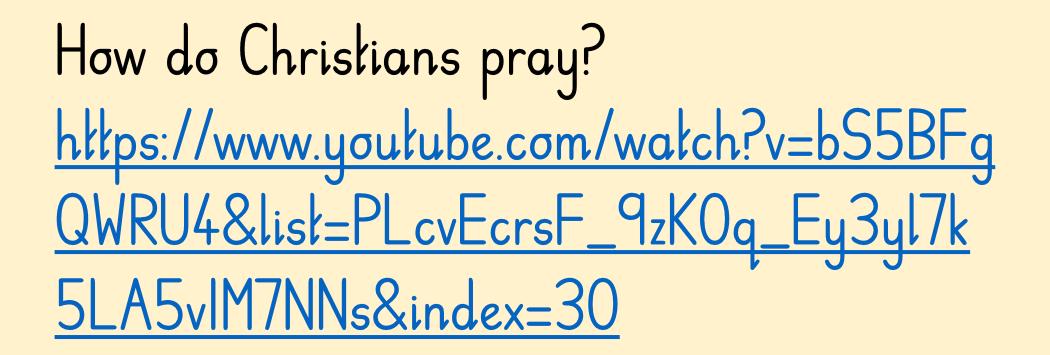
How do Christians pray and experience the Holy Spirit?



What do we mean by the Holy Spirit?

How do Christians make this part of their lives?

A Dove

When Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan, a dove appeared. The dove was a physical sign of God's presence.

The dove also represents God bringing peace to mankind through Jesus and his sacrifice.

Fire

When the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit, flames appeared on their head as a sign they were filled with the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit. This energy would help them in the work ahead, teaching others about Jesus and encouraging more followers.

Anointing Oil

In the Bible, oil is used to anoint people rather like a blessing. It represents Jesus being given the Holy Spirit to perform certain actions in God's name, like healing people and doing good deeds.

Oil is also a sign of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Cloud

A cloud combined with light is often used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit because clouds provide life-giving water and they represent God who is hidden from sight but is always there.

Water

Water is used as a symbol of cleansing and as a source of power.

Water is used for many practical purposes like washing and bathing. It is also very powerful and is very strong when used in force.

Water is used in baptism and is vital for all life. In the same way, it is believed by some Christians that water used in baptism represents the receiving of the Holy Spirit and that it has a life-giving quality.



Wind

When the Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples, it arrived with a great wind rushing through the room.

The symbol of the wind also represents the breath of God breathing new life into the Church.

