



Evangelii Gaudium

Prayer Module 6

‘Love Changes Everything’

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. 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 the Prayer Module six is LOVE so you can put something that evokes love in all forms (i.e romantic, friendship, parents, etc.).
- e. Choose the Opening Song and print out the lyrics (for those who may not know the song). A strongly suggested song is 'Love Changes Everything' composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber and sung by Michael Ball. You can see a good video of this on YouTube. You can choose another love song if you wish.
- f. Print out a copy each of the Prayer Module.
- g. Before the start of the Prayer, take some time to have the attendees 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. Also, include lyrics of the Opening Song if possible.
- b. Welcome the attendees by going through the General Guidelines (especially if this the first time you are meeting).
- c. Start the prayer with the sign of the cross and read the introduction for the Opening Song. Play the song
- d. Ask someone to read the Scriptures
- e. Read and facilitate the Reflection for the Scripture. Wait until those who want to share a line or phrase that speaks to them have had their chance.
- f. Read the introduction to the 'Wisdom from Evangelii Gaudium' and invite participants to take turns in reading a line each.
- g. Read the Reflection Questions and invite people to share with a group. Give 20 minutes per question.
- h. Invite readers for the intercessory prayers and afterwards to share their personal intentions
- i. Invite the attendees to say the 'Final Blessing' together
- j. Thank everyone and invite them for tea

