

Year 3

Why do people pray?

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Progression in Skill:

Describe and outline some ways Christians pray, including using the Lord's Prayer.

Describe and outline some ways Muslims pray, including how they use the First Surah of the Qur'an.

Describe and outline some ways some Hindus pray and worship, including using the Gayatri Mantra. Make connections between what Christians, Muslims and Hindus believe about prayer and what they do when they pray.

Describe ways in which prayer can comfort and challenge believers.

Describe and comment on similarities and differences between how Christians, Muslims and Hindus pray.

Long-term Memory Knowledge:

There are different ways to pray: some words are pre-written and some are spontaneous.

There are some prayers that are known by most followers of a particular religion:

- The Lord's Prayer – Christianity
- The First Surah of the Qur'an – Islam
- The Gayatri Mantra – Hinduism

Some people pray, even though they don't follow a particular religion.

Some atheists prefer to do things for others rather than pray for them.

Key Vocabulary

surah	a chapter in the Qur'an
Lord's Prayer	the most important Christian prayer
Gayatri Mantra	the sacred Hindu mantra/chant
theist	someone who believes in God
atheist	someone who does not believe in God
hallowed	holy or special
trespass	a wrong/sin
temptation	considering doing something wrong or sinful

Progression in Resources:

The Lord's Prayer

The First Surah of the Qur'an

The Gayatri Mantra

prayer beads, rosary, prayer mat

Relevance

Now	Children know why some people choose to pray and can be respectful of this.
Future	Children may choose to use prayer to support them in their lives.
Aspiration	Children lead prayer services and/or support groups for others.

National Curriculum Links:

Describe the practice of prayer in the religions studied.

Make connections between what people believe about prayer and what they do when they pray.

Describe ways in which prayer can comfort and challenge believers.

Describe and comment on similarities and differences between how Christians, Muslims and Hindus pray.

Essential Prior Learning:

Many people who are religious pray.

When people pray, they are talking with God.

There are different prayers.