

First parents' meeting -suggested prayer

Lord, we come before you this day (evening) and we ask your divine help.

You know that we are about to make some important decisions that impact the lives of the children we serve.

Let us always keep their needs in the centre of our thinking.

Grant us the wisdom to know what to say, compassion to say it honestly and the openness to hear things we don't want to hear.

May our words heal not hurt;

may our sharing be done with kindness as we respect those around us.

Grant that within this group there might be the kind of attitude that will allow us to face our challenges as one body caring for one another.

Let our comments be for the common good.

Bless everyone here and we thank you for being with us.

We make this prayer in your name, God of all life and endless possibilities.

Amen

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