

Enquiry Question: How do religious families and communities practice their faith?

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser

Religion, family and community: Prayer

Prior knowledge

In KSI, you explored Christianity. You celebrated Easter and Harvest festival. You learnt about stories from the Bible and their place of worship (a Church).

Question 1: What is prayer?

- For religious believers, praying is a way of talking to God.
- Christians pray a prayer that Jesus told his disciples in the Bible. This special prayer is called the Lord's Prayer. Christians end their prayers by saying "Amen" which mean "I agree".
- The Arabic word for Prayer is 'Salah' and is a form of worship to Allah. Prayer is the second pillar of Islam.
- Prayer can be an act of love to show what we are grateful for. It can be to ask for forgiveness or something else.

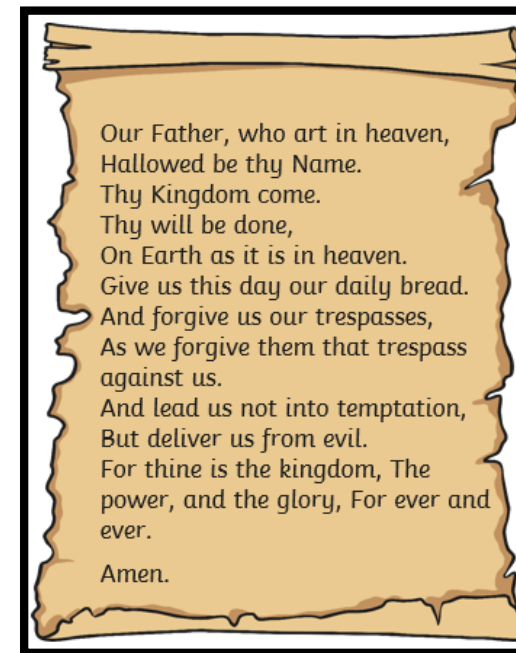
Question 2: What's the practice and meaning of the five daily Islamic prayers and why are they important?

- The Five Pillars of Islam are five duties that Muslims try to carry out. It helps them to live a good and responsible life. It brings them closer to God (Allah) and their community.
- Each pillar has a different name. Shahada, Salah, Zakat, Sawm, and Hajj.
- The second pillar of Islam is 'Salah' which means prayer. Muslims pray five times a day. The time of each prayer depends on the sun, which means that they pray at different times daily.



Question 3: What's the meaning of the Lord's Prayer and how is it used in Christianity?

- The Lord's Prayer is a Christian prayer which Jesus taught his disciples to say.
- Each line has its own meaning.



Question 5: How do Muslims pray at a Mosque and what are their beliefs about Allah?

- Muslims can pray anywhere that is clean and quiet.
- Before they pray they take off their shoes, cover their heads, wash, that is called Wudu, and roll out their prayer mat to face Makkah the holy city.

Question 4: How do Christians pray at a church and what are their beliefs about God?

- Christian churches hold services of worship every Sunday.
- While praying, Christians might light a candle, fold their hands, bow their heads and knee in a pew.
- Christians believe God answers prayers but not always in the way the person wants.



Question 6: What are the similarities and difference of prayer in Christianity and Islam?



- Christians pray at a church where as Muslims pray at a Mosque. However, they are both places of worship.
- Christians read from the Bible and Muslims read from the Qur'an.



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Religions: Christianity, Islam