

Prayers for Meetings Suggested Structure

Set the scene

- you may like to set up a simple focal point for your prayer - a candle, a bible, a cross or a symbol that has particular meaning for your group.

Acknowledgement of Country

- there is a suggested format in this series of prayers. It would be appropriate to include the name of the traditional custodians of the land on which you are meeting.

Gather

- derived from the Statement of Directions, this is a simple way to gather the group as you begin to pray.

Listen

- to the wisdom of our Catholic, Good Samaritan Benedictine tradition (text boxes on p1 and p2).

Respond

- by sharing thoughts and insights in response to the question posed on p2.

Concluding Prayer/Blessing

- you may like to invite prayer intentions from the group before the final blessing on p2.

Prayer is not designed to take people out of the world to find God – it is designed to enable people to realise that God is in the world around them. It calls us back to a consciousness of God here and now. *Joan Chittister OSB*