

Week 4 - Why might Christians pray?

Why do you think Christians pray?

Meet Hannah, she is a Christian and goes to Church with her family each week. Hannah enjoys spending time talking to God in prayer. She often writes her prayers in her prayer diary.

Read some of her prayers.



I wonder why Hannah prayed each of these prayers?

Draw line to match the prayer to the reason.

1.

Dear God, thank you for all my friends. Thank you for how you made us all to be friends with each other.

Help me to be a good friend to others, especially to those who have not got any friends.

Amen

4.

Dear God, help me to be kind to others and forgive them, even when they hurt me.

Help me to be the kind of person who is good at forgiving others.

Amen

3.

Thank you God for all the beauty of the Earth. You are an amazing creator. I love it when I can sit and watch the sun rise in the morning.

Amen

2.

Thank you, God, for today, it has been a great day!

Amen

Grateful for the day she has had.

She went for a walk outside

Thinking about her friends

Someone has been unkind to her.

8.

Dear God, I never mean to tell lies, but sometimes one just slips out. I'm sorry I haven't been honest. Please forgive me and help me to tell the truth next time.
Amen

7.

Dear God, we pray for the people of South Sudan, who don't have enough to eat. Please send rain to make their crops grow. Help us to be generous to share what we have with others.
Amen

6.

Make me strong when I feel weak.
Give me courage when I feel scared.
Keep me close when I feel afraid.
Amen

5.

Dear God, Thank you for all the doctors and nurses who are working in the hospital. Bless them I pray. Please help my Auntie, who is in the hospital, to get better soon.
Amen

She saw a TV programme about people being hungry.

Someone she loves is ill.

She has done something she is sorry for.

She feels afraid.

How are these prayers examples of the 'Good News' that Jesus brought?

Which prayer is an example of?	Prayer number	Which prayer is an example of?	Prayer number
Being a friend to the friendless		God as a kind father	
Saying sorry		Saying thank you	
Asking for peace		Praying for healing and help for others	

Imagine you are Hannah.

Hannah has been asked to write a prayer for her school act of Collective worship next week. She wants to include examples of the Good News Jesus brings; being a friend to the friendless, saying thank you and praying for healing and help for others.



Write the prayer that Hannah might pray in Collective worship.

A large, empty speech bubble with a blue outline, designed for writing a prayer. The bubble has rounded corners and a tail pointing towards the bottom left, where it connects to the image of the girl praying.



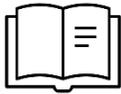


For Christians, prayer is a two conversation they have with God.

As you saw in Hannah’s prayers, there are many different types of prayer. Christians pray to share their life with God, to thank and praise him for all he has done for them and to listen to what he has to say to them.

Christians know that God hears all their prayers, but will answers them in different ways. This is because Christians believe that God knows all about them so knows what is best for them.

A response might be: Yes No Wait- not yet Thank you I agree



Read these prayers below.

What answer might a Christian think God will give to each of them?

Prayer	What answer might a Christian think God will give to this prayer? Yes No Wait- not yet Thank you I agree	Why do you think God might give this answer?
Dear God, please give me lots of chocolate.		
Dear God, help me to remember all I have learned, so I can do well on my test today.		
Please God don’t let me hamster die!		
Dear God, I am sorry for telling my mum a lie, please forgive me.		
Dear God, thank you for my friends and family		
Dear God, please send help to the refugees I saw on the TV, it isn’t fair that some people don’t have anywhere to call home.		
Dear God, please look after my Grandma who isn’t very well at the moment.		

