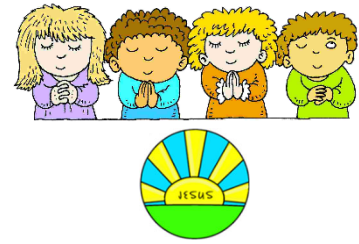




RELEASE INTERNATIONAL  
**voice**  
of Persecuted Christians  
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This month we celebrate Pentecost when God sent the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after Jesus had gone back up to heaven. Soon after, Jesus' followers started the first church. Today, many persecuted Christians start churches around the world to share the love and truth of Jesus. However, many of them and their families are attacked, badly hurt, killed or have their homes and churches destroyed by people who do not want others to know about Jesus' saving love.



Can you spot 14 differences in the 2 pictures below that show Peter talking to the crowds as he got ready to start the first church?





Dear Father God,

Give great courage to children and youth whose Mums and Dads lead churches in places where it is very dangerous to be a Christian. Keep them all safe from being attacked and hurt. Show Your love and power to the people who want to destroy and set fire to their homes and churches so that they believe in Jesus and don't go ahead with their plans. Help the children and youth know that You are right by their side at all times to give them strength, hope, love and protection. Amen.



Dear Jesus,

Be very close to 5 children who live in South Sudan. Their Mum is disabled and their Dad is a soldier. They do not have a lot of money and get help from partners of Release International so they have enough food, medicines and clothes. Please heal their Mum by Your Almighty power and keep their Dad safe. Help the family have everything they need. Make it possible for the children to go to school. Keep them all healthy and protect them from all harm. Fill their hearts with Your great love, joy and peace and give them hope that You will give them a better future. Bless the people helping them and keep them safe as well.



Dear Jesus,

Give Your great strength to Shuya Wang and his family in China. His Dad, Pastor Wang Yi, has been in prison for 6 years because He teaches people about Jesus. Shuya's Mum is closely watched by security agents so she has little freedom. Pour Your love into the hearts of Shuya, his Mum and Dad. They all miss each other very much. Keep his Dad safe and set him free. Give hope, joy and freedom to Shuya and his Mum. Jesus, You know how sad, depressed and quiet Shuya has become because he has been forced to go to a Communist school and cannot be with his friends. The Communist teachers try to change his thinking and want to stop him believing in and following You. Pour Your amazing love and truth into His heart and mind. Help Him know You are the only true God. Let him feel Your arms of love holding him up. Help him trust that You are always with him and will NEVER let him fall. Amen.



How many words can you make out of the word: **miracles** ?

Use each letter once and use words which have 1 letter and more.



Fill in the missing consonants from Acts 1:8 (NIV).

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Dear God,

Send Your Holy Spirit to live within all Your children and youth who are being hurt, bullied and attacked or whose loved ones have been killed because they love and follow Jesus. Give them the great power of the Holy Spirit to make them strong and brave. Give them powerful faith that can move mountains (Matthew 17:20). Help them **believe and trust** in You to perform miracles: miracles of healing, miracles of being rescued, miracles of giving them what they need when they need it and miracles of showing Jesus to the people who want to harm and kill them. Keep reminding them of Jesus' words: "Nothing will be impossible for you!" (Matthew 17:20) Give them the total belief that **they** can do great miracles with the Almighty power of God's Holy Spirit inside them! Hallelujah!!!

**Answers to spot the difference:**

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