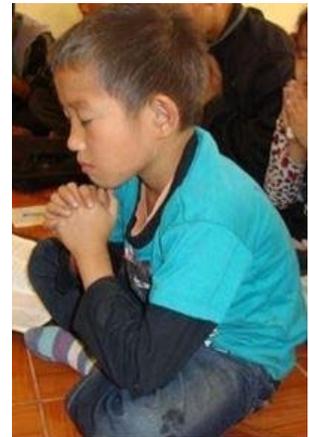


## CHILDRENS RESOURCES: PRAY

Children of persecuted Christians have unique needs. Some need safe houses to live in while their parents evangelize in dangerous areas. They may be kicked out of school because of their parents' faith. Often they lack Christian friends. They might not have Bibles to help them stay strong in their faith in places where most people do not know Jesus.

Persecuted Christians and their children all have one very important need that you can meet — they all need prayer. The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on November 1st is one way we remember and pray for persecuted Christians. Can you pray for children of our persecuted family?



### 8 WAYS TO PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

#### **Pray That the Children Will Follow Jesus**

Some children of Christian workers are not yet following God's will for their lives. Pray that they will trust in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

#### **Pray for Peace**

Children in persecuted families sometimes worry about their family's safety. Ask God to give them peace. Pray that they will not have bad dreams.

#### **Pray for Christian Friends**

Pray that the children will have Christian friends to encourage them in staying strong in their faith.

#### **Pray for Protection from Bullies**

Some children in Christian families are the only Christian children in their school. Ask God to protect them from students and teachers who might want to bully them.

#### **Pray for Christian Marriages**

Christian youth in some countries don't know any Christians their age. They wonder if they will ever meet someone they can marry. Pray they will wait on the Lord and not marry non-believers.

#### **Pray for Girls**

Girls are not as important as boys in some places where persecuted believers serve the Lord. Pray that they will know that Jesus loves them and values them as much as boys.

#### **Pray for Courage**

Ask God to help children of Christian workers get the courage to be bold witnesses for Christ.

#### **Pray for Strength**

Pray that their experiences of God will help them stand strong against superstitions and the worship of false gods that are part of the cultures where they live.

## CHILDRENS RESOURCES: ACTIVITY

Your words have great impact! Send a card to children. Draw a picture. Write a favourite Bible verse. Share an encouraging note. And then mail it to Open Doors Canada, who will deliver them to children around the world that are persecuted for their faith in Jesus.



### Writing guidelines:

- Do not mention Open Doors Canada on the card or letter
- You may provide your name, but not your full address (eg. Matthew from Toronto, Canada is acceptable)
- Do not criticize religious extremism, governments, judicial systems or political leaders
- Do not send money or make any proposals to help
- Be brief and encouraging
- Send letters to:

Open Doors Canada  
8-19 Brownridge Rd.  
Halton Hills, ON L7G 0C6

### Make a prayer reminder

Make a unique reminder to help her pray for persecuted Christians around the world. Follow the instructions below to make your own prayer reminder.

#### Items needed

- Plastic container lids (from yogurt or margarine containers)
- Map-themed scrapbook or craft paper, or other paper or felt
- Cording, lacing, or twine
- White glue
- Scissors



## Instructions

- Trace around the lid on craft paper. Cut out the circle. Trim it with scissors until it fits snugly inside the top of the lid. Glue if necessary, to secure it.
- Cut out country names, or print the name of a country, continent, or region on a label. Attach the name to the circle.
- Punch a small hole at the top of the circle. Cut lacing or twine to the desired length. Secure it with a knot around the rim and knot the loose ends at the top of the lacing.
- Hang it in a display with others or hang several in a mobile.
- Pray for Christians in the countries displayed.



Looking for additional ideas for kids? Check out the resource kit for country specific resources (countries in focus: Bangladesh, Nigeria and Yemen).