

There are different kinds of prayer.

WE GATHER

✝ Thank you, God, for this wonderful day.

👤 Act out one of these scenes with a partner.

- You appreciate the help your brother or sister has given you.
- You apologize for breaking something that is not yours.
- You need directions because you are lost.
- You like the hat your friend is wearing.

WE BELIEVE

We can talk with people in different ways and for different reasons. We can have different reasons for talking with God, too. So, we pray many different kinds of prayer.

Think of a time when something was so beautiful or amazing that it made you think “Wow!” That feeling can become a *prayer of praise*: “O God, you are wonderful!”

Think of a time when you passed a difficult test or when you felt better after being sick. You felt grateful that God had been so good to you. You said, “Thank you so much, O Lord!” This is a *prayer of thanksgiving*.



thanksgiving (for cast removal)

As Catholics...

Besides using words when we pray, we can also pray with our bodies. We show respect for Jesus present in the Eucharist by genuflecting or bowing before the tabernacle. During Mass we pray by standing, kneeling, and sitting. At other times we pray with hands folded or with arms open wide. Sometimes people even pray by dancing!

How do you pray?



intercession



blessing



praise

WE RESPOND

What do you want to thank God for today?

What do you want to ask God to do for someone you know?

👤 Look at the pictures. Under each picture write the type of prayer that might be said: praise, thanksgiving, petition, blessing, or intercession.



petition