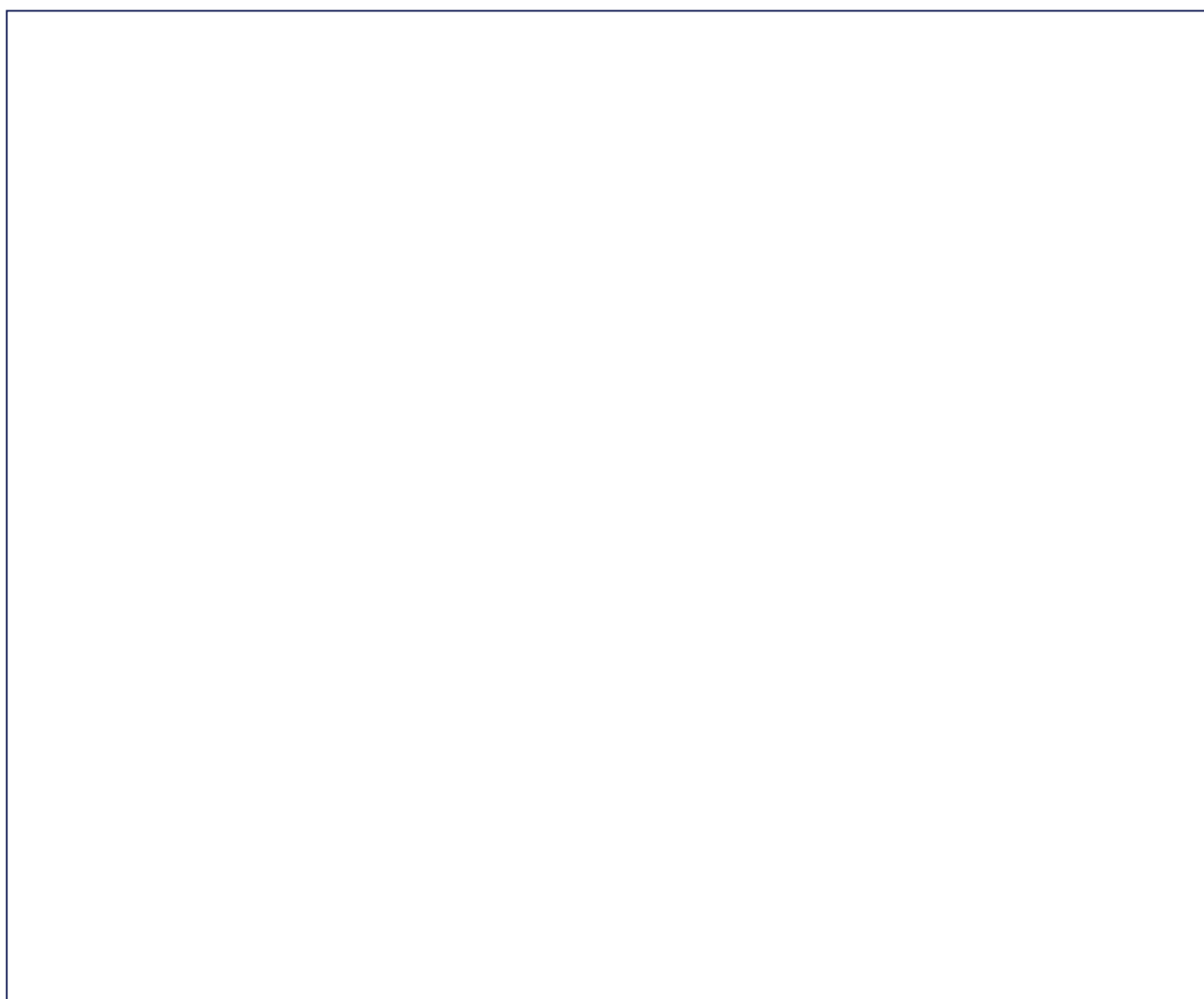


Exploring Prayer: A Space for Reflection

Learning objective: To understand that prayer is a way for people to communicate with God or a higher power and to identify different ways people pray.

Prayer can be a quiet conversation, a song, or a moment of stillness. In the large box provided, create a drawing that shows how different people might pray. You could draw someone praying in a place of worship, someone praying silently in nature, or a group of people praying together. Use the word bank to label your drawing and answer the questions below to explain your ideas.

Draw: Create a split-scene illustration. On one side, draw a person praying in a formal religious setting (such as a church, mosque, or temple) with symbols of faith. On the other side, draw someone praying in a natural setting (such as under a starry sky or by a river). Ensure the expressions on the characters' faces look peaceful and thoughtful. Use bright colours for the environment and soft colours for the people to show a sense of calm.



Label words: Reflection · Peace · Thanksgiving · Petition · Silence · Faith · Community · Sacred Space

Steps:

1. Label a part of your drawing where someone is showing 'thanksgiving' (saying thank you). What are they thanking God for?
2. Label a 'sacred space' in your picture. Why is this place special for prayer?

3. Some people pray using their whole body (like kneeling or bowing). Draw this in your picture and explain why they might do this.
4. What is the difference between a 'petition' prayer (asking for help) and a 'reflection' prayer (thinking deeply)?
5. Why do you think some people prefer to pray in silence rather than out loud?
6. How might praying in a community (with other people) feel different from praying alone?