselves as we all discern, pray for us.

For counsel for how to love those who I find difficult to love, pray for us.

For an increase in love, trust, and devotion to your Immaculate Heart that leads us to Jesus, pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Star of the Sea, guide us now as you have guided pilgrims in years past. Be our constant beacon, a blazing light in this dark night, and lead us home to dwell with your Son forever and ever.

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Mary, our Mother, you have always been concerned with the affairs of the world and of each person throughout history. In 1933, you counseled Mariette Beco in Belgium, saying, "Believe in me and I will believe in you." Our Lady of Good Counsel, today, I ask for your intercession for a world in need of your guidance and for counsel in my own life.

*(State your intentions here)*

*Suggestion: As a CWL member, guide me to believe in myself as to my future service to the League.*

For guidance for all those who pray this novena, pray for us.

For counsel to seek your Son every day of our lives, pray for us.

For an increase in love, trust, and devotion to your Immaculate Heart that leads us to Jesus, pray for us.

Blessed Mary, Star of the Sea, guide us now as you have guided pilgrims in years past. Be our constant beacon, a blazing light in this dark night, and lead us home to dwell with your Son forever and ever.

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Let us start this novena 9 days before the start of the National AMM, ie August 4 and repeat it often until the CWL leadership roles that are vacant within our dioceses and provinces are filled.

*"Lord, grant that I may Live this day with Love and Laughter"*