

Pray for the world in 2012!

The following pages of maps and flags and other information were compiled in December 2011 and January 2012. The information was accurate at the time of compilation, but details (names of presidents, kings, etc.) may change during the course of the year.

Sources include www.worldatlas.com, <http://education.nationalgeographic.com>, www.persecution.com, and www.kidsofcourage.com.

The prayer requests are from the 2012 VOM Prayer Calendar. You can use this information to pray for the world with or without the calendar.

WILL YOU PRAY?

The 2012 VOM Prayer Calendar

The Voice of the Martyrs' 2012 Prayer Calendar will help you fellowship with and pray for these persecuted believers, sharing in their trials and being encouraged by their tremendous faith. The calendar features photos and brief stories of persecuted Christians, many of them youths, who exhibit an unwavering trust in Christ despite persecution.

The prayer calendar makes an excellent gift for family and friends, serving as a daily reminder to pray for the persecuted church. For as little as \$4, you can give the gift of prayer to the persecuted church while giving family and friends the opportunity to fellowship with those persecuted for their faith.

But Jesus called them unto Him, and said,
"Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not:
for of such is the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16 (KJV)

Visit

http://etools.vomusa.org/a/vomso/bg_vomso_wdbm-20111205-PrayerCalendar_443.html

to request your 2012 Voice of the Martyrs Prayer Calendar.

www.scripturemelodies.com



The Belarus flag was officially adopted on May 16, 1995.

The dominant red and green were colors used on its flag when it was a republic of the former Soviet Union. The woven fabric ornament on the left uses traditional Belarussian red and white colors.

Belarus (from www.kidsofcourage.com)

History

The U.S.S.R. (often called “The Soviet Union”) was the largest communist country in the world. In the early 1990s, it broke up into many smaller countries. Belarus was one of those countries.

Religion

The majority of the people are part of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Persecution

The government in Belarus tries to strictly control Christian activity. Only churches that are registered with the government can meet for worship. Christian groups with fewer than 20 members are not allowed. Most Christian gatherings in homes are against the law.

The government uses newspapers and other news media to insult Christian groups that they do not like. They control and limit Christian materials that are printed.

Pray for Belarus.

1 – Religious literature is subject to censorship. Pray for its effective distribution and for eternal fruit.

2 – While the population declines overall, the church continues to grow. Pray for spiritual maturity.

3 – Pray for unity between denominations as they continue the work of God's kingdom.

4 – Pray for President Aleksandr Lukashenko.

Link to map:

http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/mapping/outline-map/?map=Belarus&ar_a=1