

**“To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit one’s self to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything is to succumb to violence. Frenzy destroys our inner capacity for peace. It destroys the fruitfulness of our work, because it kills the root of inner wisdom which makes work fruitful.”**

*Thomas Merton*

**Dear Lord,**

**We pray that Your Holy Spirit will find a place with us during this meeting. May we listen for Your voice in each other and in silent moments. May we find Your peace in having clear focus on the things we can accomplish in harmony and with conviction.**

**Give us grace and trust to place in Your hands those things that make us feel frenzied and destroy our tranquility with doubt and uncertainty. May we have humility, patience, and faith to wait for You to plant seeds of wisdom and confidence before we make hasty decisions that will destroy our peace and the fruitfulness of our work. In Your own time when You have set everything in place for favorable outcomes, You will reveal what we should do, why we should do it, and who should do it.**

**For today, may we have the courage and wisdom to recognize those things that You have allowed to take root in us that will bring peace and prosperity for us and those entrusted to our leadership.**

**Amen.**

