

Selby Community Primary School Subject Knowledge bank

| R.E | | Year 3 | |
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| Focus: Why do people pray? (Christians, Muslims and Hindus) | | | |
| Age Related Vocabulary | | | |
| Salat | The Muslim ritual of praying five times a day. | The Lord's Prayer | The prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples. Christians say this prayer in most church services. |
| Mantra | One type of Hindu prayer. They chant syllables, words or groups of words with a spiritual meaning. | symbol | An object or picture that represents something else. For example, a dove is a symbol of peace in Christianity. |
| prayer | Giving thanks or requesting help from God or another deity. This applies to any religion. | prophet | A person who teaches or spreads the message of God. This applies to any religion or deity (God). |
| deity | A God or Goddess. | faith | Believing in something despite there being little or no proof that it exists. |

Key Information

Hindu Prayer

In Hinduism, people can pray by meditating and doing yoga. They also chant Mantras which are syllables, words, phrases or sentences with a spiritual meaning.

Sometimes, Hindus go to a Mandir (place of worship) to pray but sometimes will pray at home. Hindu homes have shrines to deities which they pray to.



Muslim Prayer



To Muslims, prayer is a set series of movements and words which they must do and say at set times. They pray five times a day; before sunrise, at midday, in the afternoon, at sunset and at night.

Muslims must pray in Arabic, which is the language that the Holy Q'uran is written in. As they pray, they must face the direction of Mecca. Prayers can be silent or said aloud.

If possible, men are expected to pray at the Mosque but women can pray at home. Some children may pray at school but they are not expected to do this until they reach secondary school.

Christian Prayer

Christians sometimes pray by going to their place of worship (a church) to sing hymns, listen to stories about Jesus or to speak to God. However, other Christians prefer to pray at home.

In most Christian church services, everyone will say The Lord's Prayer. It has been translated into hundreds of languages and all Christians know this prayer by heart.

When he was alive, Jesus taught his disciples The Lord's Prayer because they asked him how they should pray to God.

