

Code of Conduct

The Initiative UK PRAYS

Nature and organisation of the initiative UK PRAYS

The initiative UK PRAYS is a Roman Catholic lay prayer initiative for the United Kingdom.

The sole aim, content and mission of the initiative UK PRAYS is to record and present the common prayer of the rosary in cities and towns in the UK. We do this in order to entrust our country to the Blessed Mother and to ask her help for all its inhabitants.

The common prayer invitation is an invitation to pray the rosary together and not an invitation for demonstrations or protest marches. The initiative UK PRAYS is not a rally of any kind outside the stated religious purpose of prayer.

Therefore, the initiative UK PRAYS, from the very beginning, explicitly distances itself from all actions outside the above-mentioned purpose of prayer, especially from political activities.

Commitments of the organisers of individual groups

Organisers of joint prayer meetings of the initiative UK PRAYS undertake to comply with the Code of Conduct. The organisers undertake to ensure that all persons participating in the registered prayer meeting comply with this Code of Conduct.

The commitment comes into effect from the announcement of the prayer meeting to the initiative UK PRAYS.

Only prayers, texts or other publication material approved in writing by the initiative UK PRAYS are part of the initiative UK PRAYS.

Misuse or instrumentalisation of the initiative UK PRAYS, in particular unauthorised content, activist appearances, politically motivated expressions of opinion, events and actions are not part of the initiative.

Commitment of all participants

All contributors and participants commit themselves to an orderly conduct of the prayer meeting and appropriate devotion and try to avoid any unnecessary confrontation with the public or the authorities.

Media and copyright regulations

Public statements, interviews, media contributions etc. must, without exception, be coordinated with the initiative UK PRAYS and approved by it in writing.

Statements, interviews, media contributions etc. that have not been approved in writing by the initiative UK PRAYS are not part of the initiative.

The media company, the media service, the media owner and/or the media producer undertake to submit the media content to the initiative UK PRAYS for authorisation and release in due time before publication.

Basically, media work is not an objective of the initiative UK PRAYS. Its exclusive objective is the common prayer of the rosary.

If you take pictures of the public prayer of the rosary, where people can be identified, it is essential to obtain their permission for the pictures to be distributed on any social media platform in order to stay within the Data Protection Act.

If you upload images to the Telegram group or email them to us, you automatically grant our initiative a right of use. This includes the use on digital media such as maps, homepages, posts in social media, as well as offline media. If you do not want this, please attach a clearly legible copyright notice to the image before uploading it.

Unity of prayer meetings

If possible, the common prayer should take place every Sunday at 16:30.

The prayer meeting should take place at a dignified public location, either in front of churches, historic places, war memorials or if possible a Christian symbol/shrine. It is advised and recommended to bring candles, statues and banners (Our Lady of Fatima, Walsingham or the Sacred Heart, Immaculate Heart) to help aid the devotion of the faithful. We wish to make a public sign and pray for our country in the open air.

With the announcement of the prayer meeting, the organisers commit themselves to ensure that only the traditional rosary (joyful, sorrowful and glorious) is prayed or any of the prayers approved by UK PRAYS which can be found on the UK PRAYS prayer document. It can be led alternately for each decade.

If required, rosaries will be offered and distributed free of charge. Other sacramentals such as Miraculous Medals and St. Benedict Medals can also be offered and distributed to any passers-by.