

- 1 The three main religions in the world - Judaism, Christianity, and Islam - all believe in one God. Jews sometimes call him "Yahweh", and Muslims call him "Allah".
- 2 Muslims follow the religion of Islam, and their holy book is called the Qur'an (Koran). Muslims believe that it is the message of God spoken by the Angel Gabriel to Mohammed, who died in the year 632 AD. The Qur'an is written in Arabic.
- 3 From an early age, Muslims read from the Qur'an each day. Their holy book is so important to them that they learn parts of it by heart, and many learn the whole of the Qur'an by heart. The prayer we are going to use is based on the opening lines of the Qur'an. Members of each of the three world religions could use this prayer together:
- 4 *Let us pray:*

**In the name of God, who is merciful:  
All praise be to God,  
    who is the Lord of everything.  
We serve no-one but you, our God,  
    and you are the only one  
    to whom we turn for help.  
Keep us away from the path  
    of those who stray from you.  
Guide us instead  
    on the way we should go  
    - on the path  
    of those whom you have blessed.**

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