

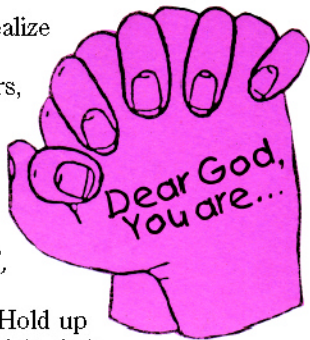


Use praying hands flashcards to help children realize that prayer is more than asking God for something.

*Materials:* Sheets of card stock in 4 different colors, permanent marker, scissors.

*Directions:* Make a praying hands master from the pattern on back of this card and enlarge to approximately 7" x 7½". Photocopy the hands onto card stock—one per child. Cut out hands. Use marker to print one prayer starter on each flashcard: *Dear God, You are . . . , Please . . . , Thank You, God, I'm sorry . . .*

*To use:* Give each child a card during prayer time. Hold up your copy of each flashcard, read the words and explain their meaning. Ask children to give examples. When it is the child's turn to pray



he reads the words aloud on his card then finishes the sentence accordingly. Use this prayer aid for a month or two until children master these elements of prayer. Review periodically.

—Diane Pomroy