

Service Roles for First-Friday Prayer

1) Prayer Facilitator (MC)

(guides the sequence of the prayer service per the agreed schedule by prompting the opening song, silent prayer, reflection, petitions, and closing with the Our Father and final song.)

2) Song Leader

(selects 2 songs for the start and 1 for the end, and leads the group in singing...or at least in getting started.)

3) Reading /Reflection Leader

(selects a reading of some kind, in consultation with me, and presents a 5-minute reflection that supports the perspective of putting our hope in Christ, for all our needs.)

4) Petition Leader

(reads the written petitions and perhaps adds one or two more, as appropriate...and then solicits personal petitions from the group.)

Prayer Facilitator's Order of the Hour

(Facilitator prompts/leads the group through the order of the hour, striving to end on time without imposing a rigid, overly-scripted tone in the process.)

6:00am Opening Song(s) *(selection & leading by Song Leader)*

6:05am Silent Prayer

6:35am Reading/Reflection *(presented by Reflection Leader, followed by a few minutes for silent reflection)*

6:45am Petitions *(listed below, to be led by Petition Leader)*

- a) written petitions are read
- b) oral petitions are invited from the group
- c) Petition Leader concludes (...all these things through Christ our Lord, Amen)

6:50am The Our Father, plus any final comment and announcements

6:55am Closing Song *(selection and leading by Song Leader)*

7:00am (not-to-exceed ending time, in recognition of commuters...)

Petition Leader -- prayer intentions:

(“The response to each petition is, ‘Lord, hear our prayer’”)

- 1. For public leaders in the state of Michigan that they may act with wisdom, justice and integrity for the sake of the common good.
We pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.***

- 2. For employers, that they may manage their companies well so as to sustain employment while serving markets in ways worthy of God’s Providence.
We pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.***

- 3. For all our spiritual leaders of the Archdiocese of Detroit, that they may wisely guide the People of God and lead them courageously to Christ in these trying times.
We pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.***

- 4. For all those men and women in our State who are unemployed or underemployed that they may find new work and turn to God with confident trust during this time of trial.
We pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.***

- 5. For all families in our area that are undergoing financial and domestic stress—that they may humbly seek God’s help in providing for every need while preserving unity and peace in their homes.
We pray to the Lord...*Lord, hear our prayer.***

(Here, the Petition Leader adds any other petition that he has prepared...)

For _____

We pray to the Lord... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Petition Leader invites the group: “Please speak your own prayer... “
(When there’s a petition, the Petition Leader may need to call for the response: “We pray to the Lord... *Lord, hear our prayer.*”)*