

Archdiocese of Dublin

Prayer Service
For
The Year of Evangelisation

‘GOOD NEWS FOR THE POOR’

Gathering Hymn/Instrumental

Suggestions for Gathering Hymns

Christ! Be our light (Laudate/ In Caelo/Seinn Alleluia)
Laudate Omnes Gentes (Laudate/ Hymns Old and New)
Gather your People, O Lord (Laudate)
Christ be Beside me (Hymns Old and New/ Seinn Alleluia/
In Caelo)
Sing to the Lord Alleluia (Hymns Old and New)

Lighting of Candle

Leader: Greeting and Welcome

Gathering of Voices

Invitation to **listen**.

A night light could be lit after each voice, allowing a short time of silence.

Voice 1

'I am 17, just finished my Leaving Cert, and my dad has just lost his job. I wonder will I have to emigrate in search of work like my grandparents did.'

I am searching for a future.

Voice 2

'We are parents of a very sick child – we keep a daily vigil at her bedside , hoping against hope.'

We are searching for hope and healing.

Voice 3

'I had a very unhappy childhood. I have never forgotten those early years.

I am seeking to let go and move on

Voice 4

I came to Ireland in search of a new life. I work hard, long hours. But there is little time left for anything else. I am constantly homesick.

I am seeking to belong.

Voice 5

I am elderly. I've seen so many changes in my lifetime. I go out so little these days – all I have left are my memories. I can go for days without speaking to anyone.

I yearn for companionship.

Final Prayer (All)

*May the Lord bless us and keep us,
May the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be
gracious to us;
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon us and
give us his peace. We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord, Amen*

Suggestions for Closing Hymn

Bring forth the Kingdom (Laudate)
God's Spirit is in my Heart (Hymns Old and New/
Celebration Hymnal)
Walk in the Light (Laudate/ Hymns Old and New/
Celebration Hymnal)
Shine, Jesus, Shine (Laudate)



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All:

*We gather in the name of God our Father, who cre-
ated all things out of tender and enduring love.
We gather in the name of Jesus, who gave God a
human face and showed us the way to the Father.*

*We gather in the power and energy of the Spirit, who
is with us to the end of time and enables us to
respond to God's call to us.*

Leader

We gather at the beginning of the Year of
Evangelisation in our Diocese to hear and accept the
Good News into our lives in a deeper way.

We gather to commit ourselves to sharing the Good
News and being Good News for others.
We gather in solidarity with all who search, who
struggle, who suffer.
We come with our hopes and dreams.
Let us listen to the words of Jesus in the Gospel.....

We listen to the Gospel; Luke 4:1`6-21
I have come to bring Good News to the poor

Silent reflection or short commentary

We respond by singing...

Suggestions for a song after the Gospel

Your Words are Spirit and Life O Lord (Laudate)
Bless the Lord (Taizé) (Laudate/Hymns Old and New)
We Praise You (Just the refrain) (Gather)
Celtic Alleluia (Laudate)

Distribution of Scroll and Candle

People are invited to come forward to receive a scroll containing a verse of the Gospel and a lighted candle. As each person comes forward the leader says:

“Receive and share the Good News”

Music: A Touching Place (Iona Community)/ Instrumental while people are moving

When people have returned to their seats introduce the intercessions. Invite people to stand.

Final Reflection based on **St Theresa’s Prayer**

Leader: Jesus said...

“Go preach the Gospel to all nations” (Pause)

This was your farewell command Jesus,
For you have no body now on earth but ours.

Voice 1

You have no hands but ours
To raise up the fallen.

Voice 2

You have no feet but ours
To seek out the lost.

Voice 3

You have no eyes but ours
To see the silent tears of the suffering.

Voice 4

You have no ears but ours
To listen to the lonely.

Voice 5

You have no tongue but ours
To speak a word of comfort to the sad.

Voice 6

You have no heart but ours to love the unloved.

hospitality of true friendship from their neighbours.

Lord, in your great love...

For the elderly; may their lives be a witness to their faith and hope in God and may they experience the support and presence of those who care.

Lord, in your great love...

For the Year of Evangelisation: may the gospel be proclaimed and heard in a fresh and dynamic way, renewing our relationship with Christ and inspiring us to share the “Good News”.

Lord, in your great love...

Leader: Let us gather our spoken and unspoken prayers as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught...
Our Father

People extinguish their candles and sit down.

Play the **C.D. of St Theresa’s Prayer** (John Michael Talbot) *Signature’s* Album or Instrumental music.

Intercessions

Prayers of intercession can be prayed by six individual voices.

Response: Spoken or sung

We pray for all our young people; may God’s plan unfold for them, giving them hope for their future and trust in their searching.

Lord, in your great love...

For all who care for the sick; may they receive strength and courage as they place their trust in God’s healing power.

Lord, in your great love...

For those who have suffered abuse of any kind. May they receive the healing and peace of Christ’s gentle presence.

Lord, in your great love...

For those who are lonely and far away from their home; May they experience the warmth and