

clergy['klɜːdʒɪ] *n* (the clergy) *собр.*

духовенство, клир

the regular [secular] clergy - чёрное [белое] духовенство

at least five hundred clergy were present - присутствовало по крайней мере пятьсот духовных лиц

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clergy [clergy **clergies**] *BrE* ['klɜːdʒɪ] *AmE* ['klɜːrdʒɪ] (often **the clergy**)**noun plural**

the priests or ministers of a religion, especially of the Christian Church

- All the local clergy were asked to attend the ceremony.
- The new proposals affect both clergy and laity.

compare ↑laityWord Origin:Middle English: from Old French, based on ecclesiastical Latin *clericus* 'clergyman', from Greek *klērikos* 'belonging to the Christian clergy', from *klēros* 'lot, heritage' (Acts 1:26).Collocations:**Religion***Being religious***believe in** God/Christ/Allah/free will/predestination/heaven and hell/an afterlife/reincarnation**be/become** a believer/an atheist/an agnostic/a Christian/Muslim/Hindu/Buddhist, etc.**convert to/practise/ (especially US) practice** a religion/Buddhism/Catholicism/Christianity/Islam/Judaism, etc.**go to church/(NAmE) temple** (= the synagogue)**go to the local church/mosque/synagogue/gurdwara****belong to** a church/a religious community**join/enter** the church/a convent/a monastery/a religious sect/the clergy/the priesthood**praise/worship/obey/serve/glorify** God*Celebrations and ritual***attend/hold/conduct/lead** a service**perform** a ceremony/a rite/a ritual/a baptism/the Hajj/a mitzvah**carry out/perform** a sacred/burial/funeral/fertility/purification rite**go on/make** a pilgrimage**celebrate** Christmas/Easter/Eid/Ramadan/Hanukkah/Passover/Diwali**observe/break** the Sabbath/a fast/Ramadan**deliver/preach/hear** a sermon**lead/address** the congregation**say/recite** a prayer/blessing*Religious texts and ideas***preach/proclaim/spread** the word of God/the Gospel/the message of Islam**study/follow** the dharma/the teachings of Buddha**read/study/understand/interpret** scripture/the Bible/the Koran/the gospel/the Torah**be based on/derive from** divine revelation**commit/consider sth** heresy/sacrilege*Religious belief and experience***seek/find/gain** enlightenment/wisdom**strengthen/lose** your faith**keep/practise/practice/abandon** the faith**save/purify/lose** your soul**obey/follow/keep/break/violate** a commandment/Islamic law/Jewish law**be/accept/do** God's will**receive/experience** divine grace**achieve/attain** enlightenment/salvation/nirvana**undergo** a conversion/rebirth/reincarnation**hear/answer** a prayer**commit/confess/forgive** a sin**do/perform** penance**clergy**

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