

'Prayers for Peace' – notes on the format

This hour-long service consists of:

- Welcome, introductory prayers, and opening hymn
- Three readings (which do not have to be scriptural) each followed by:
 - Meditation points (up to five, read slowly, with gaps between each point)
 - Pause for silent prayer (usually about five minutes)
 - Chant or hymn (introduced by playing through the tune very quietly twice, then bringing up the volume to cue the congregation to start singing). We suggest people stand for this.
 - A prayer (from any source, though Morning or Evening prayers are an obvious place to look)
- Bidding prayers (pre-written)
- A pause for the congregation to add their own spoken or silent prayers
- The Our Father
- A closing hymn
- Dismissal