

Religious Studies Topic of the Month

January 2025

Can everyone pray together?

Topic of the month aims to stimulate discussion at Key Stages 4 and 5 and bring religion to life. This can be achieved by considering religion's relevance in our vast modern world. We have selected a current news article, which you may wish to read and integrate into your teaching practice, using the discussion prompts provided.



Disclaimer:

This topic relates to an article, written by Ian Froese for CBC News* and is entitled "Different prayers for different faiths may get 'everyone on board' with changing legislature prayer: Kinew".

Introduction

This article refers to the Manitoba premier's proposal to include prayers from various faith traditions in the Legislature's opening prayer.

[\(Click here to access the article\)](#)

Discussion prompts

- How could including prayers from different faiths promote inclusivity?
- How might the government balance secularism with religious representation?
- Why is the historical context of the existing prayer significant?
- How can interfaith dialogue contribute to social cohesion?
- What ethical considerations arise when changing a long-standing tradition?
- How might including minority faiths' prayers impact those communities?

Links to topics featured in our specifications:

- **GCSE:**
 - Equality
 - The nature and purpose of prayer
- **A-Level:**
 - The nature of religious experience
 - Equality
 - The diversity of practice in creative expressions of religious identity