

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

PRAYER SPARK

“No one goes through life alone. But that does not always stop people from feeling alone. The world may seem like such a big place at times but with the help of PrayerSpark, it just became a little smaller. PrayerSpark is a website that allows individuals to digitally send prayers to their friends, family, and those in need. This site allows people to send personalized spoken prayers directly from monks, yogis, rabbis, priests and leaders of many more religious backgrounds from all faiths (with the optional choice of a donation to charity as well). Not only does this website allow people to send prayers, it also gives them the option of sending greeting cards, flowers and other consoling gifts to accompany any blessing.

Furthermore, it is Siena College’s distinct pleasure to be adding one of our own to that list of profound religious writers. Fr. Linh Hoang, the Chair of Religious Studies at Siena, has taken it upon himself to take part in this website and participate in writing the prayers for others to use and send out. As a spiritual leader, Fr. Linh Hoang’s prayer donations are generously given to a charity of his choosing, which in his case benefit refugees and trafficked people. In any case, the PrayerSpark website is a simple, caring way to let others know they are being thought of and one Siena College should be proud to have a representative on.”



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CHECK OUT THIS NEW BLOG!

Dr. Ryan McLaughlin, Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, has published a blog entitled “The Real Theological Challenge of Evolution” for the popular website, Patheos.

You can visit this blog by clicking [here](#).



CLASSES TO CONSIDER FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER

RELG 490: Seminar--Dante: the Divine Comedy

This course will focus on Dante’s Divine Comedy, one of the greatest works of world literature. We will join Dante as he journeys to Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven. Along the way we will examine some of the fundamental issues that all human beings confront--questions of good and evil, free will, justice, religion, spirituality, love and hate, and the meaning of life. All readings are in English. Honors Course. Limited to 12 students. Permission of instructor required. For more information, please contact Professor Joe Allegretti at jallegretti@siena.edu