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Core Knowledge	Key Questions
Muslims pray at least 5 times a day ranging from early morning to last thing at night. Prayer is saying thanks to God. Muslims want to thank God for life and everything he has done, is doing and will do in their lives. Before praying Muslims wash unclothed parts of their body and prepare their minds to be with Allah – everyday worries should be put to one side during prayer as Allah deserves total respect. Prayer can take place anywhere as long as you are in a clean place.	•What sort of things might believers ask a god for? •Why might people pray? •Do I know some people who pray? What could I ask them about prayer? •Why might talking about problems be helpful? •Does praying at regular intervals help Muslims in their everyday lives?

Key Vocabulary	History/Context	Impact on believer/daily life	
Allah – Muslim name for God Salah/Salat – Prayer **Makkah –** Holy city Muslims face when they pray. **Ka'bah** – building in Makkah which Muslims face in prayer. **Pilgrimage** – a special or religious journey **Hajj** – pilgrimage to Makkah – Muslims are expected to go once in a lifetime if possible.	Islam started in Makkah in Saudi Arabia when the prophet Muhammad was chosen by Allah to tell people to live their lives in a way that God would want. One of the main things Muhammad did was set the amount of prayer times – these fixed times are now a key part of Muslim worship	Prayer times are deliberately set at difficult times of the day - this is to show that a Muslim should not fit Allah into their lives, instead they should fit their lives around Allah. Allah is the most important part of life so should not be forgotten or moved aside. Muslims need to set an alarm for the first prayer of the day as it is often very early in the morning.	 The Mosque is a place of worship for Muslims.