

RELIGIOUS FUTURES

'Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense;
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.'

– Psalm 141: 2

'Aimed at the peripheral frontiers of the digital world where the young people dwell, the Click To Pray eRosary serves as a technology-based teaching tool to help young people pray the Rosary for peace and to contemplate the Gospel. The project brings together the best of the Church's spiritual tradition and the latest advances of the technological world.'

– *Vatican News*, 15 October 2019

This is an experimental device, a tool for learning how to pray. The era of invention began and the machine came into being, a wearable technology bracelet featuring a crucifix interface with built-in camera, infra-red sensors, microphones, incomprehensible incantations for deep coma worship.

Electronic rosary machines connect with smartphone apps for guided prayer and hypnotic communication rituals. The gadget aims to help the young achieve world peace and contemplate, practice and propagate the gospel. The equipment also awards Prayer Bonuses when used.

For eons, people have reached out to the Almighty but now you don't have to have his e-mail address or understand the relationship between structure and culture or bother with religious demography and survey results. The future is here right now.

Will our gods die out altogether? Human lives are cheaper than machines in almost every country of the world, but everybody still needs systems and methods for enhancing prayer. We must look to the past, to founding myths, old religions

and ancestral lines. Our jokes may be bad but hopefully our content is more informative than alternative scenarios and final conclusions. This experimental device is our shared future, now we should have everything we need.

The music of the prayer machine is constantly purring through my body. For the most accurate intercessions it should be kept flat and at a proper distance from electromagnetic fields, fervour, interfaith communities and cultural despair. Welcome to the temple of tomorrow.

The essential nature of prayer is a layering of sound upon sound, controlled by an alchemy very similar to that which generates worship music. Users can control piety, dynamism, plurality and multivocality but please note that salvation is not included in the price of your purchase.

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