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Why do people pray?

Hindus, Christians and Muslims pray in many different ways, both using set words and their own thoughts, words and feelings.

pray	Talk or communicate with God or a divine being.
atheist	Someone who does not believe in the existence of God or gods.
The Lord's Prayer	A traditional prayer which Christians believe Jesus taught his followers.
shrine	A place where Hindus perform puja.
puja	A Hindu act of devotion or worship which can be carried out at home or in a mandir.
rakat	A set of movements used in Muslim prayer.
salah	The word used for prayer or worship in Islam.
spiritual	Connecting to the soul or non-physical part of being human like deep feelings and thoughts.

For many Christians, prayer is all to do with a relationship with God. Christians pray for different purposes including asking, thanking, saying sorry and praising.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven,
 Hallowed be Your name,
 Your Kingdom come,
 Your will be done,
 On earth as it is in Heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 As we forgive those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
 For the Kingdom, the power
 And the glory are Yours
 Now and for ever.
 Amen.



Some people are atheists who do not believe in God and think it is more useful to be kind or helpful than to pray.

Some people are spiritual but not religious and like to pray in their own way.



Many Hindus have home shrines and they may also pray at a mandir. Hindu puja is about connecting with God with all the senses.



Many Muslims pray 5 times a day, in a clean place facing Makkah. They pray alone and with others and believe body language is very important in prayer.

