

Kujenga Viongozi New England 2009
Friday Night Opening/Morning Praise Guidelines

PRELUDE

A song to set the tone of worship as participants come into the worship space.

OPENING SONG

A song to begin the time of prayer.

INTRODUCTION

The group leading morning praise welcomes everyone, introduces themselves, and invites everyone to enter into an attitude of prayer.

OPENING PRAYER

This prayer can be something that is written or a spontaneous prayer said by a member of the group. This prayer can also be a responsorial prayer: A leader will say a part and the assembled group responds.

PSALM OR SONG

The group can lead everyone in another song or in a psalm from the reading of the day.

READING

The reading can be taken from the readings of the day or a passage chosen from the Old or New Testament. It can be proclaimed by a member of the group or acted out by several people.

WITNESS TALK

A member of the group has 10 minutes to speak to everyone. This young person has an opportunity to share an experience that she/he has gone through in his/her faith journey.

This brief talk should answer the following questions:

How has your faith in God helped you get through this difficult situation?

What have you learned about yourself and about God through this experience?

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The group can prewrite these petitions or everyone can give a brief petition.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung or spoken

CLOSING PRAYER

This prayer can be something written or a spontaneous prayer said by a member of the group. The tone should be one of sending everyone forth to live out the day of retreat.

CLOSING SONG

Song should appropriately enhance or reflect the message of the opening prayer service or morning praise or reinforce the theme for the weekend.