

Gifts from the Heart~ ~ ~ ~

A Jar of Blessings



Leader: Gathered in prayer, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives and offer our "Gifts from the Heart" in financial support to the National Council of Catholic Women.

(+ After each general prayer, you are invited to share a prayer of thanksgiving for a personal blessing in your life.)

Leader: Let us pray.....As we end our gathering today, inspired by the Word, renewed in our commitments and refreshed by our fellowship, we pause to thank Our Heavenly Father for the many blessings in our lives.

*Leader: We remember the **blessings of family**---birthdays and anniversaries, new grandchildren and graduations, parents and spouses, weddings and reunions.....*

(+ individual prayers)

*Leader: We offer prayers for the **blessings of Church**---our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Kurtz our pastors and moderators, the religious who serve our diocese in hospitals, schools and parishes.....*

(+ individual prayers)

*Leader: We remember the **blessings of CCW women** who have mentored and encouraged us, in our work in the Council of Catholic Women and in our personal lives.....*

(+ individual prayers)

ALL: We remember these, our blessings, with humility and the sure knowledge that they are gifts of a loving God, and not ours by merit or deed. We ask that our blessings be remembered and that our Gifts from the Heart to the National Council of Catholic Women enhance the commitment to support, empower and educate all Catholic Women and continue to be a voice for justice in our world.