



A Board Prayer

XYZ ORGANIZATION

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR CALLING THIS ORGANIZATION INTO EXISTENCE AND FOR ALLOWING IT TO SERVE AND CARE FOR THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE.

1. Thank you for the various perspectives represented in this meeting and the things we will learn from one another.
2. Thank you for the privilege of corporately receiving reports, and with one voice establishing policies, discovering direction, setting goals and encouraging those who serve in this organization.
3. Thank you for the many people whose lives will be influenced through our meeting—other board members, staff, volunteers, donors, participants, vendors, and generations yet unborn who will benefit from the decisions we make today.
4. And God, thank you for entrusting your ministry into our care through this organization. Help us to be worthy of the trust that you and others are placing in us.

FATHER, ALLOW ME TO REPORT HONESTLY.

5. Help me to tell the whole truth not just the parts that make me look good.
6. Let me not bury bad news in mounds of data and detail and don't let me gloss over painful issues or personal failures.
7. Help me to give credit to others and take responsibility for failure and lack of progress.
8. Don't let me trivialize serious issues or magnify minor successes.
9. Let me tell stories and provide statistics that represent accurately.
10. Help me remember that good information provides a smooth pathway to good decisions.

GOD, AS WE APPROACH THIS MEETING, HELP US TO SEE CLEARLY.

11. Help us to see the issues before us from many perspectives – but ultimately from your perspective. Align our thoughts with your thoughts and our work with your desire.
12. God, help us to see our organization's strengths and weaknesses and to embrace both.
13. Help us connect the dots between the many good ideas to find the great idea you have for us.
14. Help us to distinguish what is significant from what is superficial, what is short-term from what is long-term and what is best for me from what is best for all.

HELP ME TO LISTEN OBJECTIVELY.

15. Allow me the grace to filter angry words and hear the truth behind what is being said.
16. Help me to listen to the painful heart from which flows harsh comments.
17. Help me to learn from what is legitimate and to discard what is said in spite.
18. Help me to respond to questions with grace and respect.
19. Allow me to focus on what is being said more than how I will respond.