



Evangelii Gaudium

Prayer Module 4

‘A Church That Goes Forth’

Guidelines for Prayer Leaders



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For a group of up to 20 people, this prayer can last from 30-60 minutes.

Responsibilities of Prayer Leaders:

Preparation

- a. Familiarise yourselves with the Prayer Module by going through it personally or with a small group first.
- b. If possible, ascertain the number of people coming, as this would be useful in the grouping.
- c. Inform those who want to attend to bring their bibles and have spare bibles available for the prayer.
- d. Set up a Prayer Focus in the middle or centre of the prayer venue. Standard design is a cross, a bible and a candle laid on top of a clean mantle. Be as creative as possible and match the design with the essence of the Prayer Module. The theme of Prayer Module four is BEING CHURCH. You may want to put a clay vase in the middle of the prayer focus.
- e. Choose the Closing Song and print out the lyrics (for those who may not know the song). Suit the song with the attendees. A suggested song is '*Earthen Vessels*' by John Foley. You can find a video of the song if you do an internet search by typing in the song title and composer. You can use another song if you wish. It would be good to practice before the prayer.
- f. Print out a copy each of the Prayer Module.
- g. Before the start of the Prayer, take some time to have the attendees to introduce each other if it is the first time, they are meeting each other.
- h. After the prayer, the group can socialise for a cuppa.

During Prayer

- a. Distribute copies of the Prayer Module along with the General Guidelines (for first timers). Also include copies of lyrics of the Closing Song.
- b. Welcome the attendees by going through the General Guidelines (especially if this the first time you are meeting), otherwise you can skip this.
- c. Assign someone to read the Scripture Reading.
- d. Start the prayer with the sign of the cross then proceed to read of the Scripture.
- e. Read the introduction to the '*Wisdom from Evangelii Gaudium*', then encourage participants to read a line each of the Challenges.
- f. Read the Reflection Questions and invite people to share with a group. Give 20 minutes per question.
- g. Invite readers for the intercessory prayers and then invite the attendees to share their personal intentions.
- h. Invite the attendees to sing the closing song as a Final Blessing.
- i. Thank everyone and invite them for tea (optional).

