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TABLE Talks



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ALONG THE WAY • PRAYER QUEST: RACE TO REMEMBER • A WAY OUT

Along *the Way*

In a small town in Liberia, three children – **Grace, Eric and Lawrence** – faced challenges that felt too big to handle. Their mothers had made the courageous decision to follow Jesus, a choice that led to rejection by their Muslim families. Left to raise their children alone, these single mothers struggled to afford even the most basic needs – including the ability to send their children to school. But the three young believers did not give up. They turned to the one source of hope they knew: *prayer*.

Grace was unwavering in her faith. The 15-year-old girl frequently asked her church and choir friends to pray with her – for food, her mother's ability to provide, and the chance to attend school. The teen's countless prayers were answered when her church selected her for a program supported by VOMC. Today, Grace attends school, eats healthy meals and continues to grow in her faith. Her mother has even launched a small business. Grace is amazed at how God has provided for her family, and she now actively serves in her church, leading devotionals and encouraging others to pray with boldness.

Like Grace, nine-year-old **Eric** also believes deeply in the power of prayer. He would often

ask every Christian he met to pray for his sick mother, as well as for his own opportunity to go to school. After joining the children's soccer team at his church, Eric was encouraged by his coach to continue praying. One day, a visiting pastor asked the team if anyone had prayer requests. Eric shared from his heart, and in the weeks that followed, God answered the child's prayers. Not only was his mother healed, but Eric was also welcomed into the VOMC-supported program and began attending school.

Lawrence had been praying quietly for a long time, asking God to make his dream of going to school come true. The 11-year-old's father had abandoned him, and his mother couldn't afford school fees for all her children. One morning, Lawrence met a pastor who asked if he was on his way to school. When Lawrence explained his situation, the pastor invited him to church and offered him an opportunity to join the VOMC-supported school program. Overjoyed, Lawrence and his mother continue to praise God for His provision.

Today, Grace, Eric and Lawrence are living proof that God hears and answers prayers. Their stories remind us that even in the hardest times, faith can open doors that once seemed forever closed.

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- a) grew
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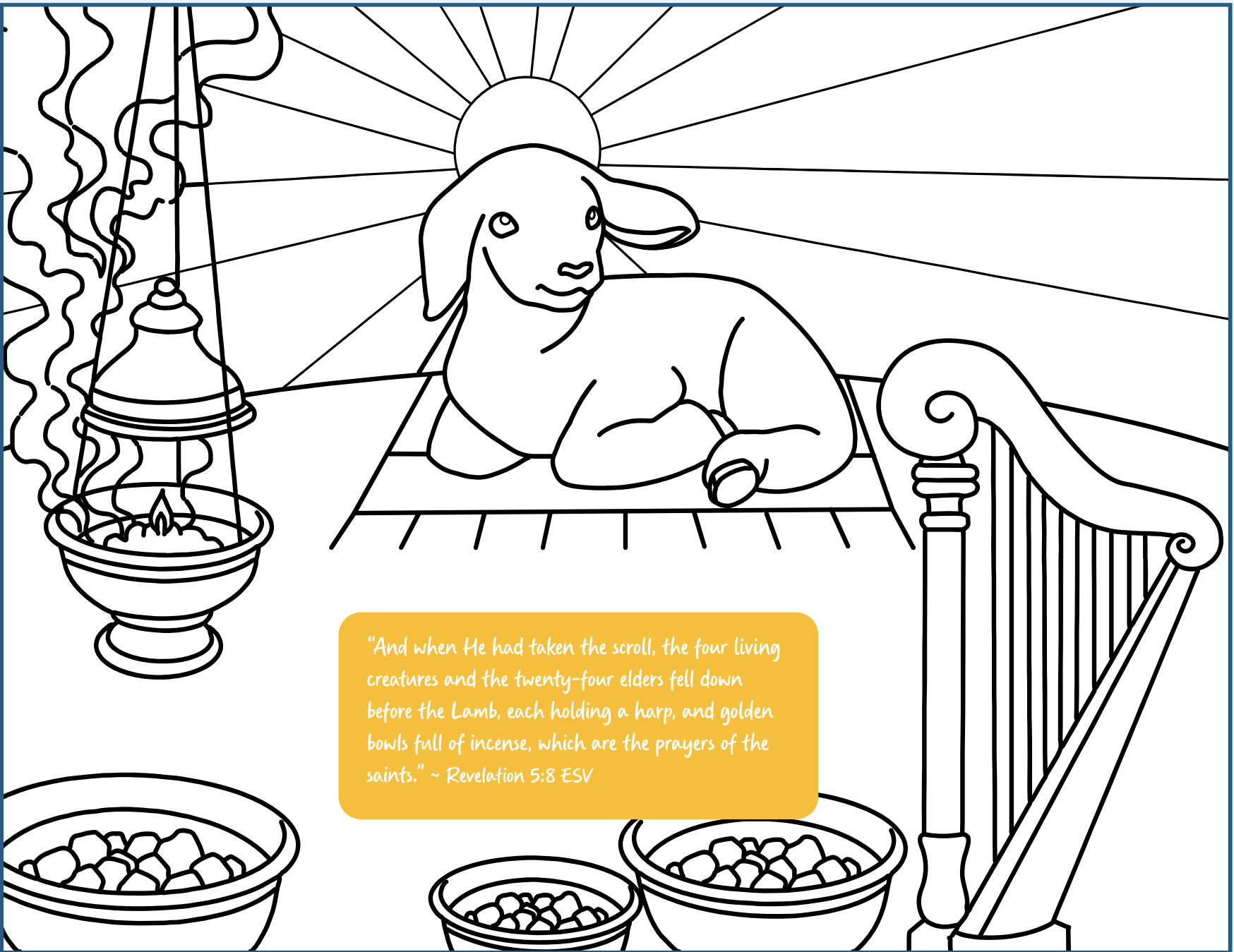
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Colouring Connection!



"And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints." ~ Revelation 5:8 ESV

Prayer Quest: Game Instructions

Race to the finish while collecting Bible verse cards about prayer – and take time along the way to pray for persecuted believers across the globe. Players will learn, reflect and grow in compassion together.

Millions of Christians around the world face persecution for their faith. This game will help your family engage with their stories and respond in prayer – all while having fun!

1. Supplies

- One pair of dice
- A printed version of the game board either on 8.5" x 11" cardstock or 11" x 14" cardstock
- Small objects to use as game pieces (buttons, paper clips, Lego, etc.)
- Bible verse cards (print and trim them to size)
- Prayer Journal – one copy for each player
- Pens

2. Getting Started

- a) Choose a game piece to represent you on the board.
- b) Roll the dice to begin your journey.
- c) Each space you move forward represents a word from the first Bible verse.

3. Prayer Journal Squares

These are **special** spaces on the board.

Every player **must** land on each Prayer Journal square, even if the Bible verse cards have already been collected.

If your roll would take you past a Prayer Journal square:

- a) Count forward to the square.
- b) Then count backward the remaining number of spaces from your roll.

4. Collecting Verse Cards

Only **two** players can collect the Bible verse cards at each Prayer Journal station.

These cards contain the rest of the Bible verse for that location.

When you collect a card:

- a) Read the full verse aloud.
- b) Then, you get the privilege of praying that type of prayer (e.g., Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) for one of the countries listed in the Prayer Points Station. Players can choose which country from the Prayer Points Station they would like to pray for. (The Prayer Points Station can be found on the *Table Talks* activity page.)

5. Winning the Game

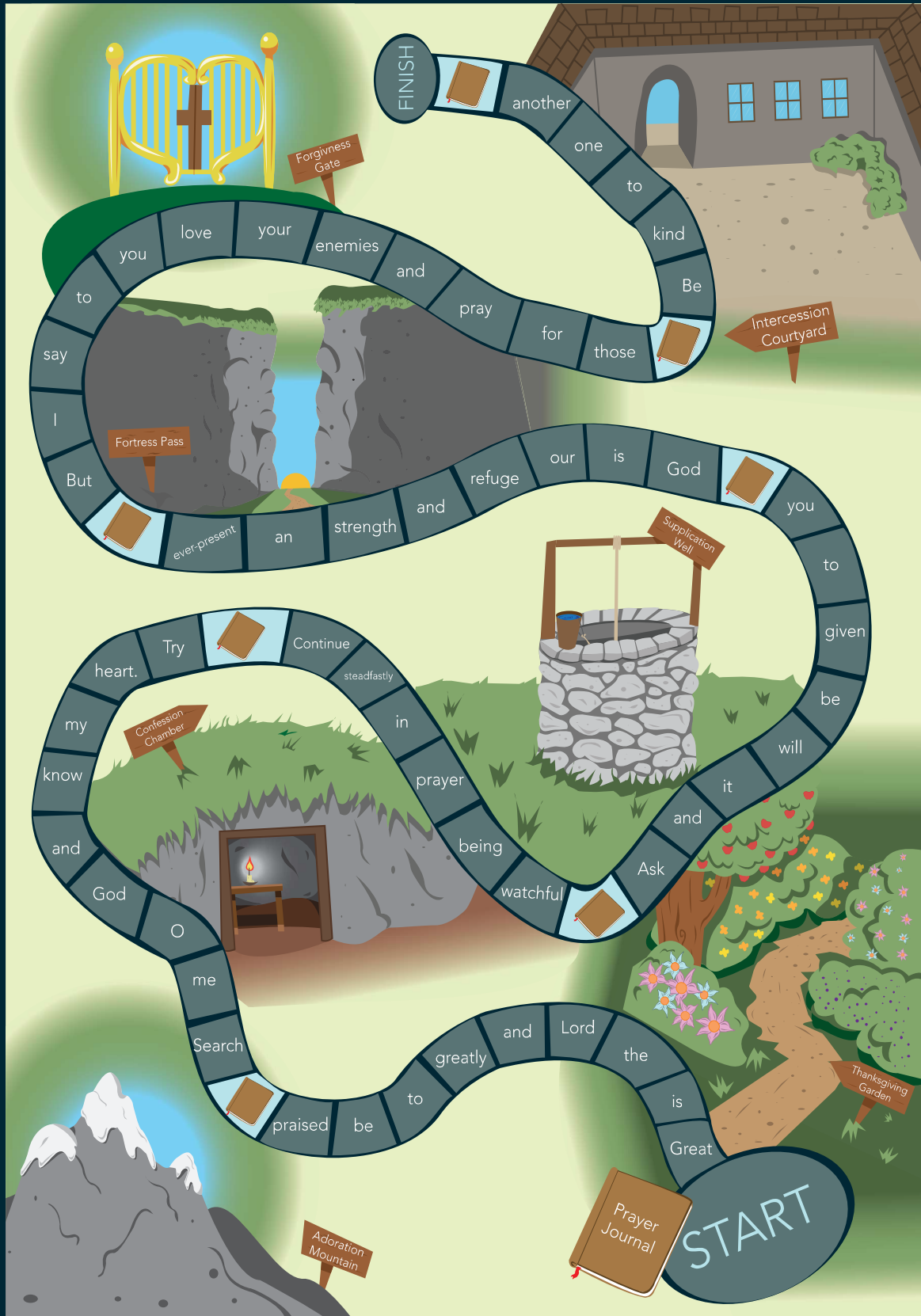
The game ends when a player crosses through the Forgiveness Gate.

The winner is the player who has collected the most Bible verse cards by that time.

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Prayer Quest: Answer Key

Adoration Mountain: *"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable."* ~ Psalm 145:3 ESV

Confession Chamber: *"Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"*
~ Psalm 139:23-24 ESV

Thanksgiving Garden: *"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."* ~ Colossians 4:2 ESV

Supplication Well: *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."* ~ Matthew 7:7 ESV

Fortress Pass: *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."*
~ Psalm 46:1 NIVUK

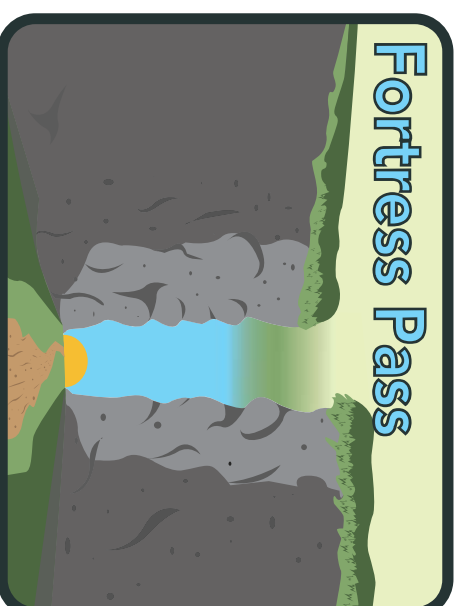
Intercession Courtyard: *"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...."* ~ Matthew 5:44 ESV

Forgiveness Gate: *"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."* ~ Ephesians 4:32 ESV

Game Cards

The cards required for the *Prayer Quest* board game are on the following pages. Print and cut them out!





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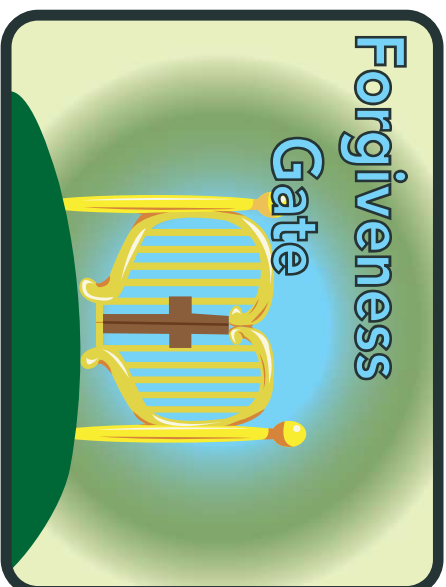
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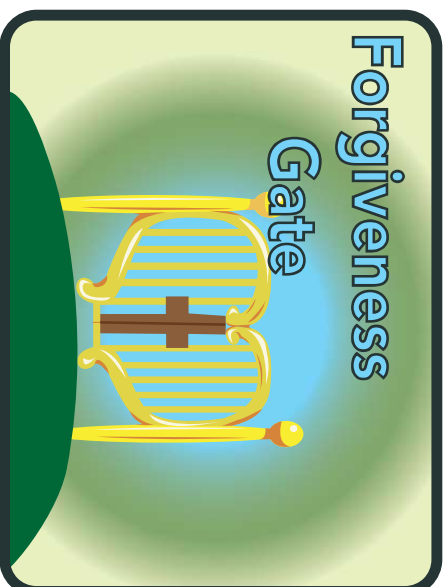
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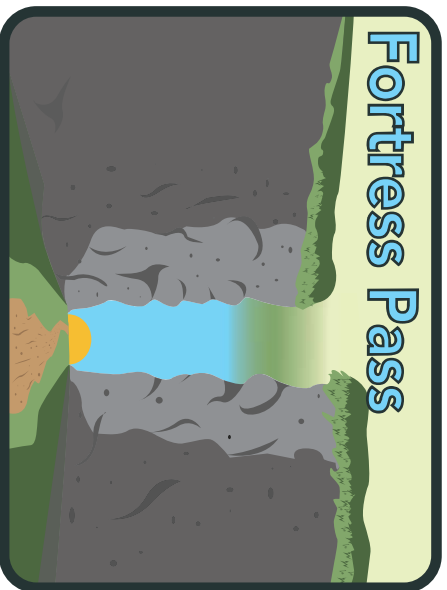
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Prayer Challenge: Thank God for the blessings in your life and for His faithfulness to persecuted believers amid trials.

Day 4: Supplication Well

You find an old well in a quiet clearing. Just as water sustains the body, prayer sustains the soul.

Scripture: "_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." — Matthew 7:7 ESV

Prayer Challenge: Ask God to provide for the needs of persecuted believers – including protection, courage, opportunities to share the Gospel, and their daily bread.

Day 5: Fortress Pass

You step through a narrow pass between towering stone cliffs, a place that feels protected from every side. This is a hidden meeting spot for believers standing firm against the enemy's attacks.

Scripture: "_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ help in trouble." — Psalm 46:1 NIVUK

Prayer Challenge: Pray that persecuted Christians will be equipped with God's armour and strengthened to take every thought captive, resist temptation, and remain steadfast in their faith.

Day 6: Intercession Courtyard

You slip quietly into a dark courtyard, only to realize it's the meeting place for a secret prayer gathering. You join the others who risk everything to pray together.

Scripture: "_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ who persecute you." — Matthew 5:44 ESV

Prayer Challenge: Pray for the needs of fellow believers in your own community, as well as those of persecuted Christians around the world. Ask God to strengthen them and provide for every area of their lives.

Day 7: Forgiveness Gate

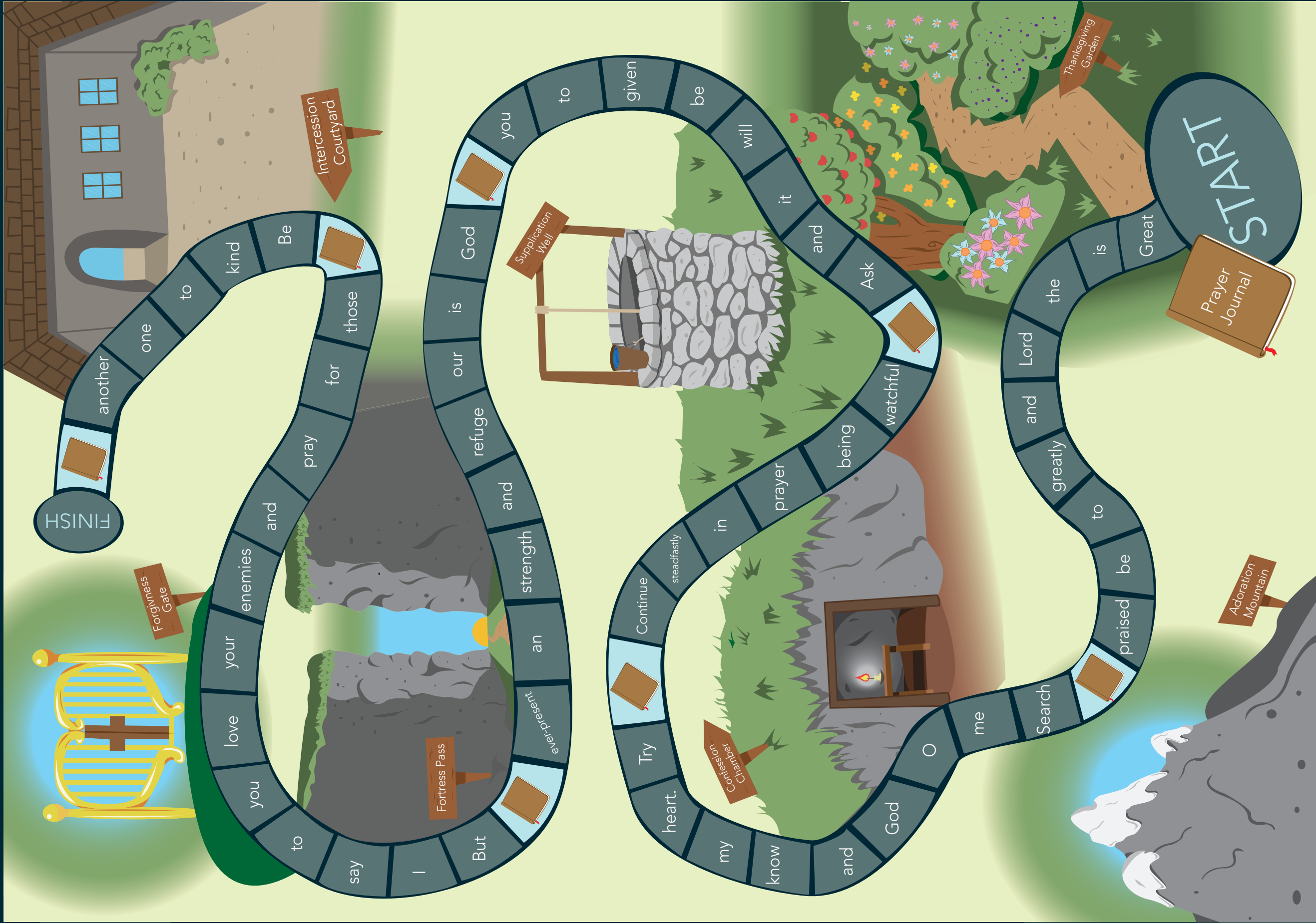
You arrive at an old, weathered gate. This place is where bitterness is released, and hearts are set free.

Scripture: "_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." — Ephesians 4:32 ESV

Prayer Challenge: Pray for the Holy Spirit to empower you to love and forgive your enemies. Ask God to help persecuted believers extend forgiveness to those who harm them, and to reveal His love to persecutors so they may come to know Christ.

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