

## Worship

Christians, like these in Ethiopia, come together for worship as a means of strengthening their faith. A time of worship always includes praising God and prayer, and one or more readings from the Bible. It may also include music and sacrament - a special ceremony that is a visible sign of God's love.

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## Worship / Eucharist

Any church member can lead informal worship, but a celebration of the Eucharist is always led by a priest. The priest wears special clothes called 'vestments'. Candles are lit, and the bread and wine are set out on the altar (or Lord's table). The same special prayers are used at each celebration.

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## Eucharist

At the Eucharist (which means 'thanksgiving'), Christians share specially blessed bread and wine, symbols of Jesus' body and blood. By doing this, Christians draw close to God as they remember Jesus' death on the cross, and to each other by sharing 'the one bread and the one cup'.

The bread and wine are usually taken separately, but sometimes - as here - by dipping the wafer of bread into the wine.

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## Eucharist

In many churches, Christians are not allowed to receive bread and wine at the Eucharist until they have been confirmed. In that case, the priest will give a blessing instead, as he is doing for this young boy.

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## Prayer

Christians believe they can draw close to God in prayer - talking and listening to God - at any time, not just in church. One of these women is very sick; she and the woman who looks after her are praying for God's healing.

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God is around us all the time, though not seen, and Christians talk and listen to God through prayer. People may stand, sit or kneel to pray; this girl has her hands together and eyes closed so she will not be distracted.

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## Prayer

Maya is a nurse in North India. Like many Christians, she reads her Bible - the Word of God - every day, believing that God speaks to her through what she reads. Then in prayer, she will express her love for God, ask God for help, and thank God for all the good things she enjoys.

USPG Project 407:  
Ahmednagar Hostel,  
North India

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Many churches have choirs who lead the singing - and sometimes dancing - in the services. This choir in Mozambique, Africa, has a brightly coloured uniform and an energetic style!

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The reading of the Bible is an important part of Christian worship, as Christians believe it is God's Word - a way in which God speaks to us. Many of the stories in the Bible, although written about people who lived a long, long time ago, still hold important lessons for our lives today.

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An important part of worship is the re-telling of the stories of Jesus' life on earth and of the early church. Sometimes these stories are acted out. These church members in Brazil are getting ready for a nativity play, telling the story of Jesus' birth. In Brazil, angels have coloured wings!

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