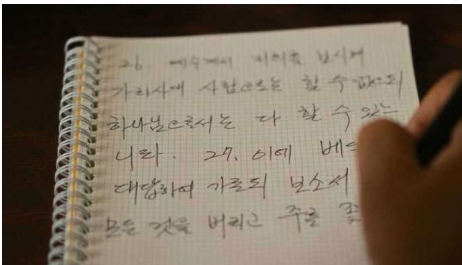


A letter to you from North Korea



This image is illustrative example of Korean Bible verse. For security reasons, the actual letter cannot be shown.

A letter from a North Korean Christian seems like miracle. It is the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian, where the discovery of your faith will mean either execution or a lifetime in a most unimaginably cruel and brutal prison.

Your whole family might be rounded up and given the same punishment, even if they don't know you're a Christian.

And yet, despite the extreme danger, there are tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters who follow Jesus in North Korea. "North Korean Christians are among the most devoted believers you can ever meet," says an Open Doors fieldworker, who works with the North Korean underground church. "They live in circumstances so difficult that we would go mad. And one of those believers recently wanted to share his or her gratitude.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Have you been at peace in the Lord?

We have been using your support for our ministry. Many believers are in great need, and we help those who are in the most need. We, the North Korean Christians, are united in the same faith as you and devoted to a life centred on the Lord. We strive to prepare and equip the next generation to follow the Word's guidance and fulfil the Great Commission of our Lord. Under your guidance and support, we grow to be faithful servants of God. We regard this calling as the compass of our lives, and with an unwavering conscience of faith, we are running faithfully with deep devotion to the noble honour and weighty responsibility entrusted to us.

We could not function as the body of Christ without your unwavering support. I'm so proud of the believers I know. They are steadfast and carry out the tasks they are entrusted with. They stand solidly upon the Rock, which is Jesus Christ.

Today, I will end my letter here. Thank you and all the people who work for us.

Please pray

- For North Korean Christians who live under constant pressure, to know the unconquerable love of the Lord
- Praise the Lord for the impact of your support. Pray that God would continue to use Open Doors fieldworkers to equip and strengthen North Korean Christians
- For the hearts of North Korean leaders, that they will turn to Jesus and stop the persecution of His people.

*Names changed for security reasons. For more information go to <https://www.opendoorsk.org>

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Psalm 104.26-37: God the Creator and Provider

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now and for evermore, Amen**



Readings for this Sunday

Acts 2.1-21; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; 5.6-11; John 20.19-23



The Collect for this Sunday

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please pray for...

Brian Osborne, Jane Nichols, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Imogen Matthews, Pat Reid, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Judy Watson, Kevin Whitfield, King Charles III, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We remember Charles Friend, Tina Bradley, Janet Chubbock, Clifford Hitchens, and the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we pray for those who mourn their loss.

The Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



From today's Gospel reading:

"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

Reflection:

Pentecost is not simply the celebration of a past event; it is an identity to be lived. The risen Christ still enters our guarded spaces, still speaks peace, still breathes his Spirit upon us, and still sends his Church into the world. We may not be perfect, but through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are empowered so that fear does not leave us locked away as frightened disciples.

So we ask ourselves:

For us modern disciples:

- ✠ What gift of the Spirit have I received?
- ✠ How am I using that gift to strengthen the Church and serve others?
- ✠ Do our communities reflect unity amid diversity, or division and rivalry?



Services for the next week in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

Sunday 24th May	10.15am	Café Church	Swayfield Village Hall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Kirkby Underwood
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
	11.00am	Hymns & Prayers	Irnham
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Bitchfield
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
Wednesday 27th May	10.00am	Holy Communion	Corby Glen
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Morton
Sunday 31st May	9.00am	Holy Communion (Group)	Burton le Coggles
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Group)	Rippingale
Wednesday 3rd June	10.00am	Holy Communion	Morton
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Corby Glen
Sunday 7th June	9.00am	Holy Communion	Swayfield
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Morton
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
	5.30pm	Evensong	Irnham

Did you know?.....

If you find it difficult (or forget) to bring things to leave in the drop off bin at the back of Morton church, you can go to the Foodbank website, and purchase items which will then be available in the foodbank.



Go to <https://bournefoodbank.org.uk/how-to-help>

Urgently needed items – can you help?

Pasta Sauce UHT Milk Washing Powder

Additionally needed items - can you help?

Tinned vegetables Squash Soap hand wash Toilet rolls
Shower gel Tinned puddings (rice pudding, custard etc) Tea bags

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