

Prayer

Through Music



Two Ways...

- As a prayer in itself
- As a vehicle for reflection



Two Ways...

- *As a prayer in itself*



1st Augustine said...



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Some examples



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Phil Wickham - This is
Amazing Grace

Watch the video and listen, carefully, to the words. Start and end with the sign of the Cross.



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Some examples



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Oh Happy Day from
Sister Act 2

Maybe you know the
sign language for this!



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Some examples

Hillsong - Behold (Then Sings My Soul)

'Hillsong Church is a global Pentecostal megachurch' and their music is very popular.

Watch this song and read the lyrics, allowing the words to sink in.

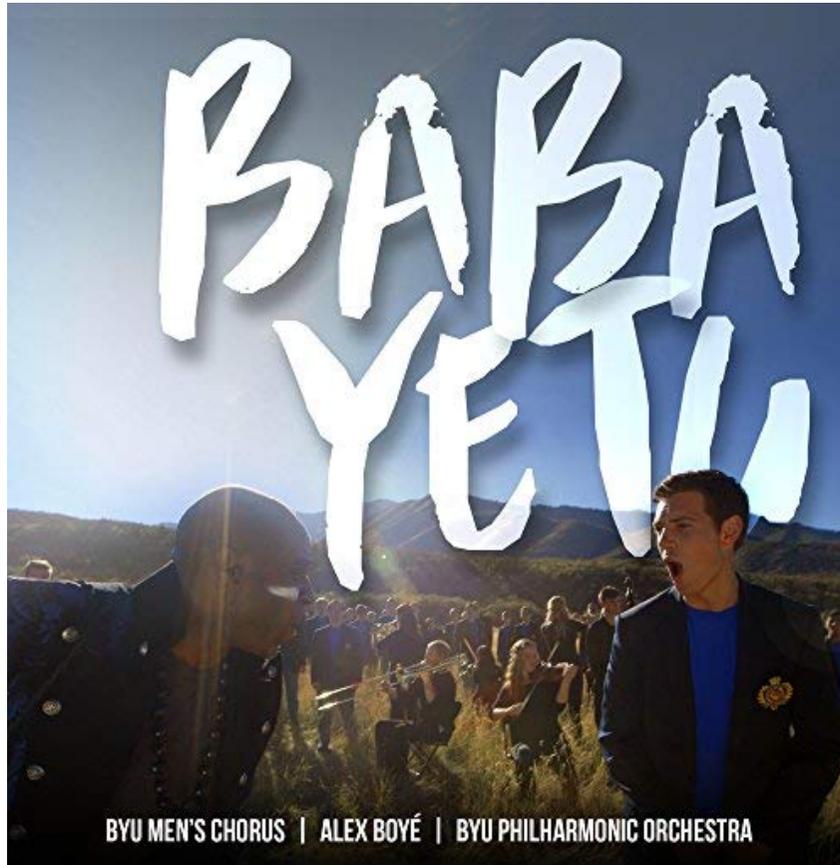


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Some examples



*This is the Lord's
prayer in Swahili.*

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Two Ways...

- *As a vehicle for reflection*



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Which way round?

a. start by finding a meaning and focusing on that while the song plays

or

b. play the song first and pick out the lyrics you want to use as a focus for your prayer.



2a

ONE - U2

'Carry each other'

We pray for the strength to help and support each other.

Think of one person who particularly needs to be carried at this time. Focus on that one person while the song plays.

'One life with each other'

We pray for peace in the world - we ask for an understanding of people's different views and an acceptance of their right to hold them, particularly for those in authority, so that we can all live this life at peace with each other.



2a

One



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2

Shackles - Mary Mary

'Take the shackles off my feet so I can dance'

What 'shackles' are holding us back?

What things do we need releasing from to make us free?

Think about one thing that is stopping you from being free while the song is played and ask God to 'set you free'.

I'm gonna praise you

Think of how you can use the gifts and talents you have been given to work for the glory of God as you go through today.

Think about key Christian qualities; love, forgiveness, hope, joy, justice, peace, service. Focus on how you can put one of these into action today as you listen to the song.



2a

Shackles



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2b

Stormzy



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2

Blinded by your Grace

'Although I'm not worthy
You fixed me'

Dear Lord, I am sorry for the things I have done which make me feel 'unworthy' and I thank you for 'fixing me' and showing me that there is nothing I can do which would separate me from your love. Amen.

'I said a prayer this
morning, I prayed I
would find the way to
another day'

Dear Lord, we pray for all those who are finding it difficult to look forward. We ask that you will fill them with your grace and give them hope. Amen.

