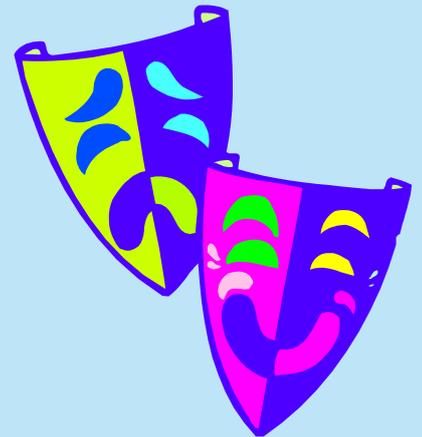


# TIME TO TALK



Why bother praying? If God knows everything, you don't need to tell him anything anyway! In any case, I don't believe that any god could listen to millions of people praying. They might all speak at once. As for praying to God to bless people, people either bless or curse themselves by the choices they make. That's my opinion.

The minister says we should read our Bibles, but I just don't see how reading an ancient history book can do me or anyone else any good ... not unless they are interested in ancient history! Mind you, some of the stories about Jesus are interesting, all those miracles and things like that. But the Old Testament - it's all rules and regulations, fights and wars. Maybe it's only the New Testament that's relevant to today.



The man across the road from us is a keen hillwalker and he's always out on Sundays - even in the rain! He says that he can worship God better in the hills than he could in church because he's in the middle of creation. I wonder if it's important to go to church. A lot of Christians don't seem to think so, as they only go when they feel like it.

All this stuff about telling other people what you believe is a bit embarrassing. It was all right in Bible days, but surely everybody knows about Jesus now and can make up their own minds.

It's nice being with people whose company you enjoy. I suppose that's why old folk like going to church - there are plenty others their own age there. It's different for us. Our friends aren't in church. In fact, my friends don't even know I go to church.

Life is full of big questions, and big questions need big answers.

BIBLE CLASS IS A GOOD PLACE TO ASK QUESTIONS

NOBODY WILL THINK YOU'RE SILLY

NOBODY WILL LAUGH AT YOU

OTHERS PROBABLY WANT TO ASK THE SAME QUESTIONS THAT YOU DO

YOUR BIBLE CLASS LEADER WILL TRY TO ANSWER YOU OR FIND THE ANSWER FOR YOU



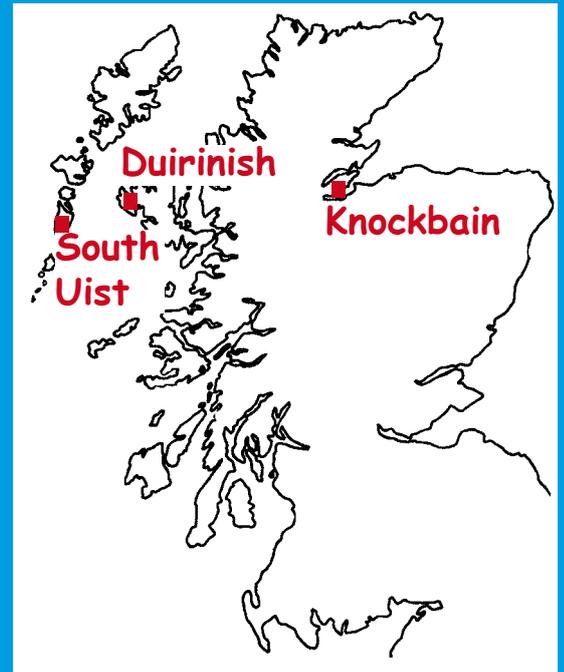
## KEY VERSE

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1:9).

## PRAYER SPOT

This week we remember the people in Knockbain, Duirinish and South Uist. What very different kinds of places! But people are the same everywhere. They have the same needs, the same joys, the same sorrows.

Pray for these places, and pray especially for the young people who do, and who don't, attend church.



Pray that God will help you to ask the right questions and that he will lead you to the right people who will help you to find the answers.