

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 flag of Cuba was adopted on May 20, 1902, containing a field with three blue stripes and two white stripes, and a red equilateral triangle at the hoist with a white 5-pointed star. The flag of Cuba was designed in 1848 for the liberation movement, which sought independence from Spain. The flag was briefly hoisted in 1850 at Cardenas but was not officially adopted until 1902.

The overall design is modeled after the U.S. flag. The red triangle is from the Masonic symbol for equality. *La Estrella Solitaria*, or the white Lone Star, is centered on the red triangle.

Scripture Soap

(from www.kidsofcourage.com, May 7, 2011)

Dr. Tom White is the director of The Voice of the Martyrs in the United States. When he was a boy, his mother made sure that he heard about Christian martyrs. As he grew up, he learned more about Christians who take risks for Christ.

Dr. White took a risk by dropping Christian pamphlets out of an airplane while flying over Cuba. Cuba is a communist country, and the government did not allow any Christian witnessing.

The airplane accidentally crashed in Cuba. Dr. White and the pilot were taken to a Cuban prison where they stayed for almost two years. They were not treated well, but they continued to trust in God.

The prison guards let Dr. White have a Bible because he was an American. Cuban prisoners were not allowed to have Bibles. So Dr. White cut a bar of soap in half, hollowed out part of one of the halves, and put a page of his Bible in the hole. Then he put the soap back together and used some water to seal it. When the guards weren't looking, he slid the soap under his cell bars, past a guard's office, and under more bars into the wing of the prison that held Cuban prisoners.

Make Scripture Soap

To make your own "Scripture soap," you will need to purchase glycerin soap base. Write or print Bible verses on small pieces of paper. You can laminate the verses if you prefer greater durability. Put blocks of the soap base in a large measuring cup and heat in a microwave for about 1 minute. Remove the soap from the microwave, and stir. If the soap is not completely melted, heat it for 30 more seconds in the microwave. Repeat until melted.

Let the soap stand for 30 seconds, stirring occasionally. Add fragrance if desired, using instructions on the soap-base package. Put the Bible verses in a soap mold or into containers such as muffin tins or aluminum baking cups. Pour the melted soap base on top of the verses. If the verse floats to the top, push it down gently with a plastic fork or knife. To dissolve any bubbles on top of the soap, spray the top with rubbing alcohol from a spray bottle as soon as the soap forms. Let stand for 2 hours, then pop the soap out of the molds.

Pray for Cuba.

1 – Pray for house churches, which find ways to meet despite government restrictions.

2 – Pray for church leaders, who now seem to be the government's primary targets.

3 – Pray that God will place Christians within the Religious Affairs Office.

4 – Pray for VOM's work in Cuba, providing Christian materials and supporting Christian printing presses.

5 – Thank God for increasing the size of the church in Cuba nearly eightfold since the 1960's.

6 – Pray that Cubans will turn from Communism to Christ.

7 – Pray for President Raul Castro Ruz.

Link to map:

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