

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.ⁱ

ⁱ From the National Association of Boards of Education, National Catholic Educational Association