

Pray FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

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FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

YOU CAN PRAY FOR KIDS AROUND THE WORLD!

Don't you love talking to Jesus, going to Sunday School, and learning stories from the Bible? Did you know that in some countries, boys and girls aren't allowed to do these things? If they do, they are bullied and treated badly. But Jesus said to worship Him no matter what, so they keep serving Him. **You can pray for these children around the world every day and ask God to protect them. You can pray that even when it's hard, they will keep loving Jesus.**



NORTH KOREA

Joon lives in North Korea. His mom and dad love Jesus, but this is not allowed in North Korea. **Joon and his family must hide when they pray, and they don't own a Bible in their language.**

Pray for North Korea: *Jesus, I pray for boys and girls like Joon who have to hide their faith. I pray that You will allow Bibles to reach people around the world who don't have them.*

SYRIA

Miriam and her family are from Syria. Some people there threatened to hurt her family because they are Christians, so they had to leave home. **Now, Miriam is living in a tent and she doesn't have much food or clean water.**

Pray for Syria: *Jesus, I pray for people like Miriam who have lost everything for their faith. I pray You will provide them with food, clean water, a safe home, and a place to go to school.*



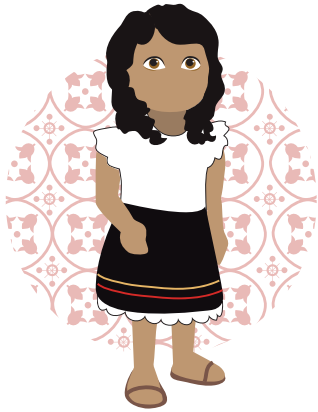
NIGERIA

Peter is from Nigeria. Christians in Nigeria are bullied for their faith. Sometimes, their homes are even burned down. So Peter and his family had to run away. **While they were running, they got separated from Peter's dad. They don't know where he is.**

Pray for Nigeria: *Jesus, I pray for people like Peter who have lost their home and their family. I pray they will know You are with them, even when they feel scared and alone.*



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CUBA

Samara lives with her family in Cuba. When they were at church one day, some bad people came in and told them they had to shut down their church. **Samara's neighbors are often mean to her because they don't understand why she loves Jesus.**

Pray for Cuba: *Jesus, I pray that Christians in Cuba will continue to love others, even when they are hurt by them. I pray their kindness will make other people want to be Christians, too.*

CHINA

Chen lives in China. Most people in China don't believe in God, and they don't like it when other people do. **Chen's family has to worship Jesus secretly so they aren't thrown in jail.**

Pray for China: *Jesus, I thank you that Christians in China continue to serve You even when it's hard. Please keep them safe and help them find ways to tell other people about You.*



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)

Esther is from the Central African Republic, where there is a lot of fighting between people from different religions. **Esther's family didn't feel safe anymore, so they had to leave their home.**

Pray for CAR.: *Jesus, I pray for Christians in Africa who are scared. Please help them be brave and remind them that You are worth any risk.*

INDIA

Prisha is from India. Her family used to be Hindu. That means they worshipped gods that weren't real. When they became Christians, their Hindu friends didn't like it. **Some men even threatened to beat up Prisha's dad.**

Pray for India: *Jesus, I pray for people in India who are treated badly because they are Christians. Help them to love You more each day and to remember they will spend eternity with You.*



The Bible tells us that anyone who follows Jesus is a part of God's family. That means children like Joon, Esther, and Prakash are your brothers and sisters! We know God hears our prayers and He answers them, too. When you pray for children around the world and ask God to make them strong and brave — He actually does it. **And you make a difference!**

Will you pray for your Christian brothers and sisters today?

Note: These stories represent many children in persecuted nations around the world today.