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Pray for persecuted children!



Let's think about Iran! Some interesting facts...



- Iran is in Western Asia.
- The capital - and biggest city - is Tehran.
- It takes 5½ hours to fly from London to Tehran.
- Iran has great deserts and salt pans. It has rainforests in the north and many mountains.
- The national sport is freestyle wrestling and the country has won many medals in the Olympics for it.
- The money used is called Rial (IRR).
- Animals include Asiatic Cheetahs (critically endangered), camels, Persian Leopards, Oxus Cobras and Caspian Seals.
- Most of the population are Muslims.
- The Government has shut down some Christian churches. Some Christians meet in homes to pray to God and read the Bible.
- Christians can be beaten and hurt and put in prison. The Government does not want people to believe in Jesus.



Try learning these phrases in Farsi (Persian) - a language spoken in Iran:

**Hello** Salam!

**Please** Lotfan

**Thank you** Tashakor

**Goodbye** Haafez

**Yes** Bale (pronounced Boleh)

**No** Na



Dear Jesus,

We pray for Christian children and their families in Iran at this time. Please be with children whose families are in prison because they love and believe in You. Keep them safe from the coronavirus which is in some of the prisons. Thank you that some Christian prisoners have been set free. Please help others to gain their freedom too. Protect the guards also and may they and the other prisoners come to know You and be kind to all those in prison with them. Amen.

Dear Father God,

Please be very close to Your children who have had to leave home and now live in camps. Maybe their houses were burned down or they had to run away because people wanted to hurt or kill them for loving Jesus. They live very close together in these camps and may not have a lot of food, medicines or fresh water. Keep them safe from coronavirus and from more attacks. May they pray to You and know Your protection. Please provide nurses and doctors to help them and keep them safe, and may they all know the power and protection of Your wonderful and all-powerful love.



Dear Jesus,

Please hold Sara and her Mum, Marriam, very tightly in Your arms of love in Pakistan. Both Sara's Dad and brother were killed because they loved You. Please heal Sara's left eye, which was damaged in an attack, by Your almighty healing power. Watch over them and keep them safe. Give them everything they need and help them to be brave and strong. And let them know their loved ones are safe in Your arms in heaven.



Match the capital cities to some of the countries where Christian children and their families are hurt or killed because they believe in and follow Jesus. (Answers on the last page).

Country

Colombia

North Korea

Iran

Eritrea

India

Capital City

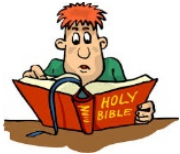
Tehran

New Delhi

Asmara

Bogota

Pyongyang



Crack the code! Use the code to find this month's Bible verse. a = 1, b = 2, c = 3, etc.

" 9      1, 13      25, 15, 21, 18      7, 15, 4.      9      23, 9, 12, 12

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13, 1, 11, 5      25, 15, 21      19, 20, 18, 15, 14, 7      1, 14, 4

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8, 5, 12, 16      25, 15, 21.      9      23, 9, 12, 12,      8, 15, 12, 4

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25, 15, 21      19, 1, 6, 5      9, 14      13, 25      8, 1, 14, 4, 19.

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(Isaiah 41:10 NIRV)



Dear God,

Thank You that You love us so much. Help Your children who are hurt, scared and sad to know how much You love them. Let them know You care about them deeply and understand everything they are going through; You are right beside them. Let them feel safely held in Your all-powerful, loving arms and know that You will never let them fall; You will protect them. Thank You. Amen.

Dear Father God,

We lift to You Your children in India. They can get hurt or killed because they and their Mums and Dads love You. Keep them safe from attack and also from coronavirus. Please provide them with good food to eat and clean water for washing.

Colombia – Bogota; North Korea – Pyongyang; Iran – Tehran; Eritrea – Asmara; India – New Delhi