

## **PRAYERS**

### **(1) Salute to the Cross**

Unto the King Eternal, Immortal, and Invisible the only God be honor and glory forever.

### **(2) Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel**

God of heavenly wisdom You have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor.

Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life  
and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come.

O Mother of Good Counsel, Patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women, intercede for us, that we may be wise, courageous and loving leaders of the Church,

Help us, dear mother, to know the mind of Jesus, your son.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence for God's creation,  
and compassion for all God's Children.

May our labors of love on earth enhance the reign of God  
and may God's gifts of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come.

### **(3) Pledge of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

### **(4) NCCW Mission Statement**

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its membership to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

The Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women follows the mission statement of the NCCW in structure and programs. Our goal is to continue the vision of our council sisters and promote the good works of the affiliations around this nation and throughout the world.