

Christian Practices Glossary

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Baptism	initiation rite involving immersion in or sprinkling with water.
Census	official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details of individuals.
Celebrations	special events or occasions marked by festivities or rejoicing.
Church growth	increase in the number of members of a church.
Church	a building used for Christian worship; also, a denomination of Christians.
Easter	festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Ecumenical movement	movement promoting unity and cooperation among different Christian denominations.
Eucharist	sacrament commemorating the Last Supper, in which bread and wine are consecrated and consumed.
Evangelism	spreading of the Christian gospel or message.
Festivals	days of celebration or commemoration, like Christmas and Easter.
Individual worship	religious devotion or prayer alone.
Informal prayers	prayers that are spontaneous and not based on a set liturgy or formula.
Informal worship	services that are less structured and not traditional.
Liturgical worship	religious services that follow a set order or liturgy.

Lord's Prayer	prayer taught by Jesus to his disciples, also known as the "Our Father."
Mission	religious endeavour, especially one where Christians go to another country to help people.
Persecution	cruel and unfair treatment, often because of religion.
Pilgrimage	journey to a sacred place for religious purposes.
Prayer	communication with God, often involving praise, thanksgiving, confession, and supplication.
Reconciliation	restoration of friendly relations or harmony.
Sacraments	rites considered to have been instituted by Christ, such as baptism and the Eucharist.
Set prayers	prayers that follow a fixed form or liturgy.
Society of Friends	Quakers, a Christian denomination known for their emphasis on peace and social justice.
Taizé	a pilgrimage site in France where people gather for prayer and reflection.
Tearfund	Christian charity working to end poverty and injustice.
Traditions	transmitting customs and beliefs from generation to generation.
Walsingham	village near Norwich known for its Marian (Mary) shrines and pilgrimage site.
World Council of Churches (WCC)	international fellowship of Christian churches promoting ecumenism and global cooperation.
Worship	showing honour and adoration to God, often through prayer, music, and ritual.