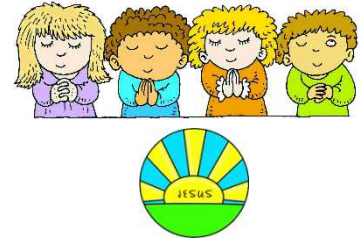




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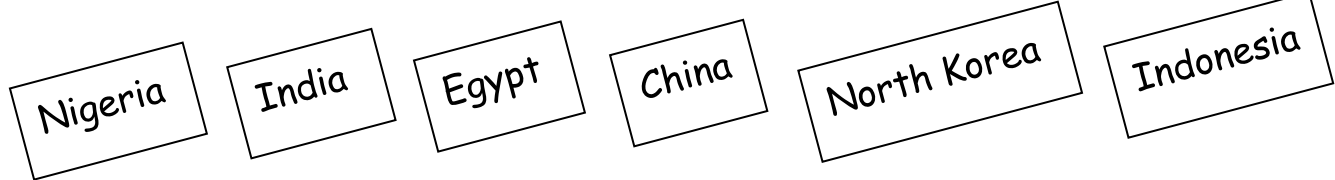


As we begin a new year, let's remember to pray for children and youth who are bullied, attacked, made homeless and even killed because they and their families love and follow Jesus.



See below the phrase "Happy New Year" in different languages. Match the language to the country where it is spoken. (Answers at the end)

1. كل سنة وانتو طيبين (pronounced *Kol sana wa ento tayebin*)
2. 新年快乐 (Xīnnián kuàilè)
3. Barka da sabuwar shekara! (Bar-ka da sa-boo-war she-ka-ra)
4. Selamat Tahun Baru!
5. Naya Saal Mubarak Ho (नया साल मुबारक हो)
6. 새해 복 많이 받으세요 (Saehae bok mani badeuseyo)



Dear Jesus,

We pray that children and youth who are persecuted because they believe in You will be filled with Your love in even greater ways this year.

Let them see miracles of healing and protection in Jesus' all powerful Name! Give them Your great courage and strength and let them feel You with them every second of the day and night. Help them trust You and cry out to You whenever they feel scared, lonely, sad or worried and know You have heard them and will answer them. Amen.



Dear Jesus,

Be very close to children in India - especially in rural areas such as the Saura Hills of Odisha. Make them brave and give them Your hope and strength when they are hurt, bullied, mocked and rejected by other children and teachers at school. Give them good friends so they are not lonely.

Keep them safe in every way. Speak to the teachers so they believe in You and teach all the children to treat Christian children and all children with respect, care and kindness. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Dear God,

Hold Your children close in Your arms in Ukraine when their families get killed in the war or when they are sent to prison because they are Christians. Be very near to them in their great sadness. Pour Your love and hope into their hearts and give them strength for each day. Help them remember that they will see their loved ones again in heaven with Jesus. Keep them safe from the bombs and find them safe places to live and go to school. Thank You Lord. Amen.



Put these words in the right order to make this month's Bible verse. You can read it in Psalm 118:5-6. (NIRV)

The Lord is with me.

and set me free from my trouble.

I cried out to the Lord.

I will not be afraid."

He answered me

"When I was in great trouble,



Dear God,

Please heal the young daughter of Asabe (her Mum) in Nigeria. The girl was hurt when her village was attacked on Palm Sunday just before Easter last year. Her two brothers and Dad were killed by people who did not want them to love and follow Jesus. Hold Asabe and her daughter close in your arms of love as they miss their family so much. Give them hope in You and provide all they need - a safe home, a school, food, water, health care and money. Help them be part of a church family to strengthen them with Your love.

1. Egypt (Egyptian Arabic) 2. China (Chinese) 3. Nigeria (Hausa)  
4. Indonesia (Indonesian) 5. India (Hindi) 6. North Korea (Korean)