

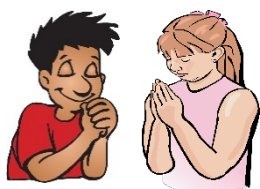


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Pray for persecuted children!



Dear Father God,

We thank and praise You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ as a baby to come and share Your love and save us. Thank You that You sent Jesus to show us how much You love us. This Christmas, please be very close to children and their families who are attacked and hurt because they love You. Keep them safe as they sing and pray to You and read their Bibles in their homes and churches. Protect them as they play and go to school. Look after them wherever they are and let them know how much You care for and love them. Thank You Lord. Amen.



It is now Advent when we remember and get ready to celebrate the time Jesus was born. Christmas can be a very dangerous time for persecuted children and their families. People who do not love Jesus may try to hurt or kill them.

This month, we have a special Advent calendar. We are going to:



1) Say a prayer every day for children and their families who are hurt because they love Jesus. (See separate prayer sheet)



2) Colour in one part of the Nativity picture each day up to Christmas Day. (See picture on a separate sheet and a list telling you what to colour in).



Thank you for praying for children who suffer because they love Jesus. Your prayers bless them in wonderful ways! Have a happy and blessed Christmas!

Prayers for each day in December up to Christmas Day:

1st - Dear Father God,

Please look after the children in North Korea who live on the streets. Some of them have no homes as their Mums and Dads have been put in prison because they love Jesus. Keep them safe and let them know you love them. Help them be with their families again. Amen.

2nd - Dear Jesus,

Be very close to the children who are sad because their Mums and Dads have been hurt or killed for loving Jesus. Hold them in Your arms of love. Let them know You will always be with them to take care of them and keep them safe. Help them trust You and know You are looking after their Mums and Dads in heaven. Give them loving families and friends to take care of them.

3rd - Dear God,

Help the children who have been hurt or beaten by their Mums and Dads because they love Jesus. Give them proper food and keep them safe. Help them find loving people to look after them and make them better. Help their Mums and Dads believe in You too. Amen.

4th - Dear Jesus,

Please bless the two sons of Alimujiang Yimiti in China. Their Dad was put in prison 11 years ago and is still in prison. Fill their hearts with Your love and happiness when they feel sad and miss their Dad. Let them know You are looking after their Dad. Keep the family all safe. Help the other prisoners believe in Jesus too because of their Dad.

5th - Dear Father God,

Help all Christian children to be able to go to school. Help their families to get the money they need to send them to school. Let them not be stopped from going because they are Christians and love You. And please keep them safe. Thank You. Amen.

6th - Dear Jesus,

Please protect all children who get hurt at school by other children or teachers because they love You. Show Your love to the teachers and help them to be fair and kind to all the children they teach. Help the children make good friends and be happy and safe at school. Make them brave and help them to trust You. Thank You. Amen.

7th - Dear Jesus,

Bless the children in Eritrea who grow up not seeing their Mums and Dads because they are in prison. Help them to be strong and brave. Fill their hearts with Your love and happiness. Help them to trust You to look after their parents, and please protect their parents and set them free so they can be together again. Thank You.

8th - Dear God,

Please bless the children in China. They are not allowed to go to church to find out how much Jesus loves them. Help their Mums and Dads to tell them all about Jesus' love so they believe in Him. Change the minds of the leaders in China so children can go to church. Amen.

9th - Dear Father God,

Be very close to Christian girls who are taken away from their families. They have to marry men they do not want to marry. Save them by Your great power, O God! Help them get back to live with their families. Let them feel Your love with them and keep the girls and their families trusting in You.

10th - Dear Jesus,

Be near to Leah Sharibu, a young girl in Nigeria who was taken away from her family. Keep her safe and the girls and women with her. Help her know You are with her and she is very special to You. Help her trust You to keep her safe and help her get home to her family because You are all powerful!

11th - Dear Father God,

Please bless a boy in China called Quanquan. His Dad is in prison because He helped people who were being hurt by the Government. His Dad is a lawyer who stands up for what is right but the Government do not like this. His Dad has been hurt in prison and is not well. Help Quanquan know Your love and trust You to look after him, his Mum and Dad and set his Dad free. And please make his Dad better.

12th - Dear Father God,

Be with children and their families and friends who have been hit and hurt because they love and follow Jesus. Help them be brave and know You holding them safe in Your arms of love. Stop people hurting them by Your power! Help their attackers to believe in Jesus too.

13th - Dear God,

Help the children and their families who have had to run away from home because people want to harm them for believing in Jesus. Help them find safe new homes, food, schools, medicines and a safe place to love and follow You. Help them read the Bible and find out that You love them and will always be with them to look after them.

14th - Dear God,

Please bless and keep children safe who go to Bible holiday camps. Protect them and the leaders who teach at the camps. Keep their families safe whilst they are away. Help them have a lot of fun and find out about Jesus! Help them ask Jesus into their hearts and follow Him.

15th - Dear Father God,

Please keep children safe whose families love You. They can be in a lot of danger because they believe in You. Keep them safe in their homes, at church, when they are outside playing and everywhere they go. Let them know You walking with them, holding their hand all the time. Praise You, God!

16th - Dear Father God,

Be very close to children who are sad or so scared because people want to hurt them and their families for loving Jesus. Let them feel very safe in Your wonderful arms of love holding them tight. Let them know You will never let go and will be with them all through the day and night. Amen.

17th - Dear Jesus,

Please heal children who have been hurt in attacks at home or at church. Heal their bodies in powerful ways. Heal their minds so they don't remember the scary things that happened to them. Give them Your peace, love and happiness and keep them safe.

18th - Dear Father God,

Help children who have been sent to prison in North Korea because their families love You. They are such scary places! Pour Your love into their hearts and help them to be brave and strong. Protect them with Your Almighty power! Please get them more food and pour Your love into the hearts of the guards so they believe in You. Set the children free with their families.

19th - Dear God,

Help all children around the world to get a children's Bible of their own so they can find out for themselves how much You love them. You love them so much that You sent Your Son Jesus to save them! Help them to share their Bibles with their friends and neighbours so that others can learn about the wonderful love of Jesus too.

20th - Say the following Bible verse aloud. Ask God to let all persecuted children know this is true for them and God is right by their side. This is true for you, too!

*"I am the LORD your God.
I am holding your hand,
so don't be afraid.
I am here to help you."*

(Isaiah 41:13)

21st - Dear God,

Change people's hearts and minds who do not love You. Hold them back from hurting Your children and their families at Christmas and new year. Fill their hearts and minds with the love of Jesus. Let them know You are true. Give them a new life in Your love. Amen.

22nd - Dear Father God,

We cry out and ask You to keep Your children and their families safe at Christmas and new year. Keep them safe in their homes, in their churches and as they travel. Thank You! Amen.

23rd - Dear Father God,

We pray for the Mums and Dads whose children have been killed because they love Jesus. Help these Mums and Dads to be strong. Let them feel Your great love and hold them in Your arms when they are sad. Help them to know their children are happy with Jesus in heaven.

24th - Dear God,

Keep all Your children and their families safe as they go to church on Christmas Eve or pray and sing in their homes. Amen.

25th - Praise You, dear God!

Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus as a baby. Thank You that we see how much You love us in Jesus. Help every persecuted child to be filled with Your amazing love, hope and joy as they remember Jesus being born for them. Protect and bless them. We give You all our thanks and praise! Amen.



Look at the date to see which part of the picture to colour each day:

1st - Bible (not stars)

2nd - Draw yourself in the picture and colour

3rd - Shepherd 1

4th - Bible stars

5th - Main star

6th - Town

7th - Sky

8th - Camels

9th - Angel with trumpet

10th - Stable roof

11th - Stable window

12th - Stable walls

13th - Angel 1

14th - Wise Man 1

15th - Hills, grass and road

16th - Angel 2

17th - Wise Man 2

18th - Shepherd 2

19th - Wise Man 3

20th - Angel 3

21st - Cow and sheep

22nd - Joseph

23rd - Mary

24th - Donkey

25th - Baby Jesus and manger

Happy and Blessed Christmas!

