

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.

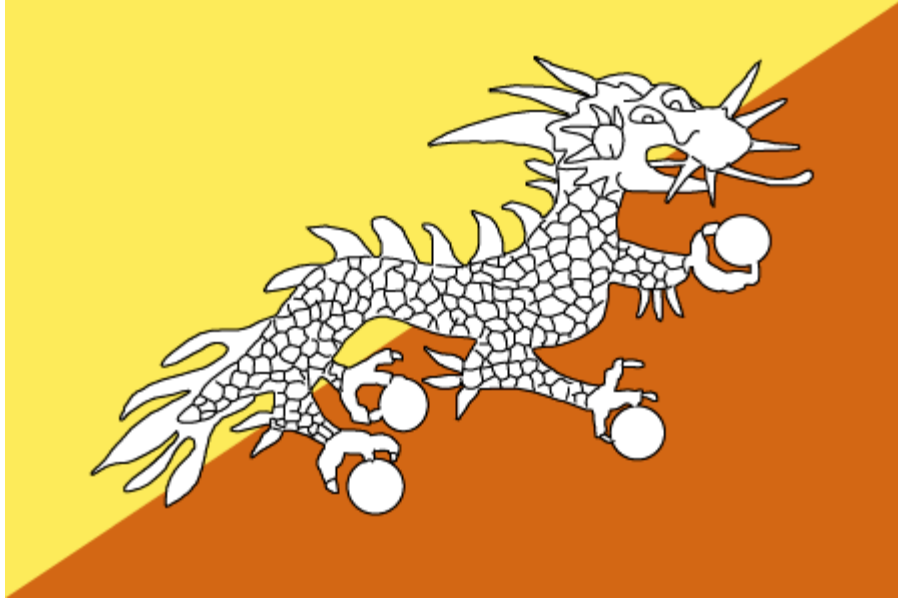
The prayer calendar makes an excellent gift for family and friends, serving as a daily reminder to pray for the persecuted church. For as little as \$4, you can give the gift of prayer to the persecuted church while giving family and friends the opportunity to fellowship with those persecuted for their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

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The Bhutan flag was officially adopted in 1965.

The flag features the Thunder Dragon, the country's emblem. Yellow symbolizes the authority of the king, white represents purity and loyalty, while orange is symbolic of the Drukpa monasteries.

Bhutan (from www.kidsofcourage.com)

December 13, 2011

Purnima was 13 years old in 1993 when she was taken with more than 30 other Christians to the police station at a town in Bhutan. Bhutan is a Buddhist country. "Who gave you permission to celebrate Christmas?" an officer asked her. "This is Bhutan. You are not allowed to celebrate Christmas here! This is your last chance. Either return to Buddhism, or leave Bhutan."

"I will not deny Christ," Purnima answered. "I do not wish to leave my country, and I will not leave Christ. He is the only one who can save me or you."

Purnima and the other Christians were given five days to pack and travel from Bhutan to Nepal. Her parents had already kicked her out of their house when she became a Christian; now she was being kicked out of her country.

Purnima and her friends were later arrested for sharing about the love of Jesus in a marketplace in Nepal! They continued spreading the gospel after they were put in prison for witnessing to non-Christians.

Some of the prisoners appreciated Purnima's words of hope. Others mocked and despised her.

All the prisoners were given a small amount of money. Every week, an old man came and collected the money and bought food at the market. The guards provided the prisoners with cooking equipment. But Purnima never gave the man any money. Instead she saved it and ate only the two meals a day of rice or potatoes that the guards gave her.

At Christmastime, she gave the man all her money and whispered to him what she wanted through the bars of the cell. Later that day, the man returned, and Purnima began cooking and making preparations. When she finished, she announced to the other prisoners, "Since I have been here, God has put it on my heart to save my prison allowance. I used the money to buy the best food in the market. And now I have cooked it all for you!"

The prisoners were amazed. Why would Purnima cook the best prison food they had ever eaten when they had mocked her? Purnima explained to them the meaning of Christmas, and later some of the prisoners gave their lives to Christ.

Purnima continued to share the gospel after she was released from prison.

Pray for Bhutan.

1 – Pray that Bhutan’s “pursuit of happiness” will be replaced by faith in Christ.

2 – Pray for “Jul” and other Christians who are persecuted for their commitment to Christ.

3 – Pray for VOM’s underground Bible schools.

4 – Pray for Christians in this Buddhist nation. Some Buddhists see Christianity as a threat.

5 – Thirty-two of Bhutan’s 35 people groups are unreached by the gospel.

6 – Bhutan is one of the most restricted nations in the world for Christians.

7 – Pray for King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck.

Link to map:

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