

Spring Planting



When you plant your garden this spring

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul.

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be happy

Lettuce really love one another.

No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for service when needed

Turnip to help one another

Turnip the music and dance.

Water freely with patience and

Cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden.

Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden

We must have thyme:

Thyme for fun

Thyme for rest

Thyme for ourselves.

Danger here for Christians

North Korea is the world's most dangerous country for Christians to live in, according to recent research by the Christian charity, Open Doors.

North Korea's record for religious persecution beats even that of Saudi Arabia and Laos. Its 400,000 believers risk imprisonment, torture and death if they practice Christianity publicly. Already tens of thousands of North Korean Christians are held in labour camps, where they face torture, starvation and death.

Despite this, refugees fleeing to China have reported that the Church in Korea has not only survived, but is growing.

Other countries that make the Open Doors' World Watch list include Vietnam, Iran, Myanmar (Burma) and China. Religious persecution is increasing in Eritrea, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh.

An estimated 200 million Christians worldwide are suffering persecution for their faith. Open Doors is the world's largest outreach to persecuted Christians. They work in the most high-risk places for Christians on earth, where the Gospel costs the most. Projects are extensive, seeking to support Christians where the Church is often forced underground.

Learn more at: www.opendoorsuk.org
or attend the Open Doors Presentation

Fri 11th June at 11:00am

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**Blessed are the peacemakers;
they will never be unemployed**

Anon