



Copyright Licence Religious Organisations

When religious organisations use poems, prayers and other literary content to enhance their services they may breach copyright laws by copying and sharing content without permission.

Most literary works are covered by copyright. If your religious organisation copies and shares text and/or images that were created by others, you'll usually need permission from the copyright owner to do so. This includes content such as:

- Poems
- Prayer books
- Hard copy and online newspapers; and magazine articles.

Our Copyright Licence for Religious Organisations protects your religious organisation from the risk of copyright infringement. It gives your religious organisation the freedom to copy and share third party literary content; and use that content in your religious services. As we pay royalties to the creators whose works you reuse, you'll foster the creation of new content which will benefit your organisation and congregation in the future.

Copy and share global content

Specifically tailored for worship, our Copyright Licence for Religious Organisations gives you the right to copy and share hard copy and digital literary content from around the world*, including:

- Prayer Books
- Newspapers and magazines from around the world, including The Catholic Weekly, The Record, The Witness
- Plus books, journal articles and online content.



Who is Copyright Agency?

Copyright Agency is an Australian not-for-profit licensing organisation that has facilitated the legal use of quality copyright content for more than 40 years. We represent over 40,000 rightsholders including publishers, journalists, researchers, and more. We offer simple licensing solutions for businesses so that your company can legally copy and share content, and be confident that its creators are being paid fairly for their work.

Key benefits to your Religious Organisation



Speed and efficiency
Enjoy a fast and unencumbered flow of information



Ease of use
One licence covers copyright material from millions of sources*



Peace of mind
All of your religious organisation can legally share our member's content



Share articles
Share relevant newspaper articles in your congregations' newsletter



Learning and innovation
Enhance Sunday or Sabbath School and Bible Study with our members' content

Fee Structure

Licence fees for the Copyright Licence for Religious Organisations are simple:

- A flat licence fee of \$126.34+GST** for organisations with an average weekly congregation of less than 100 members.
- \$1.28+GST** per congregation member for organisations with an average weekly congregation of over 100 members.

Lyrics and Worship

Lyrics are excluded from the Copyright Agency Licence for Religious Organisations. To obtain licences for the use of lyrics please contact:

- **APRA AMCOS**
apraamcos.com.au
- **Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI)**
au.ccli.com
- **OneLicense**
onelicense.net

Your licence:

- **Allows your parish to use literary works in common religious worship.** You can use content on overhead projectors, digital presentations and in photocopied handouts.
- **Covers your congregation for the use of literary works in Sunday or Sabbath Schools and in bible study groups.** Enhance Sunday or Sabbath School and Bible Study with our members' content.
- **Saves you from having to negotiate licence fees with individual copyright owners.** One annual licence fee allows your organisation to copy and share content from millions of sources.
- **Provides real compliance.** Relying on fair dealing and library exceptions leaves considerable copyright compliance gaps and a false sense of compliance.
- **Reduces your risk of being brought into copyright dispute.** Protect your reputation and avoid potential litigation expenses.
- **Supports creators.** With the licence fees you pay, you'll help foster the creation of new content which will benefit others in the future.

Getting your license is easy.

Visit our [website](#) or [email](#) our team to learn more about our licensing solution and obtain a customised quote.

* Terms, conditions, limits and exclusions apply.

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