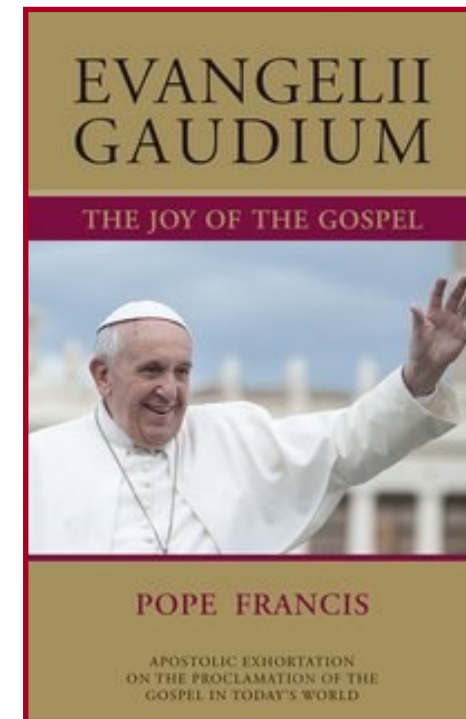


# General Guidelines

## Prayer Resource

on

## *Evangelii Gaudium*



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Welcome to the Prayer Resource on *Evangelii Gaudium* (EG) or the Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis!

This Prayer Resource is developed for groups, but it can also be used for individual reflection. The ideal would be a group of up to 20 participants, and run for 30-60 minutes (depending on the Prayer Module and the size of the group).

The Prayer Resource is divided into Prayer Modules, each one touching a particular chapter of *Evangelii Gaudium*.

**Prayer Module 1:** *The Joy of the Gospel* - Introduction and overview of EG

**Prayer Module 2:** *The One Who Remembers* – Chapter 2 and 3 on missionary discipleship in today's world

**Prayer Module 3:** *The Smell of the Sheep* – Chapter 2 and 3 on the challenges of pastoral workers

**Prayer Module 4:** *The Church that Goes Forth* – Chapter 2 and 3 on the challenges of the Church as a whole

**Prayer Module 5:** *Principles for Evangelising* – Chapter 4 on a model for evangelising

**Prayer Module 6:** *Love Changes Everything* – Chapter 5 on being spirit-filled evangelisers

Each Prayer Module would have:

- A suggested song for opening or the final blessing.
- A suggested scripture reading – you are free to select another one.

- Wisdom from *Evangelii Gaudium* – selected text from the chapter that captures the essence of a concept or a lesson Francis wishes to convey. These are referenced as a number at the end of the sentence (eg #19; you don't have to read this), which refers to the number of the paragraph by which it was culled from in the EG document. The group is free to refer to the actual text which are referenced throughout the reading.
- Intercessory Prayers that were culled from EG.
- Final Blessings which were culled from EG or a suggested song.

The prayer is designed in a way that once the user/s have finished all the Prayer Modules, they could have effectively have an idea of the insight of EG. The goal is not knowledge which the users can get from reading and studying EG, but to gain insight into the heart of EG. Most of the content is derived from the document and users are encouraged to reflect on the wisdom of EG and let it speak to them personally. It was designed to be simple, understandable, and easier to be translated to other languages (translated versions in other languages will soon be available). Finally, parishioners are free to pick portions of any of the Prayer Modules to create a new prayer.

