



### International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Today, at church, we listened to the stories of Christians who live in countries where they aren't free to love God or to learn about Jesus and tell other people about how he died to take the punishment for all of our sins. They aren't allowed to tell others about how he came back to life and wants to help us live our lives in a way that changes the world. But, because they love Jesus and they care about the people they know, they tell them anyway. And, many of them are punished and persecuted because of it.

These are just a few of the countries where Christians are persecuted:

Afghanistan  
Algeria  
Bangladesh  
Burma  
China  
Colombia  
Egypt  
Eritrea  
Ethiopia  
Gaza and the West Bank  
India  
Indonesia

Iran  
Iraq  
Laos  
Malaysia  
Mexico (Chiapas region)  
Morocco  
Nepal  
Nigeria  
North Korea  
Pakistan  
Saudi Arabia  
Sri Lanka  
Tunisia  
Turkey  
Uzbekistan  
Vietnam

I'm going to find each of these countries on a map and pray for the Christians there. Will you pray with me? Go ahead and find a map. I'll be here when you get back.

“Dear God, please be with the people in \_\_\_\_\_ who love You. Please help them be brave and help others to learn about how much You love them. Please keep them safe, and please help me to tell other people about Your love. In Jesus' Name. Amen.”

\*For a list of free e-books that can help families learn more about the persecuted Church, visit the downloads page of [www.KidsofCourage.com](http://www.KidsofCourage.com), a ministry of The Voice of the Martyrs.