



Evangelii Gaudium

Prayer Module 5

‘Principles for Evangelising’

Guidelines for Prayer Leaders



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Guidelines for Prayer Leaders

For a group of up to 20 people, this prayer can last from 60 or more minutes. This is the longest Prayer Module.

Responsibilities of Prayer Leaders

Preparation

- a. Familiarize 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 clean mantle. Be as creative as possible and match the design with the essence of the Prayer Module. The theme of Prayer Module five is EVANGELISATION. You may want to put a picture of people in church praying and singing.
- e. Print out a copy each of the Prayer Module.
- f. 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.
- g. 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).
- 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. Break the assembly into smaller groups of 5 and instruct them to:
 - Choose someone to read the scripture (use their bibles)
 - Choose people to read the text from *Evangelii Gaudium*
 - Choose a person to facilitate the reflection. The reflection should only be for 10 minutes. If the group aims for a deeper discussion this means that the entire prayer can go beyond 60 minutes.
- d. Start the prayer with the sign of the cross and *read the introduction in the 'Wisdom from Evangelii Gaudium'*. The groups then proceed to do the principles with their smaller groups.
- e. Ring a bell or a timer after 10 minutes to signal the groups to proceed to the next principle.
- f. **OPTIONAL AFTER ALL PRINCIPLES HAVE BEEN REFLECTED UPON:** Ask a representative per group to share what has transpired in their groups after all the sharing.
- g. **OPTIONAL:** Take a 2-minute break after the 2nd principle.
- h. Gather assembly back, give some time for people to settle in through a moment of silence before proceeding to the intercessory prayers.
- i. Invite readers for the intercessory prayers then invite the attendees to share their personal intentions.
- j. Close the prayer by reciting or singing the Prayer for Peace of St. Francis of Assisi
- k. Thank everyone and invite them for tea. (Optional)

