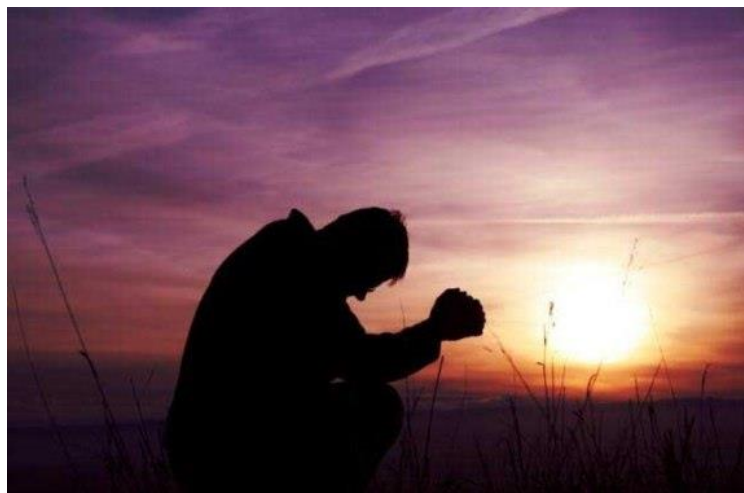


Today we are going to think about the importance of Prayer in Christianity and Islam.

We will think about why people pray and how they pray.



## Some questions to think about



What do you already know about prayer?

Why do you pray?

When do you pray?

Where do you pray?

Who are you talking to when you pray?

What does praying mean to you?



Let's think about why we might pray.

Here are some ideas.

Sick people



Poor people

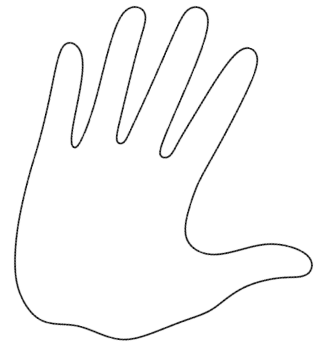


Natural  
disaster  
consequences

We might also pray to ask for help,  
forgiveness or to say thank you.

What might you pray for?

## Activity



Draw around your hand in your Topic Book.

On each finger write what you would like to pray about or for.

You can use the ideas on the previous page or better still think about what

**you** pray for and record these. You can use drawings or words.



# Now let's think about where Christians pray and how they pray.



Christians often pray in a Church. They may visit a Church on a Sunday for Mass as this is their special day of the week.

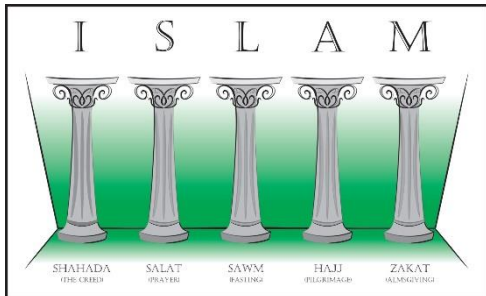
When in the Church, Christians will pray whilst standing up, sitting down and kneeling down. They often sing hymns too which are a form of prayer.



Christians might also light a candle when inside the Church and say a prayer.

But Christians don't only pray inside a Church, they might pray in their home, in their garden, whilst they are out walking etc.

# Now let's think about where Muslims pray and how they pray.



Prayer is one of the Five Pillars of Islam and is very important. Do you know how many times a day Muslims pray?

Before they pray, Muslims do Wudu which prepares them for Prayer. Watch the following clip that explains what Wudu is.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93kjPt6ajaA>

Many Muslims pray at a Mosque or Masjid however just like Christians they can pray at home too.



When Muslims pray they pray on a Prayer Mat facing in the direction of Mecca in particular the Ka'abah.



Now that you have thought about why somebody might pray, where and how they might pray, it is time for you to have a go at writing your very own prayer.

Today I would like you to write a Prayer of Thankfulness to God/Allah for our beautiful world and other things that are special to us.

What are you Thankful For? What would you like to say Thank You For?

Here are a few ideas:

Friends



Family



Home



School



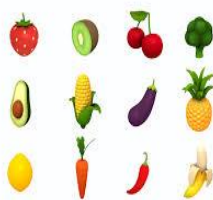
World



Rainbows



Food



Animals



Flowers



Here is an example of a prayer that you can write in your English Book. Remember to start each line in the same way; **Thank you God for ...**

### My Prayer of Thankfulness

Thank you God for my family who look after me and when I feel sad make me happy again.

Thank you Allah for my friends who play with me and make me laugh.

Thank you God for all of the bright, colourful flowers that make our world look beautiful.

Thank you Allah for my School where I learn and meet new people.

Thank you God for Everything.



When you have finished writing your  
Prayer of Thankfulness, proof read it.

Now that you have proof read it, you can  
illustrate it now.