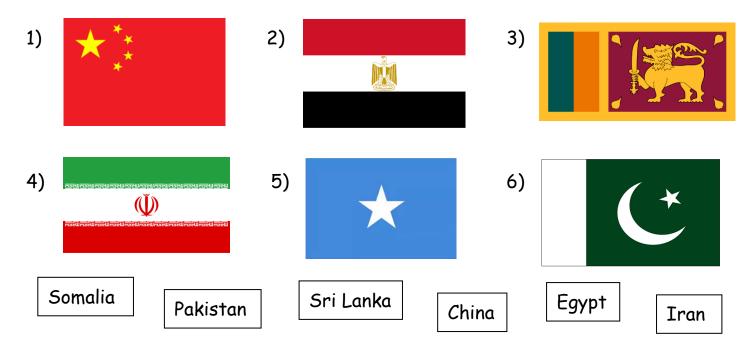


Following on from last month, here are some more flags from countries where children, youth, families and friends are hurt, bullied, attacked or killed because they love and follow Jesus. Match the flags to the correct country. (Answers at the end. No peeking!)





Dear Jesus,

Be very close to the Christian children and youth who suffer so much working in the brick kilns in Pakistan. They are treated as slaves and work in terrible conditions along with their families

who may get beaten. They are not free to go to school or play and have fun. The work is very hard and dangerous and they have to work long hours every day. They must work in these brick kilns all their lives unless somebody pays for their family to be set free.

Let them feel Your arms of love around them and know how much You love them. Protect them from being burnt by the fires and ovens. Give them strength to carry the very heavy loads needed to make the bricks. Stop the owners of the brick kilns from hitting and hurting them. Give them proper food to eat and fresh water to drink. Let them get good and safe rest. Touch people's hearts to pay for these families to be set free. In Jesus' name! Amen.

Dear Jesus,

Praise You that Wang Qiang has been set free from prison in China. Thank You that his children have their Dad back at home and for the joy they now share together. Thank You for keeping their Dad safe in prison and for giving the children and their Mum Your strength and hope when they felt so sad. Praise You for "turning their wailing into dancing...that their hearts may sing Your praises and not be silent." (Psalm 30:11-12).

Dear God,

Be very near to Christian children and youth in China whose Dad or Mum have been sent to prison for following Jesus. Help them be able to visit them. Give them a loving family to keep them safe and hold them close.

Fill their hearts with Your love when they feel so sad and lonely. Give them Your special peace and hope and let them know You are with their parents and are looking after them. Speak to the hearts and minds of the authorities and set their parents free to go home to their families. Amen.



Crack the code to work out this month's Bible verse found in Isaiah 12:2 (NIVUK). 1 = a, 2 = b 3 = c, etc.

"9

23, 9, 12, 12

20, 18, 21, 19, 20

1, 14, 4

14, 15, 20

2,5

1, 6, 18, 1, 9, 4.

20, 8, 5

12, 15, 18, 4,

20, 8, 5

12, 15, 18, 4

8, 9, 13, 19, 5, 12, 6,

9, 19

13, 25

19, 20, 18, 5, 14, 7, 20, 8

1, 14, 4

13, 25

4, 5, 6, 5, 14, 3, 5."

Dear Jesus,

Help all persecuted Christian children and youth trust You and not be afraid. Pour Your courage and strength into their hearts, spirits and minds. Let them know You are their shield and defender and give them peace.

1. China 2. Egypt 3. Sri Lanka 4. Iran 5. Somalia 6. Pakistan