

## The Lord's Prayer Collective Worship

### Gather

If your school has set opening words for collective worship say them together or you might like to use the following:

- We take out the Bible – and think about God the Father
- We take out the cross – and think about God's Son, Jesus
- We light the candle – and think about God, the Holy Spirit

### Engage

Invite the children to think about how many different languages they can say 'thank you' in. You might want to show a slide with the word 'thank you' written in a variety of languages.

Then share the story from Matthew 6:5–15, where Jesus' disciples ask Him how they should pray. In response, Jesus teaches them the Lord's Prayer as a guide. Christians still use it today.

Christians believe prayer is a way to speak directly with God, like having a conversation with a close friend. It's a two-way process—sometimes talking, sometimes listening—with no fixed rules about when or how to pray. In our conversations, we can sometimes focus too much on ourselves.

Jesus' disciples asked Him how to pray, and He gave them a model prayer known as the Lord's Prayer. Christians around the world still use this prayer today in their own languages. It begins and ends by reminding us that God is in control and loves us, while the middle lines guide us in living well—following God's ways, saying sorry when we fail, and forgiving others when they hurt us. The prayer acknowledges that this isn't always easy, but God's Holy Spirit helps those who trust Him every day.

Videos to watch available on YouTube:

[The Lord's Prayer has no borders](#)

[The Lord's Prayer in different languages](#)

These videos show people from around the world praying the same prayer in different languages. It reminds us that prayer connects Christians everywhere.

### Respond

**A question to reflect on:**

What does it feel like to know people all over the world pray the same words?

Active prayer... as you think about prayer connecting people around the world, use an inflatable globe to invite the children and adults to pray for different countries around the world. You might like to throw the globe to a child and get them to do point to a country and shout out the name.

The leader or child can say a short prayer...

Today we pray for Australia...

We pray for Japan... etc

You can do this a few times.

Invite the children to join in saying the Lord's Prayer together in English or encourage them to listen if they prefer.

## Send

**'As we go, let's remember we can talk to God anytime, anywhere.'**

Blow out the candle.

## Song suggestions

- [Saddleback Kids on YouTube: The Lord's Prayer](#)
- Worship for Everyone: [The Lord's Prayer resource pack](#) (available to download for free)

## Follow up resources

- [The Lord's Prayer Bible Chat Mat](#)
- Prayer Spaces in School website  
You need to create a log in for this website, after which you can access all their resources for free, including the following, and you do not get added to a mailing list.
  - [The Lord's Prayer](#)
  - [Lord's Prayer Labyrinth](#)
  - [Exploring Prayer Lesson Plans](#)