

P4.2 - Prayer

CfE Experiences and Outcomes & TIOF Core Learning

RCRE 1-14a – Hours of God

I have participated to, and experiences of, prayer. I can describe how prayer is an important part of the liturgical and devotional life of the church. I have reflected on how all of these are different ways of worshipping God.

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I know how to participate prayerfully in some liturgical events through gesture, word and song.

Success Criteria from Core Learning

- I can participate in prayer on my own or as part of a larger group.
- I can explain why prayer is important.
- I can write a simple prayer.
- I can contribute to preparing for and participating in a class prayer service.

Key Vocabulary

traditional Catholic prayers, worshipping God

Teaching and Learning

Recall the story of St Bernadette from previous first level inputs (AR2-5a). Emphasise how important spirituality and prayer was to Bernadette throughout her life and draw the children's attention to the fact that Bernadette and 'the lady' prayed together.

Discuss the requests from Our Lady to Bernadette, particularly those regarding prayer.

- To build a church on the site
- Come in procession
- Pray for sinners
- Do penance
- Drink and wash in the waters of the spring

Using a carousel brainstorm

- Definition of prayer
- Why people pray
- How people pray
- What prayers the children already know

Following the discussion of the ideas collected under the various headings provide an opportunity for prayer writing, either as a class group, smaller groups, pairs or individual. Prayer cards which could be used in future lessons could be made.

Plan and organise a class prayer service making use of prayer space, prayers written and music.

After pupils have had experience of participating in a prayer service, they could invite other classes, parents or parishioners to share in a prayer service they will lead.

Prayer and Reflection

As part of the prayer service pupils can read their prayers and then place them in a significant place, perhaps a special box on the altar.

A Prayer at the Grotto from the HCPT Prayer Book (AR4-2a) can also be used, perhaps prayed before a picture of the Grotto, or the Grotto webcam:

<http://en.lourdes-france.org/tv-lourdes/>

Resources

AR - Story of Bernadette

AR4-2a – A Prayer at the Grotto

Research Challenge

From the TIOF prayer grid (pg 295 in TIOF) choose a prayer you do not yet know and learn it.