

The Way UK Assembly

Showing 2 Videos focused on Prayer

(My own words, used as examples, are in italics)

1) Introduction

Hi there, welcome to this morning's assembly where we will be looking at 2 videos that are focused on the subject of prayer.

- a.** Go onto explain in general terms what each of the two videos will be focusing on, concerning prayer.
- b.** You could explain the way the videos are formatted, a group of Christian students talking about prayer, interspersed with these same people asking young adults on the street, about their experiences of prayer.
- c.** Then give a short chat about prayer where you could personalise the theme of the first video. For example the first video is looking at people's first experience of prayer, or simply, whether people have ever prayed.

Personal example model:

Before the age of 27 I had never really prayed personally, on purpose about anything. Then after a very subjective encounter with God, and becoming a Christian, I found I had someone to pray to, and from the very beginning I knew, for me, prayer was talking to God, sharing with Him what was on my heart.

- d.** Then you could give a general short explanation of what Prayer is and tie it to the first video.

Personal example model:

For Christians praying to God is generally done by praying to Jesus, or in the name of Jesus, we believe that Jesus connects us to the heart of God, as He is the Son of God.

Obviously people in other religions pray differently; prayer is basically talking to God or someone higher, outside yourself.

In the first video you will notice that the people that the guys talk to on the streets are certainly not all believers, and also see prayer in different ways. Most people have heard of prayer, a few people were talking about meditation, or asking, whoever was out there whether they could win the lottery for example. The overall sense was that prayer was a good thing but there was no sense that it had to be done in a fixed way.

- e.** Show the first video

Between the videos.

- f.** Then begin to explain what you will be seeing in the next video where the focus is on being prayed for.

Personal Example Model:

The first time I was ever prayed for, was actually before I was a Christian.

I was in hospital having just had a kidney transplant and the implanted kidney was rejecting.

Unbeknown to me, all the way in Canada, my Auntie, who was the only believer in the whole family, had actually set up a prayer group just for me and my healing.

After the surgeons had twice decided they were going to remove the engrafted kidney, it suddenly took a turn for the better, against all the odds and I had it for 21 years; a good first experience!

- g.** Go onto to explain the various ways that being prayed for is discussed in the video, in a general way:

- h.** Show the video

Conclusion

- i. Summarise what they've just seen and express that you hope that it has encouraged them to try praying themselves, perhaps you could give some example scenarios:

Personal example model:

The most important thing I would like to get across is that prayer isn't strange or weird. People throughout history, all over the world have prayed to their God, and been prayed for.

The benefits are not just the possibility of prayers being answered, but also a sense that you are being connected to someone infinitely greater; someone who knows and loves you.

Or at least you've taken some time out, or made time to reflect, made some space in your busy, pressurised life for some personal interaction with even just, your own inner life.

There is a Psalm in the Bible that has this great verse:

'Be still and know that I'm God'.

What I love about that verse, is that it's suggesting that deep in my soul, where no one else knows me as I am, I can be still and believe that there is someone, always there, who knows me and who I am able to know.

So, I'll end by just saying, "Why not give it a try!"

- j. Then go onto thank them for watching and listening and perhaps, if there's time, a Q and A?