



Unit 4.6: What is Prayer?

Christian Concepts:

God (The Creator of the world and everything in it; the One who Christians worship as the only God.)

Key Vocabulary:

Collect: A prayer; it could be specific to that particular day or time of year; they start with a statement about God and then lead into asking Him for something.

Pray: To take part in prayer - practiced in many different faiths, in many different ways.

Prayer: A conversation with God - a conversation that He has started in the Bible; it helps people to build a relationship with Him; it can be praise, requests, thanks, spoken or silent; it can be with others or undertaken individually.

The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;



Christian Values: Hope and Faith

Key Bible Verses:

Mark 1:35

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Luke 5:16

Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Ephesians 6:18

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Key Questions: What is prayer? How do people pray? When do people pray? Why do people pray? Where do people pray?



Hindus pray by chanting mantras.



Sikhs' prayer routine, **Nitnem**: **Panj Bania** is usually recited in the early morning.
Retras Sahib - evening prayer: four sections; each referring to a different aspect of god.
The night time prayer is the **Kirtan Sohila** which is said by all Sikhs before they go to sleep.

Father God in heaven, Holy is Your Name.

Your Kingdom come,

Your Will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.



Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil,

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours

Now and forever, Amen.

