

Introduction:

- Ask the children to come up with a list of people and places that are important to them.
- Why are these people important? What do they do with those people?
- Why are the places important? What do they do in those places?

It's important that we think about prayer as not just being for praising God, thanking God and saying sorry, but also as the opportunity to pray for people and places that are important to us, e.g. parents, friends, school, country, etc.

What is prayer of Supplication?

- Supplication is about asking God for things that we need and would like to have in our lives and to pray for others and the needs that they have.
- This could be things that we need for ourselves or for other people.
- Children could write lists/throw out ideas for things that we might ask God for.

Bible verse: 1 Timothy 2:1

"I tell you to pray for all people. Ask God for the things people need, and be thankful to Him." 1 Timothy 2:1 (International Children's Bible).

• You could also encourage the children to memorise this verse as part of the lesson.

Craft Activity: Brainstorm Prayers

Write or draw something on a large piece of card that represents each of the areas that the children are involved in (Ireland, town, school, church, family) and around that, the children can write or draw things that could be prayed for in this area. Then, afterwards, take time to pray through these things. The children may need help with ideas of what to pray for and so prompts may need to be thought of beforehand by the leaders. Where possible though, let the children come up with the ideas as they may see things differently and come up with ideas that the leaders will not.

