



Islamic prayer

We pray five times a day. The time of each prayer depends on the sun, which means that we pray at different times daily.

1. **Fajr**: before sunrise.

2. **Dhuhr**: at midday.



3. **Asr**: in the late afternoon.

4. **Maghrib**: after sunset.

5. **Isha**: at night time.



The Five Pillars of Islam

These are the five most important duties for Muslims.

The Shahadah	Salah	Zakat	Sawm	Hajj
The belief that there is no God but Allah and that Muhammad is his messenger.	Praying five times a day.	Making an annual charitable donation to help the poor.	Fasting during the month of Ramadan.	Attending the pilgrimage to Makkah once in your lifetime.

We need to remember that we always face the direction of Mecca when we pray. This is called **Qiblah**.

Previous Knowledge on prayer:

We've learned about how and why Christians pray.

Hindu Prayer

Important features of a Hindu Mandir:



Aum: This is the Hindu symbol. You may see this if you are ever visiting a Hindu temple.



Bell: Worshippers ring the bell before entering to let God know they have arrived.



Vedas: These are the ancient Hindu texts. They are kept safe in a special case.

Aarti is a ritual part of worship performed at the end of the puja.

A light on a plate or a lamp is circulated around the deity.

They believe this transfers a blessing from the deity via the flame to them.

The light is considered to acquire the power of the deity.



Any person can then cup their hands over the flame and raise their palms to their forehead.

What Happens During Puja?

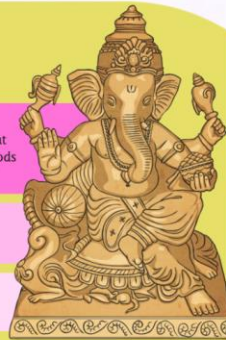
Puja involves:

- praying to an image of a deity (murti)
- giving offerings to the deity.

Worshippers take off their shoes to worship. They usually begin with the sacred word 'Aum' then repeat prayers (mantras) and the name of their favourite gods or goddesses.

Offerings such as fruit, incense, water and flowers are made.

Blessed food, which is known as 'prashad', is eaten once the worship has finished.



Jewish Prayer

A synagogue is a sacred building where Jewish people go to worship.



Did You Know...?
The word synagogue means 'meeting place' in Greek.

Why do people go to a Jewish Synagogue?



People go to the synagogue to worship but also to study. Many synagogues are also community centres where local Jewish people can meet and take part in different activities and events.

A synagogue is a house of prayer where Jewish people can get together to feel closer to God, and each other.

The services are led by a rabbi or a worshipper.

Showing Respect



During the service everyone, except women who aren't married, must wear a hat to show respect to God; this is called a kippah.



Adult men wear a prayer shawl for morning prayer which has fringes along the edge to remind the worshipper to follow God's way.



	Key Vocab
Deity	A deity is thought to be a powerful spirit that controls events and the nature of things. Deities are also called gods. A female god is often called a goddess
Mandir	Hindu temple or Mandir is referred to a place where Hindus go to worship gods in the form of various deities
Mecca	Mecca is a city in Saudi Arabia, a country in the Middle East. The city was the birthplace of Muhammad, the founder of Islam. Muslims all over the world turn toward Mecca to pray five times each day.
Mosque	A mosque is a place of prayer for Muslims, or followers of the religion of Islam
Rabbi	In Judaism, "rabbi" is a title of respect for a particularly learned member of a Jewish community
Synagogue	A synagogue is a place of worship for people of the Jewish religion. Jews also use synagogues as places to meet and study.
Worshiper	To worship is to show a lot of love and adoration for something. Religious believers worship gods, and people can worship other people and things too. Worship is an extreme form of love — it's a type of unquestioning devotion
Wudu	Wudhu is the ritual washing performed by Muslims before prayer. Muslims must be clean and wear good clothes before they present themselves before God