



What is Prayer?

RE
Year 4
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Overview

Christians believe that that prayer is a way of communicating with God and building a relationship with Him; God listens and responds to our prayers. Prayer can be praise, intercession (prayers said on behalf of another), thanksgiving, confession (admission of sins), silence, meditation or simply talking with God. Prayer can be planned or spontaneous, loud or quiet, fun or serious. During this unit, pupils will have the opportunity to experience and write a variety of prayers and investigate where prayer can take place. They will also learn about the place of prayer in other faiths and about how Muslims follow the Five Pillars of Islam.



Questions I wonder about Prayer:

Enquiry skills and concepts:

In this unit, the pupils will:

- **Investigate** - ask relevant questions; know how to use different types of sources as a way of gathering information; know what may constitute evidence for understanding religions
- **Interpret** - draw meaning from artefacts, music, works of art, poetry and symbolism; suggest meanings of religious texts
- **Reflect** - reflect on feelings, relationships, experience, ultimate questions, beliefs and practice; use stillness, mental and physical, to think with clarity and care about significant events, emotions and atmospheres.

Topic Vocabulary

collect: *the Church's special prayer for each day*

prayer: *a solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God*

imam: *the person who leads prayers in a mosque*

priest: *a person who has the authority to lead or perform religious ceremonies*

The Five Pillars of Islam:

Shahadah: *the declaration of faith - 'There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his Messenger.'*

Salah: *the duty to pray five times every day.*

Zakah: *the duty to give money to poor and needy people.*

Sawm: *the duty to fast for thirty days during the month of Ramadan.*

Haji: *the requirement to visit the holy city of Mecca on pilgrimage once in a Muslim's lifetime.*

Religious vocabulary

believe: *accept that something is true*

Christian: *a person who believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and who follows His teachings*

God: *the creator and ruler of the World (Muslims use the word Allah)*

worship: *the feeling or expression of respect and admiration for a god*