

5.0 THE CHURCH IN ACTION

Elements of prayer

These are the basic parts that make up a prayer. Christians learn them from the Lord's Prayer.

1. Adoration - Recognising and praising God for who He is.
2. Thanksgiving - Thanking God for His blessings, protection and provisions.
3. Confession - Acknowledging sins and asking God for forgiveness.
4. Supplication
 - a) Petition - Asking God for our personal needs.
 - b) Intercession- Praying on behalf of others and their needs.

Types of prayer

These are the different prayers by Christians which differ in purpose or form.

1. Personal prayer - This is a private prayer which is done alone.
2. Communal prayer - This is a prayer done together as a group or church.
3. Liturgical prayer - This is a set or formal prayer used in church services. For example, the Apostles' Creed or Lord's Prayer.
4. Intercessory prayer - This is one that is characterised by standing in the gap for others.

The church plays a role in education and health. Below are examples of education and health facilities established by the missionaries in Kenya.

Missionary schools in Kenya

1. Alliance High School - Founded in 1926 by Protestant missionaries, Alliance of Missionary Societies.
2. Starehe Boys Centre - Started by Geoffrey Griffin, a Church missionary in 1958.
3. Loreto Convent Msongari - A Catholic missionary school founded by Loreto Sisters in 1921.
4. Mangu High School - Founded by Consolata Catholic missionaries in 1925.
5. Maseno School - Founded by Church Missionary Society [CMS] missionaries in 1906.
6. PCEA Kikuyu Girls High School - Founded by Presbyterian missionaries.
7. St. Mary's School Yala - Founded by Mill Hill Catholic missionaries.

Missionary health facilities in Kenya

1. Kijabe Hospital - Founded by Africa Inland Mission [AIM] missionaries in 1915.
2. Tumutumu Hospital- Founded by the Church of Scotland Mission [CSM] in 1908.
3. Chogoria Hospital - Founded by the Church of Scotland Mission in 1922.
4. Kikuyu Hospital - Founded by the Church of Scotland Mission in 1908.
5. Consolata Hospital Mathari, Nyeri - Founded by Consolata Missionaries from Italy in 1938.
6. St Luke's Hospital, Eldama Ravine - Founded by Anglican missionaries.
7. Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Nairobi - Founded by Catholic nuns.