



Ireland

Ireland is an island in the North Atlantic Ocean. It's also the name of the country that makes up about five-sixths of the island. The rest of the island is Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom, but Ireland is an independent nation. The island is separated from the island of Great Britain by the Irish Sea and St. George's Channel. The nation is also sometimes called Eire, which is its name in Gaelic, the language of the people who lived in Ireland long ago. It's also sometimes called "Erin" or the "Emerald Isle." Some of the ancient peoples of Ireland include the Celts and Vikings.

Today, there are three official languages in Ireland: Irish, English, and Irish Sign Language. Irish is a form of the ancient Gaelic language. The country and her people have faced many struggles during their long history, some which threatened their existence as a nation and people. During a time when Great Britain ruled over Ireland, Gaelic almost died out. But some kept it alive, and a Gaelic Revival swept the land in the late 1800s and saved the language and parts of the culture from extinction.

The central part of the country is mostly lowlands. Mountains border much of the lowlands and separate them from the coasts. Ireland has about 900 miles (1,448 km) of coastline because of all the many inlets and bays. There is nowhere in the country you can go that is more than 70 miles (110 km) from the sea.



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I hope you've enjoyed visiting four of the many amazing places in Ireland! Before you leave to go home, could I ask you to do something special for the people here? Many of the people in Ireland believe in Jesus as their Savior, but some do not. Pray that people will hear and understand what Jesus has done for everyone who trusts Him. Pray also for those who know Jesus to follow Him faithfully and share Him with everyone they can.

Will you remember to pray for the people of Ireland? Here are a few things you can pray for. You can add more prayer requests to the list as you think of them!



Pray that all people will understand how much Jesus loves them.



Pray for the people living in Dublin, Cork, Tipperary, and Galway, plus every city, town, and county to believe in Jesus.

