



How does faith help people when life gets hard?



Key Questions

- What are the similarities and differences in the beliefs about life after death in Christian and Hindu religious traditions?
- Does prayer and poetry help people through times of hardship, suffering and loss? How can you express your emotions and questions through poetry?
- How do religious believers explain how their faith helps them through difficult and challenging times in life, and how it encourages them to enjoy life too?
- How is the afterlife portrayed through art and how do they reflect Christian, Hindu, and non-religious beliefs?
- How can you explore and represent your own thoughts about life after death through art?
- How does a reverend explain how a funeral ceremony is conducted in church, explore Christian beliefs about heaven and explain how to support people suffering from bereavement?

Key Vocabulary

lifetime the duration of an animal's (person's etc); the period of time over which a person's life extends

death the end of a life

religion the belief in the existence of a god or gods, and the activities that are connected with the worship of them, or in the teachings of a spiritual leader

belief an opinion about something; something that you think is true

faith trust in somebody's ability or knowledge; trust that somebody/something will do what has been promised

challenge a new or difficult task that tests somebody's ability and skill

suffering physical or mental pain; feelings of pain and unhappiness

bereavement the state of having lost a relative or close friend because they have died

afterlife a life that some people believe exists after death

gratitude the feeling of being grateful and wanting to express your thanks

humanism a system of thought that considers that solving human problems with the help of reason is more important than religious beliefs. It emphasises the fact that the basic nature of humans is good

ceremony a public or religious occasion that includes a series of formal or traditional actions

Christianity the religion that is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the belief that he was the son of God

Hinduism the main religion of India and Nepal which includes the worship of one or more gods and belief in reincarnation

reincarnation the belief that after somebody's death their soul lives again in a new body

