

# Leaving Prayers for ECIC Rome

*From Prompts to Prayers - AI and Authentic Spirituality*

*A responsive prayer adapted for a European Christian Internet Conference held in Rome, June 2026.*

**Leader:** The world belongs to God

**All: the earth, its people, and every language of hope.**

**Leader:** How good it is, how wonderful,

**All: when we meet as one body, across borders, churches, and networks.**

**Leader:** Love and faith come together,

**All: truth and mercy join hands.**

**Leader:** If Christ's disciples keep silent,

**All: the stones of Rome would cry out, and the servers would still hum with longing.**

**Leader:** Open our lips, O God,

**All: and let our mouths, our messages, and our digital words proclaim your praise.**

## Prayer of confession

**Leader:** Holy God, Maker of all,

**All: have mercy on us.**

**Leader:** Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, friend of the poor and the searching,

**All: have mercy on us.**

**Leader:** Holy Spirit, Breath of life, wisdom deeper than every system,

**All: have mercy on us.**

**Leader:** Let us in silence confess our faults, our hurry, our noise, and our frailty.

*Silence*

**Leader:** Before God, with the people of God, we confess our brokenness: the ways we wound our own lives, the lives of others, the life of the world, and the trust placed in every word we share.

**All: May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.**

**Leader:** As we make use of AI in our worship we ask you, God, to help us to distinguish hollow words from spirituality and make the prayers our authentic own ones, filled with heart and hope.

**All: May God grant us wisdom to wholeheartedly worship him with our own thoughts and spirituality.**

**Leader:** Amen.

## Hymn: In the Lord

### The letting go

**Leader:** As Paul came to Rome bearing witness in chains,

**All: so we bring our questions, our tools, and our responsibilities into the freedom of Christ.**

**Leader:** As pilgrims have crossed roads, seas, and centuries to pray in this city,

**All: we lay down what is merely impressive and seek what is honest, humble, and alive.**

**Leader:** As prompts ask for words, patterns, and possibilities,

**All: so we ask for wisdom, discernment, and authentic prayer.**

**Leader:** As artificial intelligence can assist, translate, draft, and surprise us,

**All: so we remember that communion, compassion, and holiness are gifts, not outputs.**

**Leader:** As we leave this conference and return to our churches, platforms, homes, and work,

**All: so we carry signs of hope and healing into every timeline, inbox, conversation, and silence.**

**Leader:** As Christ sends us beyond ourselves,

**All: so we reach a wider world with courage, tenderness, and truth.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Leader:** As Jesus taught us, so we pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**Leader:** May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall, in ancient stones and glowing screens, guide your feet as you go.

**Leader:** May God, who is with you when you sit and when you stand, when you speak and when you search, encompass you with love and lead you by the hand.

**Leader:** May God, who knows your path, your passwords, your doubts, and the places where you rest, be with you in your waiting, be your good news for sharing, and lead you in the way that is everlasting.

**All: Amen.**

## **Hymn: Bless the Lord my soul**

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