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Please pray for persecuted children!



Happy New Year!

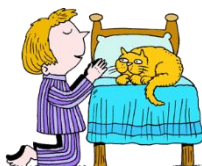


Please say a prayer each day for children who are suffering because they love and believe in Jesus.

Read one prayer each day using the prayer sheet. After you read the prayer, colour in the correct squares on the squared paper sheet.

Colour all the number 1 squares on day 1, colour all the number 2 squares on day 2, colour all the number 3 squares on day 3 and so on. At the end of the month, you will see a special message.

Print the "colouring sheet clear" version for younger children or for children with visual impairment if it is more appropriate. You can enlarge it to A3 if you have access to a photocopier.



Thank you for praying for persecuted children. Every prayer you say is a huge blessing to every child. Your prayers bring them closer to Jesus and give them hope, love and protection.

Jesus tells us that when we care for and bless others, it's just like we did it for Him! How amazing is that! We show our love for Jesus when we pray for others and help them.



Jesus said, "Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)



January 2017 Prayer Sheet

1st : Ask God to use your prayers this month so that persecuted children and young people know His love in very real and powerful ways.

2nd : Ask God to protect children in North Korea who have to live on the streets. Their families may have been sent to prison or been killed for loving Jesus.

3rd : Pray that God would protect Christian girls who are kidnapped and forced to marry men from another religion. Ask God to set them free so they can return home. May they know God's great love, healing and hope.

4th : Pray for children whose Mums and Dads are in prison for following Jesus. Ask God to fill them with His strength, hope and love. Pray that the parents will be set free.

5th : Pray that Asia Bibi's children in Pakistan would experience God's love keeping them safe and brave. Their Mum has been in prison since 2010 for standing up for Jesus. Pray for God's protection and for their Mum to be set free.

6th : Pray for children in Eritrea whose family members have been taken away because they love Jesus.

7th : Pray for the children who were hurt and traumatised after a bomb exploded in a church in Cairo, Egypt, in December.

8th : Ask Jesus to wrap His arms of love around all the children and families whose loved ones were killed in the Cairo bombing. Ask God to fill their hearts with His great love, hope, strength and forgiveness.

9th : Ask God to protect Christian school pupils from being beaten or hurt by other children and teachers. Some Christian pupils have even been killed.

10th : Pray for children in Sri Lanka whose families are threatened and attacked. Ask for God's love, courage and strength for them as they face danger every day.

11th : Ask God to be with children who are very scared because people hurt Christians where they live.

12th : Praise God that Behnam Irani and Farshid Fathi have been released from prison in Iran. Thank God that their children can have their Dads back home.

13th : Pray for children, such as Hadija in Uganda, who are beaten, starved and rejected (and sometimes killed) by their families for loving Jesus. Ask for God's great healing, love, care and protection for them.

14th : Thank God that Hadija (see yesterday) has a new guardian, Mellina, who loves her - and Jesus - very much. Pray that Hadija will do well at school and live in safety and happiness with Mellina.

15th : Ask God to protect children in Syria and Iraq from bombings and other attacks. Ask God to get them to safety and to provide for their needs.

16th : Pray for Jiamei in China. She is 6 years old and misses her Dad, Li Heping, very much. Her Dad defended Christians in court but was sent to prison.

17th : Pray for God to give hope, protection and a future to the children and youth at St. George's Church in Iraq. They have great faith. Pray for peace in Iraq and Syria.

18th : Ask God to bless and heal Jeovani, aged 10, Steven, 9, and Dieu Fera, 11, who were seriously hurt when their Sunday school was bombed in the Central African Republic. Ask God to help them adapt to the physical challenges they now face and to fill them with His love and hope.

19th : Ask God to pour out His love on all children whose families have been killed because they loved Jesus. May they know their families are with Jesus in heaven. Ask for kind people to look after them.

20th : Ask God to look after and set free children who have been forced to become child soldiers. Pray for healing of mind and body and for hope.

21st : Pray God's great protection upon children and families in Uganda. May they trust God and know His love.

22nd : Ask God to protect and bless children in India. More and more Christians are being attacked by Hindu extremists.

23rd : Young Christian girls are in danger of being badly hurt in India. Pray for God's almighty protection and love. Pray for healing for girls who have been attacked.

24th : Pray for God's protection upon children who go to school and Sunday school in dangerous places.

25th : Ask God to bless and take care of children in North Korea who are mistreated in prison or are trying to escape to China. May they find freedom, kindness and a new life with Jesus.

26th : Ask God to shine the hope and love of Jesus into the hearts of children who live in fear and danger because they love Him. May God protect them and help them know He is with them and to keep trusting in Him.

27th : Pray for children in Nigeria. Children and their families are attacked and killed by violent groups. Children have seen and experienced terrible things. Pray for God's great healing, hope and protection for them.

28th : Many Christian children in Nigeria and their families have had to run away from their homes to keep safe. Ask God to give them food and water, clothes, Bibles, shelter, medical care and education. Ask God to give them Christians to pray with them and care for them and show Jesus' love.

29th : Praise and thank God that 21 Christian girls kidnapped in Chibok, Nigeria, were set free in October. More than 270 girls - mostly Christians - were taken away from their school by Muslim extremists in 2014. Ask God to heal the girls who have been released and to look after and set free all the other girls so they can return home.

30th : Thank and praise God for healing Danjuma, a boy in Nigeria. He was hurt very badly by people who do not want Christians to believe in or follow Jesus. Ask God to continue to heal him and keep him and his family safe. Ask God to use him to bring the love and joy of Jesus to many other children and adults.

31st : Dear Father God, Thank You for Jesus! Thank You for sending Your Son to live with us and save us. Thank You for loving me so much! I pray that every persecuted child and young person would know Your great love and hope in 2017. May Your great love shine into the darkest, scariest places, bringing Your light, hope and protection. Give Your children joy and make them brave, knowing there is no one and nothing more powerful than You!

