

Leader Guide Template Friday Prayer Around The Cross

INTRODUCTION (optional):

If you have a commemoration, a special welcome to guests, or particular instructions about a portion of the service, put them here. Otherwise, this section can be dropped.

The assembly stands.

OPENING:

**Blessed be God
Who forgives our sin,
Heals every illness,
Saves us from death,
Enfolds us with tender care,
And crowns us with steadfast love.
Blessed be God forever.**

The Trisagion is sung 3x.

Holy God *Trisagion*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half note 'Ho' on a G4, followed by a quarter note 'ly' on an A4, a quarter note 'God,' on a B4, a quarter note 'ho' on a G4, a quarter note 'ly' on an A4, a quarter note 'and' on a B4, a quarter note 'might' on a C5, and a quarter note 'y,' on a B4. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half note 'ho' on a G4, a quarter note 'ly' on an A4, a quarter note 'and' on a B4, a quarter note 'im-' on a G4, a quarter note 'mor-' on an A4, a quarter note 'tal,' on a B4, a quarter note 'have' on a G4, a quarter note 'mer-' on an A4, a quarter note 'cy' on a B4, a quarter note 'on' on a G4, and a quarter note 'us.' on a B4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines.

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The assembly sits.

PSALM:

Introduce the Psalm and explain how it will be read or sung. Feel free to copy and paste the psalm into this form for sake of ease:

PSALM PRAYER:

The Psalm Prayer can be found in the ELW Leaders' Desk Edition or on the Student Drive under the folder Chapel and then under Worship Resources. Each Psalm has a particular prayer printed at the end of it.

READING:

Before the reading, announce:

A reading from <Book>.

After the reading, say:

Word of God, word of life.

The assembly stands.

HYMN:

The assembly sits.

BRIEF TIME FOR SILENCE

INTRO TO PRAYERS AROUND THE CROSS:

We now invite you to join us as you wish in prayer around the cross. You may light a candle and place it in any of the stations, or just pray as you wish. If you pray at the station with the square vessel, others may come and lay hands upon you while you pray, joining their prayers with yours. Let us contemplate together the meaning of Christ's cross in our lives and in our prayers.

PRAYERS AROUND THE CROSS

HYMNS:

Choose several shorter, contemplative-style hymns for singing during the prayers. Hymns may be chosen from ELW, Singing Our Prayer, or another resource (provided copies can be distributed before the service).

<Title, Number>

<Title, Number>

<Title, Number>

CONCLUDING PRAYER:

The concluding prayer can be one of the following, something from another resource, or something written especially for your service:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified, mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

or

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

or

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ; preserve us in faith, strengthen us in hope, and fill us with love until the day when we are raised with Christ in glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

LORD'S PRAYER:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

BLESSING:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God bless us, defend us from evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

DISMISSAL:

Depart in peace, sharing signs of peace.