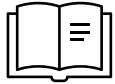


Week 4 – Why might Christians pray?



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

Grateful for the day she has had.

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

She went for a walk outside

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

Thinking about her friends

2.

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

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

She saw a TV programme about people being hungry.

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

Someone she loves is ill.

6.

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

She has done something she is sorry for.

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 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 rectangular box with rounded corners and a blue border, designed for writing a prayer. It is connected to the girl's head by a blue line that forms a speech bubble shape.

