



Y4 R.E Knowledge Organiser: What is Prayer?



Where does it fit in God's 'big picture' on our Bible timeline?



God – Creation – Fall – People of God – Incarnation – Gospel – Salvation – Kingdom of God

In this unit the children will learn that prayer is a way of communicating with God; and know that as Christians we believe that God listens and responds.



 Big questions/ideas 	Overview																
- What is prayer? - How do people pray? - When do people pray? - Why do people pray? - Where do people pray?	Following on from their studies about the Christian church, the children develop an understanding of the central importance given to prayer in the Christian faith. They study important prayers such as “The Lord’s Prayer” and “The Grace” and reflect on the meaning of the words to Christians. They use Bible references to note how important prayer was for Jesus during his ministry; and they acknowledge prayer as a common element in Judaism (and other major world faiths eg Islam studied in Year 3). They also write prayers of their own in the knowledge that they will be answered according to God’s boundless grace and wisdom.																
 Main skills 	 Key vocabulary 																
TEXT- IMPACT- CONNECTION Reflect – answering Big/Key questions. Exploring core Bible texts or religious texts - Give children the opportunity to reflect on the importance of prayer for talking to God and asking for his care- eg Lord’s Prayer, The Grace; Prayers of Intercession; Prayers of blessing - Does God answer prayer? Discuss. - Explaining how prayer is an expression of belief and commitment. Interpret - Consider the words of the “Lord’s Prayer”. Why is it given this title? Why is it said in every Christian service? What do the words mean for Christians? The Prayer of St. Francis The Prayer of John Wesley The Irish Blessing ‘May the road rise up to meet you’ - The Morning Collect, Evening Collect and Collect for Purity. - What is the purpose of prayer? Why are there so many prayer books? - Do those of Jewish faith view prayer in the same way?	<table><tr><td>church</td><td>A building where Christians worship</td></tr><tr><td>Temple</td><td>The primary centre for Jewish worship in Jerusalem, restored in 164BC</td></tr><tr><td>synagogue</td><td>A local place of worship for those of Jewish faith</td></tr><tr><td>Sabbath-Shabbat</td><td>The Jewish Holy Day- from sunset on Friday to sunset Saturday</td></tr><tr><td>pray</td><td>The action of saying a prayer; or thinking it</td></tr><tr><td>prayer</td><td>an address (such as a petition) to God or a god in word or thought. Prayer builds the relationship between God and human beings.</td></tr><tr><td>collect</td><td>A particular prayer said during the church calendar eg Easter/ the start of Advent; or for a particular occasion eg a christening “The collect for the day”</td></tr><tr><td>vicar/ minister/ priest/ lay preacher</td><td>a priest in the Church of England who is in charge of a church and the religious needs of people in a particular area; someone who leads the congregation in prayer</td></tr></table>	church	A building where Christians worship	Temple	The primary centre for Jewish worship in Jerusalem, restored in 164BC	synagogue	A local place of worship for those of Jewish faith	Sabbath-Shabbat	The Jewish Holy Day- from sunset on Friday to sunset Saturday	pray	The action of saying a prayer; or thinking it	prayer	an address (such as a petition) to God or a god in word or thought. Prayer builds the relationship between God and human beings.	collect	A particular prayer said during the church calendar eg Easter/ the start of Advent; or for a particular occasion eg a christening “The collect for the day”	vicar/ minister/ priest/ lay preacher	a priest in the Church of England who is in charge of a church and the religious needs of people in a particular area; someone who leads the congregation in prayer
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 Bible verses NIV 	Curriculum links and further research																
The passages in the Bible that record the occasions when Jesus prayed e.g. Matthew 19:13, Matthew 26:36, Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16, Luke 6:12, Luke 9:28, Luke 22:39, John 17:19-21. Also include extracts from <i>the Authorised Daily Prayer Book of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth</i>	Christian values: Faith Hope ❖ Art- examine portraits of Jesus at prayer eg in the Garden of Gethsemane; interpretations of Heaven ❖ English- write a “thank you” prayer or one in which the children petition God for help ❖ PSCHE – be aware that prayer is part of all the major world faiths; and it is a moment of calm/ release/ praise which can help relieve pain/ stress/ worry; a moment of stillness ❖ Music- listen to different hymns and secular music of both Christian and Jewish faiths eg chants and responses- Tallis/ Byrd. Quiet music for reflection as the children pray. Useful websites: www.biblestudytools.com www.barnabasinschools.org.uk www.prayerspaceinschools.com http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-worship/worship/texts.aspx https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02q88sl http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/																

