





RE: Year 3 – Why do people pray?

Key Vocabulary	
Mandir	A Hindu temple.
Faith	Strong belief in a religion.
Shrine	A place regarded as holy because of its associations with a sacred person.
Puja ceremony	Hindu worship or prayer. The ceremony uses all five senses.
Meditation	The action or practice of meditating.
Gayatri Mantra	A Hindu morning prayer.
The First Surah of the Holy Qur'an	A special Muslim prayer. The first chapter of the Qur'an.
The Lord's Prayer	A special Christian prayer.

Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To describe and comment on similarities and differences between how Christians, Muslims and Hindus pray. To describe ways in which prayer can comfort and challenge believers. To make connections between what people believe about prayer and what they do when they pray. To describe the practice of prayer in the religions studied.
Key Knowledge
<p>Muslim Prayer Muslims pray 5 times each day, following a pattern of body language taught to them over 14 centuries ago by the Prophet. The preparations for prayer include being clean, being in a clean place and facing Mecca. There are set words that they have to follow, particularly the opening - al Fatiha.</p> <p>Christian Prayer The Lord's Prayer is the most famous Christian prayer. It has special words for Christian people. There are many ways that Christians pray such as lighting candles, kneeling, open hands or through music.</p> <p>Hindu Prayer A Hindu shrine is a collection of objects that show what matters most to a Hindu. Many Hindus will have a shrine in their home. A Puja tray is used during worship. Hindus will ring a bell, make an offering, touch and bow to the image, use incense, receive Prasad and care for the image.</p>

Symbols	
	A Prayer mat is used by Muslims to pray. It is often decorated with special patterns and sometimes has a compass to show which direction to pray.
	Muslims use prayer beads to keep count of the 99 Beautiful Names of Allah.
	A Rosary or prayer beads are used by some Christians during prayer.
	The most important symbol in Hinduism, 'Aum'. It represents Brahman and the universe. It is pronounced Ohm.

Key Questions
<p>What is prayer? Is prayer helpful? What happens in Islamic prayer? How and why do Christians like to pray? How do Hindus pray and worship at home and in the Mandir?</p>