

Film title

The Prayer

Tagline

Between heaven and Earth

Short synopsis

Thomas is a drug addict. In an effort to put an end to his habit, he joins a community of former addicts who live isolated in the mountains and use prayer as a way to cure themselves.

Long synopsis

Thomas, a 22-year-old heroin addict, joins an isolated community at a Catholic rehab centre in the French Alps with the aim to try to kick his habit. The film chronicles his difficult path to recovery through a mix of prayer and hard labour, the short-tempered adolescent's transformation into an independent, spiritual being. Its greatest fortes are unpretentious, precise direction, the courage to render the story in painful detail and a brilliant cast. Kahn's feature is a humble character study, a formally pure, quiet celebration of human compassion and determination – a discreet, yet piercing and unsentimental account of faith, redemption, addiction, and the tough choice one is compelled to make between love of humans and God.

Technical information and credits

Original title: La prière
English title: The Prayer
Year: 2018
Country: France
Language: fr
Subtitles: cz
Running time: 103 min
Dostupnost: 15+

Genre: Drama
Directed by: Cédric Kahn
Written by: Cédric Kahn
Edited by: Fanny Burdino, Samuel Doux, Cédric Kahn, Aude Walker
Cinematography: Laure Gardette
Sound by: Raptor's Kollektíva

Awards

Berlin IFF - Best Actor - 2018
César - Nominee | Most Promising Actor - 2019
Lumiere Awards - Nominee | Most Promising Actor - 2019

Actors

Anthony Bajon, Damien Chapelle, Alex Brendemühl, Louise Grinberg

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