



### Examples of Christian Prayer – teachers' notes

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#### Overview:

Build upon students' understanding of prayer and worship with this overview lesson about different types of Christian prayer, within the context of Westminster Abbey. This KS2 lesson, designed to last for one hour, covers the differences between public and private prayer as well as an in-depth focus on the language and meaning of the Lord's Prayer in the main activity.

SLIDE 3: Introduce the learning objective and success criteria

- To be able to discuss what prayer is and how it is important
- To be able to classify different prayers into types
- To be able to discuss how and where prayer is used in Westminster Abbey
- To be able to understand the meanings within the Lord's Prayer

SLIDE 4: Ask pupils to discuss this idea together and take feedback.

SLIDE 5: Ask pupils to share their thoughts.

SLIDE 6: There are different ways to pray and different types of prayer. How might people pray?

SLIDE 7: Be sure to tell children that the list can be longer than this. This is just a few examples.

SLIDE 8: Public prayer

When Christians meet together, they often make time to pray. Public prayers are often led by one person, who may read out a prayer.

SLIDE 9: Christians can say prayers anywhere but many go to church to worship God and pray there. Do you know where this is? Ask for ideas and discuss how they know.

SLIDE 10: The film introduces us to the worship at Westminster Abbey from the past to the present.

SLIDE 11: Westminster Abbey has been a place of worship since the tenth century. We hold services here every day, during which people can worship and pray to God. There are a number of ways and times to pray...



SLIDE 12: Activity: What types of prayer are there?

Use the worksheet. Cut up before the lesson and give prayers out to partners. Give them a few minutes and at the end stick up the prayers into four different columns at the front and ask pupils to explain their ideas.

SLIDE 13: Put prayers from resource sheet into correct headings now so pupils can see which one is which. Compare to the headings the pupils gave them.

SLIDE 14: What did Jesus teach Christians about Prayer?

If you have a school Bible, you could find the passages to show children where the Lord's Prayer is.

SLIDE 15: The Lord's Prayer: <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/going-church/lords-prayer>

Explain that there are different versions of this prayer with slightly different wordings. If any pupils know a different version, perhaps they could share with the class.

SLIDE 16: Many Christians say this prayer every Sunday together at church. Westminster Abbey is no exception. The Lord's Prayer is used during many of the services held here.

SLIDE 17: Go through each line one at a time and ensure pupils understand each meaning.

SLIDE 18: Activity: Create an action pattern for The Lord's Prayer.

Give pupils large copies of The Lord's Prayer to use as their script.

SLIDE 19: quick quiz

1. Why do Christians pray?
2. How and when can you pray in Westminster Abbey?
3. What four types of prayers might Christians use?
4. Where does the Lord's Prayer come from?
5. Name some of the meanings behind the verses in the Lord's Prayer.

This could be done on mini whiteboards in pairs or independently.