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Persecution happens when someone is hurt or punished because of their religious beliefs.

In most African countries, Christians suffer just because they love Jesus.

These people are your brothers and sisters in Christ, and they need your prayers. On this International Day of Prayer, we want you to pray for the Christians in Africa with a friend or family member.

Pray for:

- an end to their suffering
- an end to Christian persecution everywhere
- peace in Africa
- all Christians around the world united in prayer

"May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."

— John 17:23

DIVINE'S STORY

In 2022, rebels attacked Divine's village in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Her church was burned, and sadly, her parents died.

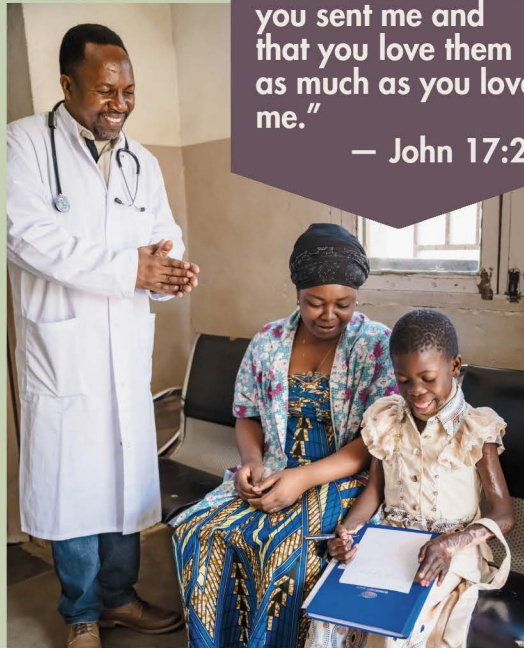
A woman found Divine in the ashes—badly hurt but still alive—and took her to a doctor. She was called "Divine Grace" because it felt like a miracle she survived.

A kind woman named Lina took care of her like her own child. Divine had many surgeries, but she

stayed strong, prayed every morning, and sang songs every day.

Now, she is about 8 years old. She still has healing to do, but her joy and strength give hope for her future.

Source: Voice of the Martyrs Canada, May 2025 magazine.



COLOR



When we pray with others, God brings our hearts together like one big family.

Unite in Prayer

Use the space below to write a prayer for or draw a picture for Divine and other persecuted children in Africa.



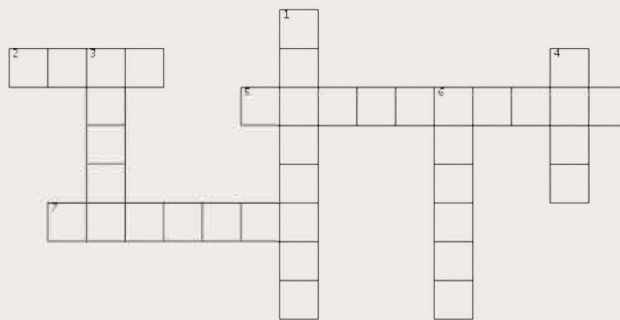
PRAYER PUZZLE

When we read stories like Divine's, it's hard to know how to pray.

This crossword puzzle gives you some simple, yet important ways that you can pray for Divine and all persecuted Christians.

Use the clues to find the words to the puzzle.

Then, use the words in the puzzle to write a different prayer for Divine and other persecuted Christians for each day of the week below.



ACROSS

- 2. looking forward to the future
- 5. to be safe against harm
- 7. to get well

DOWN

- 1. the opposite of being weak
- 3. the absence of conflict
- 4. the opposite of hate
- 6. all would believe in Jesus _____ as Lord and Savior



♥ MONDAY

♣ TUESDAY

☆ WEDNESDAY

♣ THURSDAY

♥ FRIDAY

♣ SATURDAY

☀ SUNDAY

Answers: ACROSS 2. hope 5. protection 7. healing DOWN 1. strength 3. peace 4. love 6. Christ

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Kids' Activity Sheet



"... If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask,
my Father in heaven will do it for you.

For where two or three gather together as my followers,
I am there among them."

— Matthew 18:19-20