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Answer the clues to complete the crossword. The answers are some of the countries where children and their families are hurt, attacked, bullied and even killed because they love and follow Jesus. (Answers at the end)

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Across

1. Abuja is the capital of this country.
5. The largest island in the Caribbean.
7. This country used to be known as Persia until it changed its name in 1935.
8. People celebrate the new year with a dragon dance in this country.
9. This country has the second highest mountain in the world called K2.

Down

2. This country has the highest number of tigers.
3. Asmara is the capital of this country.
4. This country uses money called Kip.
6. This country has the world's youngest population! The median age here is 15.7 years old.



Dear Jesus,

Thank You that Pastor Alim Yimiti has been set free from prison in China after 15 years in jail. His two sons were young when he was sent to prison so he missed them growing up. Help them to develop a very close and special love with each other - and You. Give Alim, his wife and children Your peace and protection so they are not persecuted anymore. Amen.



Dear God,

Please heal the headteacher named Xu Feng from Maizi Christian Music High School who is in prison in China. He is being given bad food that is making him ill. Let him feel You are with him and give him your peace and protection. Help him trust You. Remind him of Your words in the Bible: "Don't be afraid - I will save you. I have called you by name - you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1)



Put these words in the right order to make this month's Bible verse found in Ephesians 1:16 (NIV).

remembering you

giving thanks

in my prayers.

I have

for you,

not stopped



Dear Jesus,

Thank You for all the children and youth who continue to love and follow You even though it is very dangerous - even when they are scared and worried about what might happen to them; even when they are bullied, attacked and rejected by their friends; even when they are lonely and sad. Fill them with Your great and wonderful love and joy. Let them know how much You love them and that You see them and watch over them every second of the day and night. Keep them safe by Your Almighty power and give them good friends. Amen.



Dear Jesus,

Please be very close to four children in Pakistan whose Dad, called Basharat, was killed in April. He was the only parent looking after them.

One of his daughters, who was only 12 years old, had been kidnapped and forced to marry a Muslim man. Her Dad had fought for her freedom and got her back home again. This might have been why he was murdered. Dear Lord, pour Your love and strength into the hearts of these children who miss their Dad so much. Thank You for the great love their Dad had for them. Keep them safe and give them friends and family to care for them. Stop them from being taken away and help them grow and thrive in Your love and peace. Amen.



Dear God,

Be with all the children and youth in Manipur, India where Christians were killed and 50 churches were destroyed by a violent mob. Hundreds of Christians had to run for their lives, leaving behind their homes and belongings. Take away their fear. Help the youth not want revenge. Give them safe new homes and schools and Christians who will welcome them with open arms in the Name of Jesus! Heal their injuries and fill their minds and hearts with Your peace, courage, love and healing. Speak to the people who attacked them so they change their ways and follow Jesus instead. Amen.

Down 2. India 3. Eritrea 4. Laos 6. Uganda
Across 1. Nigeria 5. Cuba 7. Iran 8. China 9. Pakistan

