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The Hip Hop Prayer Book

• "If Jesus were alive today, he would have been a rapper."

—Bishop Catherine Roskam

A powerful evangelism tool, developed at Trinity Church of Morrisania in the birthplace of Hip Hop, the South Bronx, *The Hip Hop Prayer Book* offers a means to worship that will draw in the young and speak to those not generally spoken to by the Church. It contains daily prayers, Psalms, a variety of services (including a Eucharist), and a selection of bible stories. Designed with the enlivening power of Hip Hop in mind, with prefaces by two bishops of the Episcopal Church and a wealth of contextualizing materials, *The Hip Hop Prayer Book* can be used for personal worship and by church leaders looking for ways in which to broaden the reach of their congregation.



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SAMPLE PRAYER (Adapted by Ryan Kearsse)

23rd Psalm

The Lord is all that, I need for nothing.

He allows me to chill.

*He keeps me from being heated
and allows me to breathe easy.*

*He guides my life so that
I can represent and give
shouts out in his Name.*

*And even though I walk through
the Hood of death,
I don't back down
for you have my back.*

*The fact that you have me covered
allows me to chill.*

*He provides me with back-up
in front of my player-haters
and I know that I am a baller
and life will be phat.*

*I fall back in the Lord's crib
for the rest of my life.*

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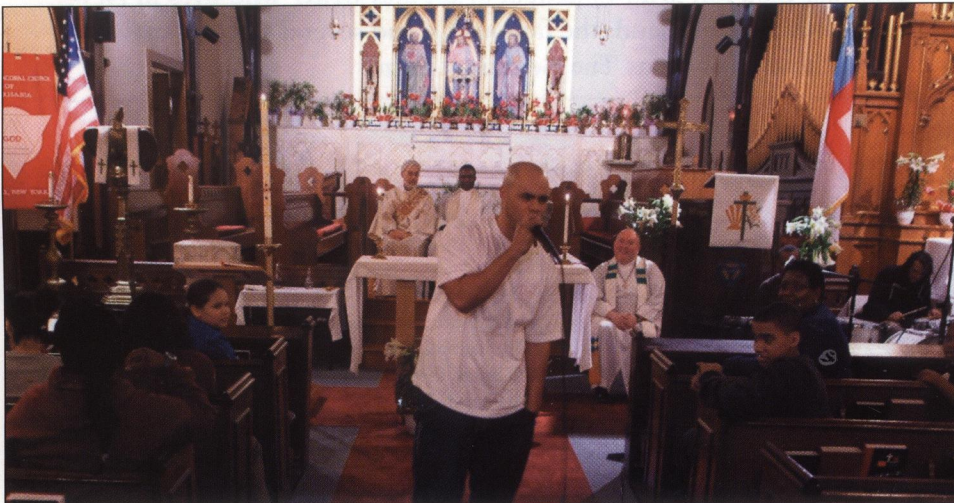


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