



# SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

## Opening and Closing Prayer for OCDS Meetings

### Prayer at the Beginning of Meeting

**All:** Almighty God, in Your merciful love for your Church. You have called us to belong to the family of the Discalced Carmelites and to find mutual support in the pursuit of perfect charity. May the Spirit of Your Son fill our hearts with divine love and make this Fraternity a prophetic witness to union with God in Your Church. Cleanse our hearts of any worthless, evil or distracting thoughts. Give us the wisdom and love necessary to further our spiritual formation. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer at the end of the Meeting (Rule Art.9)

**All:** We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O Ever Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

**L :** Queen, Beauty of Carmel, pray for us.

**All :** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**L :** Father may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Carmel, protect us and bring us to Your holy mountain. We ask this through Christ, our Lord , Who lives and reigns for ever and ever

**All:** Amen,

**L :** Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She shall give birth to a Son and you must name Him Jesus. St. Joseph, our Father, pray for us.

**All :** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**L :** God, in Your infinite wisdom and love, You chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary., the mother of Your Son. May we have the help of his prayers in heaven and enjoy his protection on earth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**All :** Amen.

**L :** The Word of the Lord came to Elijah: Go out and stand in the presence of the Lord. He went out and stood at the mouth of the cave and the Lord passed by in the murmur of a gentle breeze. St. Elijah, our Father, pray for us.

**All :** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

**L :** Almighty and Ever Living God. Your Prophet Elijah, our Father, lived always in your presence and was zealous for the honour of your Name. May we, your servants always seek Your faith and bear witness to your love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**All :** Amen.

**L :** Do not let your hearts be troubled. In my Father's house there are many mansions and I am going to prepare a place for you. St. Teresa, our Mother, pray for us.

**All** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**L :** Father, by Your Spirit You raised up our Mother, St. Teresa of Avila, to show your Church the way of perfection. May her inspired teaching awaken in us a longing for true holiness. We ask this through , our Lord.

**All :** Amen.

**All :** Among you I claim to know nothing save Jesus Christ and Him crucified, for me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

**L :** St. John of the Cross, our Father, pray for us.

**All :** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

**L :** O God, You made Your Priest St. John our Father, our example of perfect self denial and love of the cross. Grant that, constantly imitating him, we may come to the everlasting contemplation of Your glory. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

**All :** Amen

**Glory Be** .....

Our Lady of Mount Carmel > 3 times Pray for Us