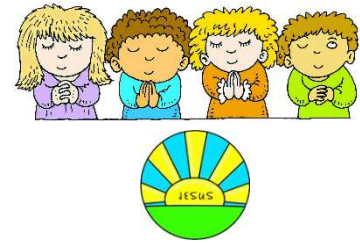




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This month sees the start of the famous football competition - the World Cup 2026. Below you can see some of the countries playing in the World Cup which persecute Christians. They may attack, hurt, imprison, bully and even kill Christian children, youth and adults just because they love and follow Jesus.

Can you unjumble the names of these countries in the World Cup where Christians are persecuted? (Answers at the end - no peeking!)



- 1) tgpEy 2) ieocxM 3) oalmiCb 4) narI
5) yeTriuk 6) qaIr 7) RooDngC



Dear Jesus,
Bless all the children and youth in these World Cup countries where they and their families live in great danger and fear because they love and follow You. Keep these children safe from being kidnapped and taken away from their families. Be very close to them when their families are put in prison or killed and they cannot see them anymore. Pour Your great love and hope into their hearts. Make them strong and brave by the power of Your Holy Spirit who loves them so much. Look after them and keep them safe. Set their families free from prison. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Dear God,
Thank You for Christian teachers, such as Kumundi Athapattu in Sri Lanka, who are attacked and treated badly because they teach about Jesus' love. Thank You for making them brave to carry on teaching the children and youth. Keep them, their families and homes safe. Fill them with the joy of the Lord!! Amen.



Dear Jesus,

Be with all the children and adults who were recently kidnapped in Nigeria. Many of the children are only 2 to 5 years old! Let them feel Your love, courage, strength and hope in their hearts and minds. Protect them from being hurt. Give their families Your all powerful strength and peace as they are so worried about their loved ones. Speak to the kidnappers so that they fall on their knees before You Jesus and follow You! By Your Almighty power set all the children and adults free. Amen.



The words from this month's Bible verse have been written backwards (not the numbers). Write them the right way around to read what it says.

"ehT droL sevig htgnerts ot sih elpoep;

Eht droL sesselb sih elpoep htiw ecaep."

(mlasP 29:11)



Dear Jesus,

Give great strength and peace to all persecuted children and youth who suffer because they believe in and follow you. Let them feel you right beside them. Give them courage when they see their homes burnt down and have to run for their lives. Give them Your comfort and hope when their loved ones are killed. Pour Your all-powerful healing upon their bodies, hearts and minds when they are injured. Be with them when they are lonely and sad. Fill them with courage when they are so afraid. Thank You Jesus! Amen.



Dear Jesus,

Protect the Christian families in Laos who were threatened with having their homes burnt down. They were told this after an argument about children playing in the street. Keep them safe and bring Your peace. Amen.

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| 1) Egypt | 2) Mexico | 3) Colombia | 4) Iran | 5) Turkiye | 6) Congo DR | 7) Iraq |
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