

Prayer-Meditation Space Guidelines

The Graduate Theological Union seeks to support the spiritual well-being of students, staff and faculty by providing a prayer and meditation space to be used for quiet activity and contemplation, as well as worship.

The Director of Library Services' Office will manage the space. The space will be open during library hours, and must be empty and clean 15 minutes before library closing. The space is limited to students, faculty, and staff of the GTU consortium and their guests.

- The room is to be used for prayer/meditation and religious observances and not as a lounge, study room, meeting room or for other purposes not involved with prayer/meditation. Please respect the requirement for a peaceful, quiet atmosphere. Reservable study rooms are located on the lower level for meetings and group work.
- Animals are not allowed in the room, including emotional support animals. Service animals are welcome.
- There are public restrooms outside of the space for handwashing.
- The use of fire, including lighted candles or incense, is not permitted.
- No food or open, unsealed liquids are allowed in the room, including those for ritual. Water bottles, travel mugs, and other spill-proof drink containers are okay.
- Please keep the room clean. All personal and group materials are to be removed from the space after use. Lockers are available for the GTU community on the lower level of the library for storage of rugs, mats, or other ritual items. Furniture must remain in the space, but can be moved around.
- Symbols of faith or practice must be removed or put away after each individual or group usage, and the overall tone of the room shall be religiously neutral.
- Personal belongings should not be left unattended, as the room does not lock.
- Posters, leaflets, flyers, etc. are not to be placed in the room.
- The room is drop-in, unless you have a prior arrangement with campus administration.
- For your safety, the security guard or library staff may peek in the room to check on participants.

Any damages to space or equipment must be promptly reported to the Director of Library Services or the Facilities Manager.

For questions or comments: library@gtu.edu

Please turn off the lights as you exit.
Thank you!