

SMRP RE Knowledge Organiser for Year 4—Why do people pray?

This unit explores why and how people from different religions pray



RE knowledge

	<p>Muslims like to pray 5 times each day, following a pattern of actions before each prayer time. They wash their faces, hands up to their elbows, heads, and feet up to their ankles. They then place their prayer mat to face the direction of Mecca and bow.</p>
	<p>Christians may pray by lighting candles, kneeling, putting their hands together and closing their eyes, through music or through silence and meditation.</p>
	<p>A Hindu shrine is a collection of objects that show what matters most to a Hindu and that many Hindus will have a shrine in their own home. They may be in the form of a Puja tray.</p>



Candles in a Christian church (used during prayer).



Puja Tray (used in Hindu worship).



Mecca, Saudi Arabia
(An important place for Muslims. People travel from all over the world to pray here).

RE Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Prophet	A person who people believe is put on the earth to spread the word and teachings of God.
Mecca	Mecca is a city in Saudi Arabia, where Muslims believe the Prophet Mohamed was born.
Shrine	a collection of objects that have an importance to a person and helps them reflect/pray.
Puja tray	A tray including a bell, a pot of water, a diva lamp, an incense burner, a pot of kum kum powder, and a spoon. Puja involves offering light, incense, flowers and food to the deities (the gods).
First Surah	The introduction to Islamic prayer. It is taken from the first chapter of the Quran and is 7 verses long.
Gayatri Mantra	A sacred chant used by Hindu's to demonstrate appreciation to the deities.