

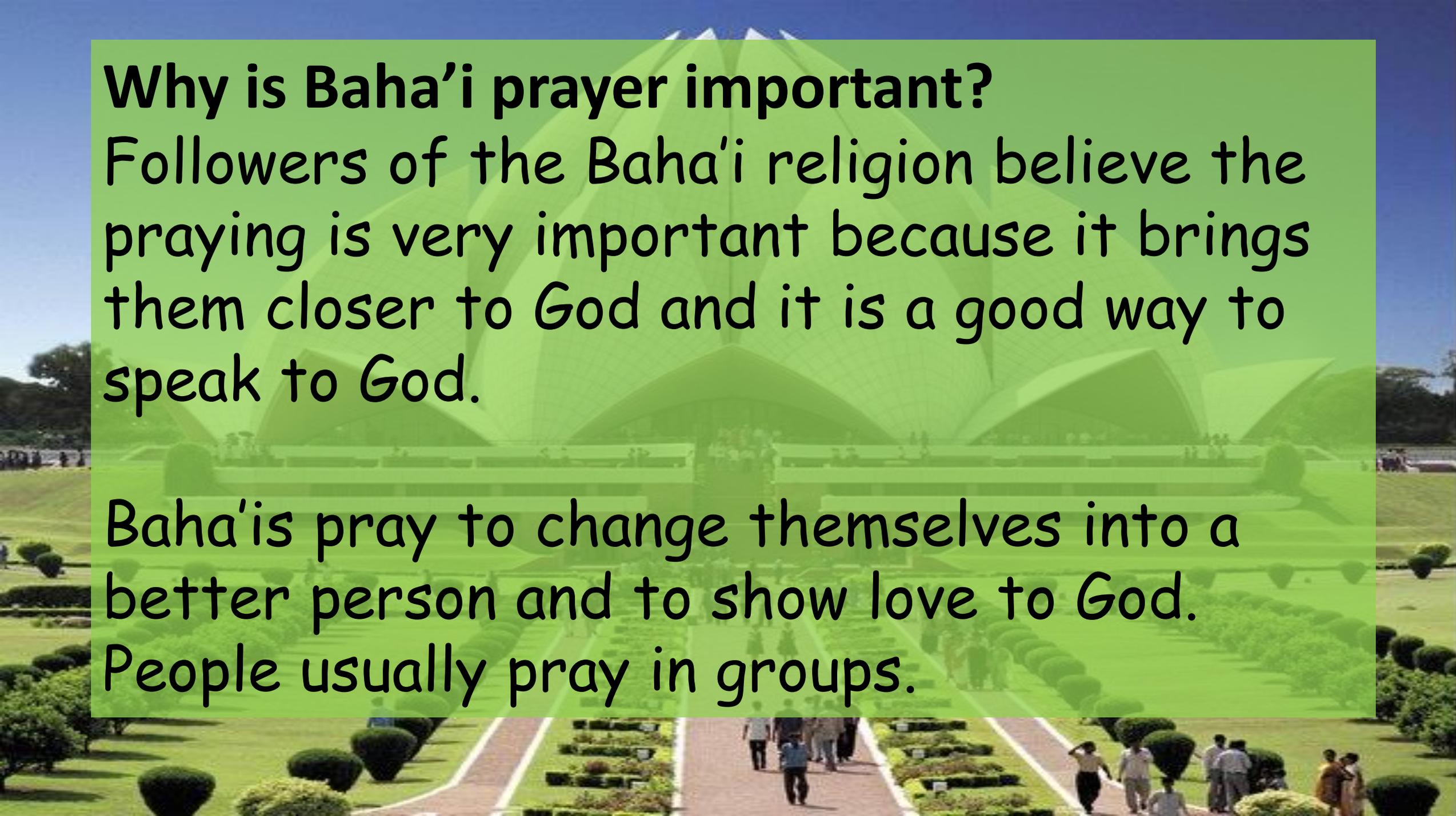
Prayer in the Baha'i religion



Why is Baha'i prayer important?

Followers of the Baha'i religion believe the praying is very important because it brings them closer to God and it is a good way to speak to God.

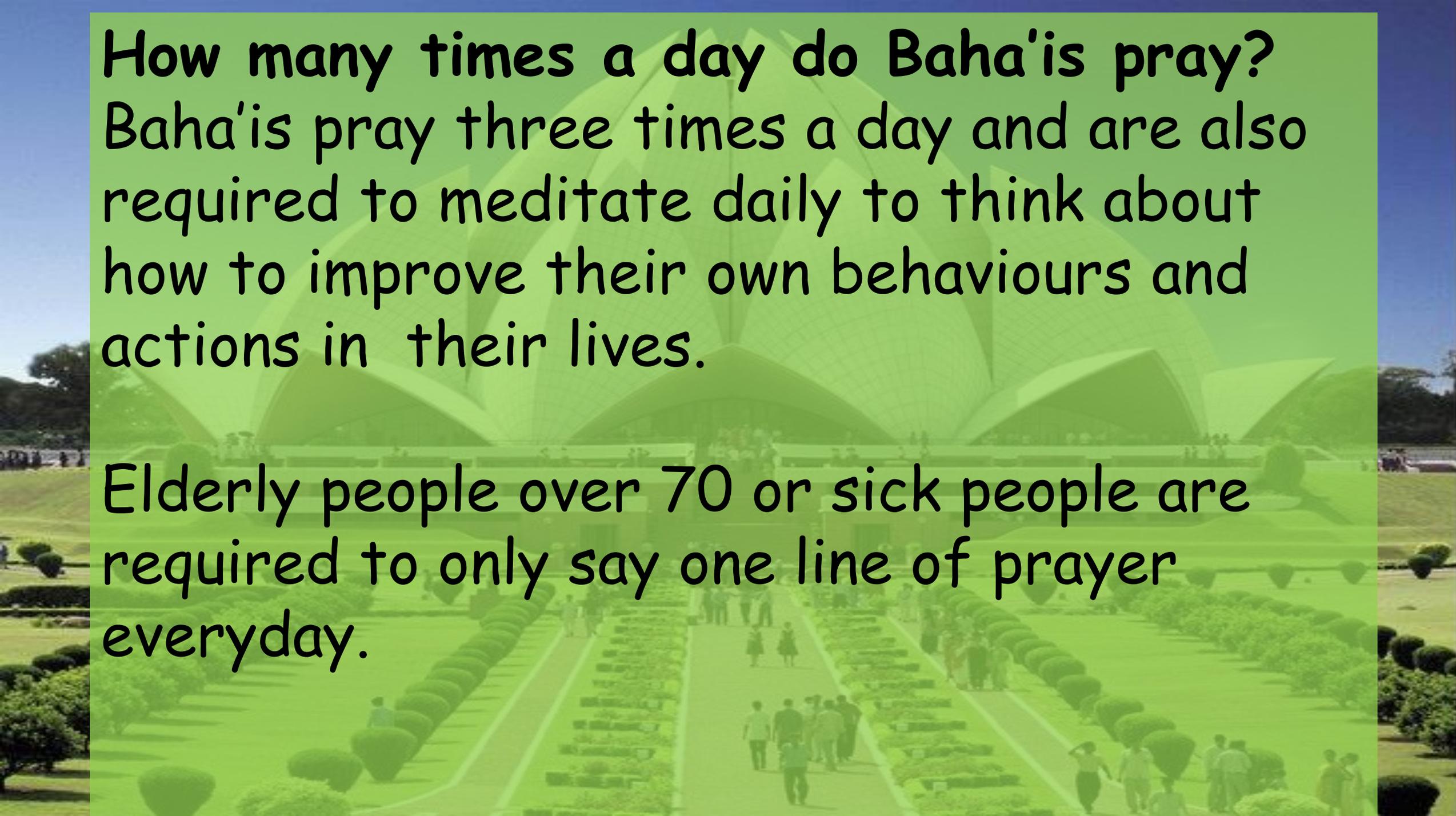
Baha'is pray to change themselves into a better person and to show love to God. People usually pray in groups.



What age do Baha'is start to pray?

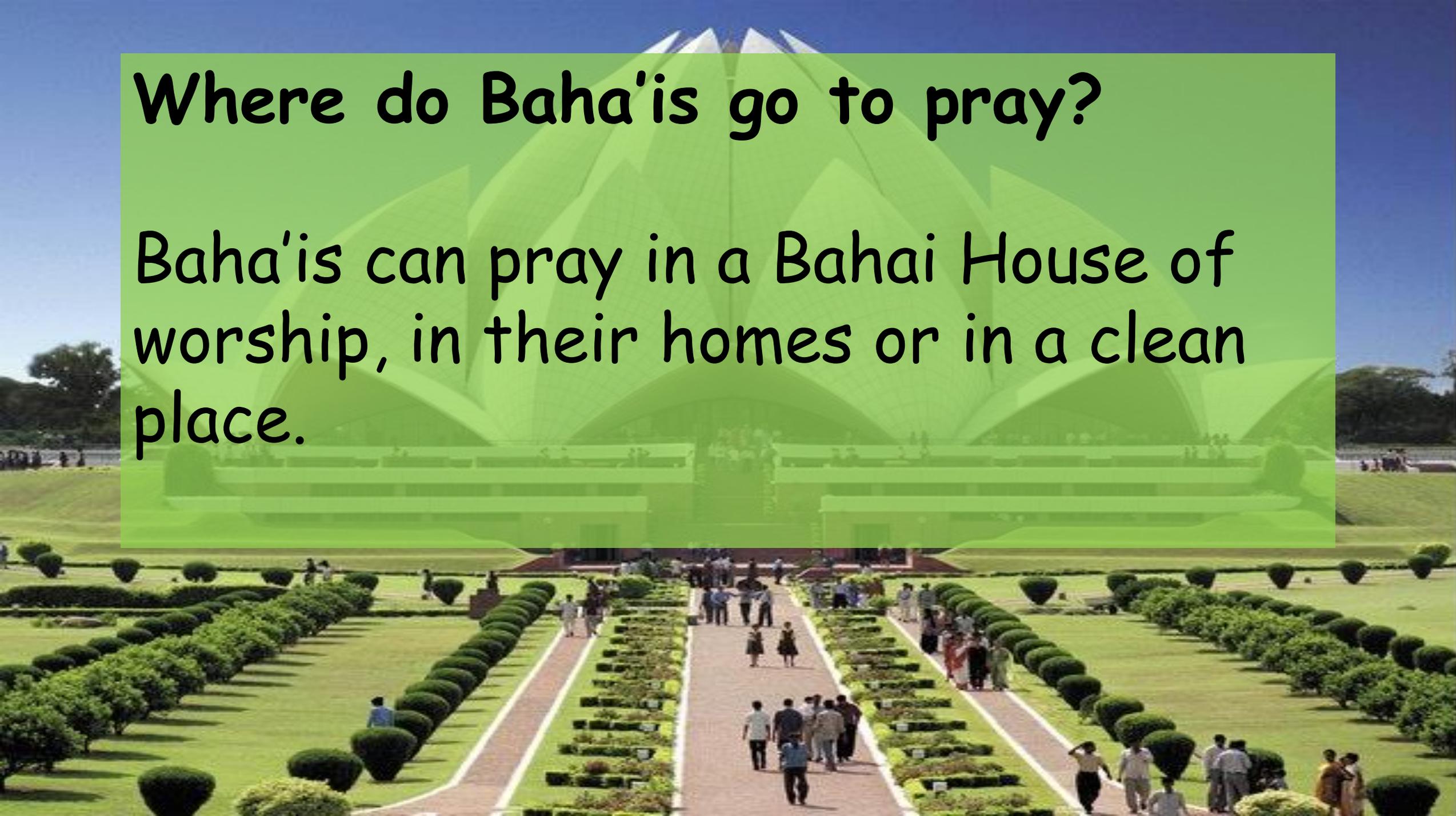
From the age of 15, followers of the religion have to pray daily.



The background of the slide is a photograph of a Bahá'í temple, characterized by its white, ribbed, dome-like structure. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. In the foreground, a wide, paved walkway leads towards the temple, flanked by manicured hedges and greenery. Several people are seen walking along the path. The sky is clear and blue.

How many times a day do Baha'is pray?
Baha'is pray three times a day and are also required to meditate daily to think about how to improve their own behaviours and actions in their lives.

Elderly people over 70 or sick people are required to only say one line of prayer everyday.



Where do Baha'is go to pray?

Baha'is can pray in a Bahai House of worship, in their homes or in a clean place.

What types of prayers are there?

There are three types of prayers:

- A short prayer recited once every 24 hours between noon and sunset.
- A medium prayer recited three times a day, in the morning, at noon and in the evening.
- A long prayer that has to be recited once in every 24 hours at any time.

Baha'is can choose ONE of these and do a prayer daily.



Prayer rules

Before prayer, a worshipper must be clean and pray in a clean place.

They must wash their hands and face well.

If a Bahai is praying at home, they must pray in the direction of the shrine of Bahá'u'lláh.

Questions-Please answer the questions in full sentences on a plain/lined paper.

1. How old does a worshipper have to be to start praying?

2. Name places where Baha'is can pray.

3. What must Baha'is do before they pray?

4. Which direction must worshippers of the Bahai religion pray?