

# Interfaith Week 2025 Poetry Competition

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## Activity Sheet

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Theme:

### Community: Together We Serve

Does community mean the same  
to all of us?

Name / year group

Inter Faith  
Week



The  
Faith  
& Belief  
Forum



## Welcome to the Poetry Challenge!

This year, you are invited to take part in a special poetry competition for Interfaith Week!

This poem will be based on the work you have covered as part of your learning journey during Interfaith Week.

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## Does community mean the same to us all?

What does it mean to be a community?

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Why might it be good to think together as a community?

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Would it be a community without kindness?

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Think of a time when you or someone you know helped others.  
What happened?

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## Does community mean the same to us all? (continued)

Create a mind map of words linked to service, kindness and community. Use images, colour, or symbols to represent your ideas.

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## How can we serve our community?

Does some service mean more?

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How can serving others bring us together?

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Lots of people from different faiths and beliefs help others.  
Here are some examples:

- Many Muslims give to charity through Zakat
- Many Christians follow Jesus by being kind and helping others
- Many Jews practice Tzedakah, giving to others as a duty
- Many Hindus give selflessly through Dana
- Many Buddhists help monks show kindness
- Many Sikhs practice Seva, including sharing food at Langar
- Many Humanists believe in helping others to make the world better

## How can we serve our community? (continued)

Do any of these ideas connect with your experience of beliefs?  
How?

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Interview someone in your family or school. Ask them:

- Why do you help others?
- Is it linked to your belief or culture?
- How does it make you feel?

Write a short summary:

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What perspective, other than your own have you learnt about  
as part of the learning journey?

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## Brainstorm your poem

Choose what you want to write about:

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Write your ideas here:

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Create a metaphor or simile to describe service.

Example: *Service is like a candle, small, but bright.*

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## Opening lines

*'I saw them at sunrise, jackets zipped to their chins,  
handing out food like it was hope...'*

Try writing a few opening lines:

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Try writing a short stanza (3–4 lines) about someone who serves:

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## Write your poem

Your poem can be:

- Free verse
- Rhymes
- Spoken word
- Narrative

Start drafting below:



Write your poem (continued)

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## Feedback on your poem

Ask a friend or teacher to read it. What did they think?

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