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Religious Education Remote Learning

# Salvadorian Crosses



El Salvador is a country in Central America. The people who live there have lived through some very hard times because there was a civil war which meant that there was fighting within the country until a peace treaty was signed in 1992. Many people lost their lives fighting the authorities for the poor people. There remains a lot of unemployment and poverty.

This particular cross represents and celebrates the life of Maria Christina Gomez, a school teacher and faithful Christian who was sadly killed in the troubles.

Maria's friends wanted to remember her and commissioned a picture cross to celebrate her life.

El Salvador produces many colourful and vivid picture crosses to symbolize hope in a terrible situation.

# Australian Crosses



These Australian crosses are designed and illustrated by the indigenous Aboriginals. The art work combines Aboriginal spirituality with Christian faith, creating beautiful pieces. In the Aboriginal culture their art work combines concentric circles, dots and curved lines. The circles are thought to represent community and its innate strength. Circles can also represent sacred places or sites. The curved lines represent feelings such as joy or pain and the dots represent individuals, all of whom God knows by name.

# Celtic Crosses

The Celtic cross is a traditional cross with an additional circle.

Some say that the Celtic cross design originates from St Patrick who merged the traditional cross with the circle of the sun from the pagan tradition.

Others say that it represents the four: God, self, nature and wisdom.

It is seen as not just a symbol of faith but also as an emblem of Celtic identity.





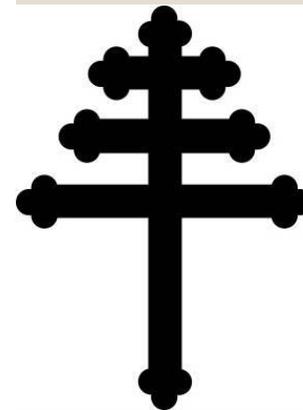
# Kashmiri Crosses

Flower designs are traditional in Kashmiri art and craft. You will be able to see the use of symmetry for balance in this design and examples of asymmetry for non-balance.

The bright Kashmiri flowers are a symbol of hope and new life overcoming fear and suffering. This is because Kashmir is close to Pakistan, India and China who have fought over possession of Kashmir.

Most of the people who live there are Hindu or Muslim but there are Christians too. This bright cross shows that you can be both Kashmiri and Christian.

# What other types of crosses are there?



Find the countries where your crosses come from

