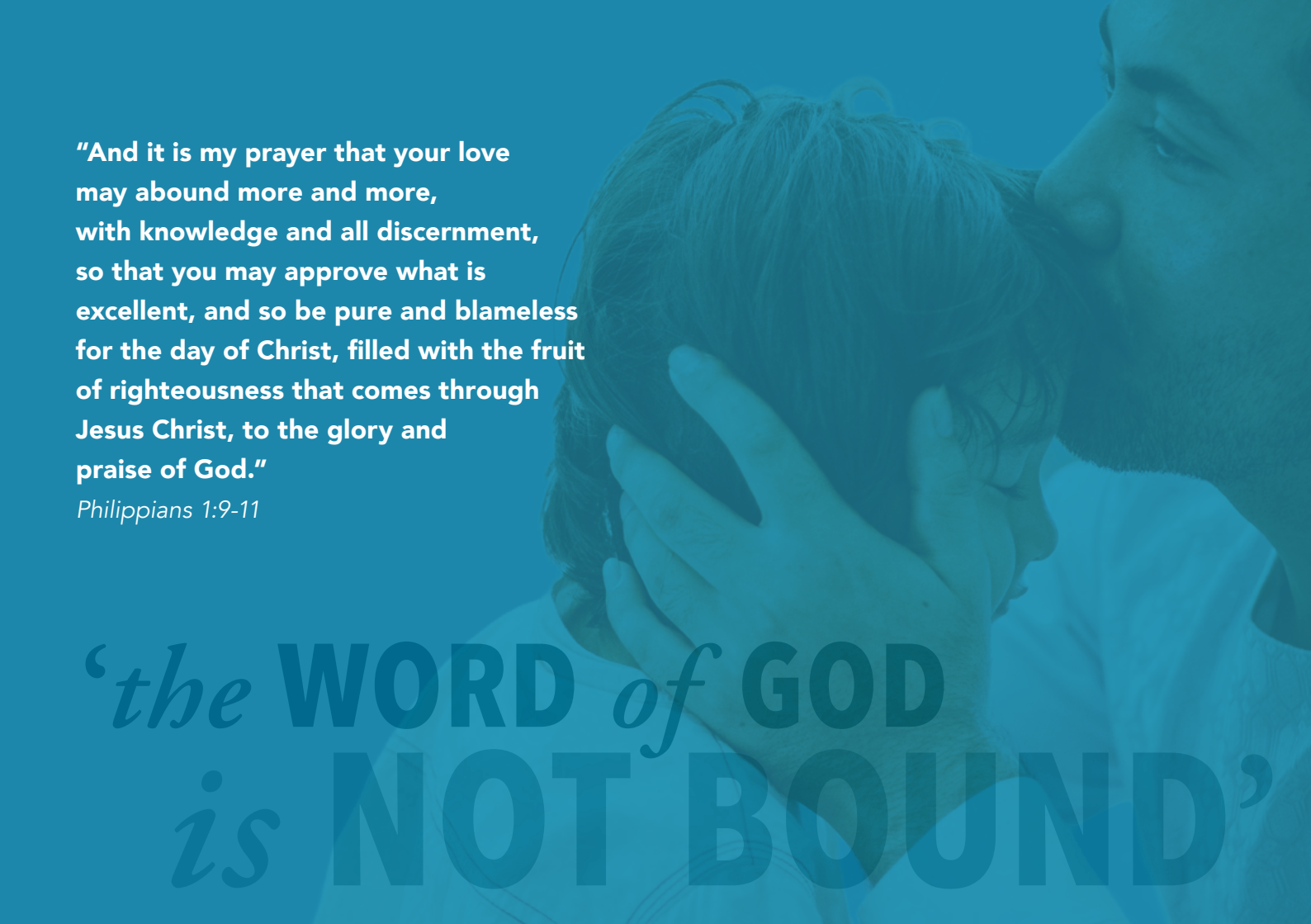


A close-up photograph of two women wearing hijabs, smiling warmly at the camera. The woman on the left is younger, and the woman on the right is older. They are both wearing light-colored hijabs. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue.

30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

—
FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 30
2025
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is **NOT BOUND'**



“And it is my prayer that your love
may abound more and more,
with knowledge and all discernment,
so that you may approve what is
excellent, and so be pure and blameless
for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit
of righteousness that comes through
Jesus Christ, to the glory and
praise of God.”

Philippians 1:9-11

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Welcome

Welcome to the 2025 edition of the
30 DAYS OF PRAYER for the **MUSLIM WORLD**.

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When the apostle Paul was locked up in Rome, he wrote a letter to Timothy from prison. He does not plead that the saints intercede for his release. Instead, intimacy with both Jesus and the Scriptures fill him with confidence, even in the loss of his personal freedom.

"The Word of God is not bound!" he declares in 2 Timothy 2:9.

This year, 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World tells the stories of Muslims who have been impacted by the Christian scriptures. Many of the stories are testimonies of those who have had a personal encounter with Jesus in their reading of the Bible and trusted Him for salvation. Others are still considering His claims. These stories remind us that the Word of God is not bound to specific geographical locations. It is not bound to a specific format; the Word of God leaps from pages, speaks through mobile phones and audio players, declares itself boldly on social media, is glimpsed in art and even appears as Jesus Himself.

Each story is set in the context of a specific Muslim community that needs your prayers. We trust that this prayer guide will inspire you to pray throughout these 30 days that Muslims will encounter the Jesus of Scripture, the spiritual power of the gospel (Rom. 1:16), and the effective work of the Word of God (Heb. 4:12).

The Editors – 30 Days of Prayer International



How can we **PRAY** for the **MUSLIM WORLD**?

This prayer guide, now in its 32nd year, is committed to call intercessors for the Muslim world to a revolution of love that reflects the heart of God for Muslims, individuals created in the image of God and for whom Jesus died. In addition to the daily requests for specific peoples and situations, consider the following Scriptures to help prepare your heart for prayer.

- *While we were yet sinners, Jesus loved us and died for us (Rom 5:8). He loves Muslims in the same way, not wanting any to perish (1 Tim 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9).*
- *Jesus exhorts us to not only love God, but also our neighbour (Matt 22:37-39). The Samaritan became a neighbour to the wounded man on the Jericho road by going out of his way to care for him. We make neighbours of Muslims by reaching out in prayer to pray blessings on them, their families and communities.*
- *We love, because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). Ask God to fill you with His love as you participate in this year's 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World.*

Thank you!

Where are our **PRAYERS** **TAKING US?**

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| 3. Pakistan | 19. Europe |
| 4. China | 20. Indonesia |
| 5. Zanzibar | 21. Pakistan |
| 6. Albania | 22. Jordan |
| 7. Benin | 23. Dagestan |
| 8. Serbia | 24. Ethiopia |
| 9. Comoros | 25. Uzbekistan |
| 10. Afghanistan | 26. Tajikistan |
| 11. Libya | 27. Turkey |
| 12. Bangladesh | 28. Northern
Ireland |
| 13. Thailand | 29. Chad |
| 14. Azerbaijan | 30. Gaza |
| 15. Iraq | |
| 16. Burkina Faso | |



MUSLIMS and the CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

Christians are often surprised to learn of the importance of Jesus in Islam. Whereas Judaism rejects Jesus as the Messiah for whom they are still waiting, Muslims consider Jesus to be the most important Prophet in Islam, next to Muhammad.

Muslim objections to Christianity can be summarised in two categories: objections to the living Word of God (Jesus) and objections to the written Word of God (the Bible). While embracing Jesus as a prophet, Muslims reject a trinitarian concept of God as well as the deity of Christ and his sacrificial death on the cross.

In Islam, Scripture is sent by God and is authoritative. Certainly nothing written by humans can be considered divinely inspired. Muslims believe the Torah, the first five books of Moses, descended from God to Moses. They believe the *Zebur*, what we call the Psalms, descended from God to David. And in the same way, they believe that the *Incil*, the Gospels, descended from God to Jesus. Each was a form of progressive revelation which – after becoming corrupted – led to their belief in the final revelation of the *Qur'an* descending to Muhammad.

The Qur'an refers to Jews and Christians as 'People of the Book' and as Christians we may adhere to this noble title by generously sharing our book with Muslims. Despite the internet being rife with questions from Muslims about whether they are allowed to read – or even touch – a Bible, there is great curiosity. There's no need to prepare a 'Bible study' – just invite your Muslim friend to read together. Pray for the eyes of their hearts to be enlightened. And if they want to read the Qur'an and Bible side by side, let them feel free. The love of God as revealed in the Bible is its own testimony.



A photograph of a Tuareg man sitting in a desert landscape. He is wearing a blue robe with yellow trim and an orange turban. He is looking down and to the right, with his hand near his face. The background shows sand dunes under a cloudy sky.

DAY 1 • FEBRUARY 28

the **TUAREG** of **WEST AFRICA**

Lee grew up in a typical Tuareg community where, left to mind the family herds and farm, he never had opportunity to attend school. He dreamt of one day learning to read.

One evening as a young man, he finished work in the onion fields and came to the nearest town where he found a gospel worker selling books and tracts. He purchased several books, commenting that he wished he knew how to read them. The worker asked, "You just spent money buying books that you can't read?" Lee replied, "That is my next question. Would you be able to help me learn to read? It has been my dream almost my whole life."

Together they spent months learning to read materials produced in Tamajaq, one of the languages of the Tuareg. They started with words, then sentences and eventually progressed to a book of animal tales. As Lee's reading got stronger, they went on to read the first twelve chapters of Genesis. From Genesis, they went on to read the Gospel of Luke.

One evening, Lee said to his friend, "I have something to tell you. I have decided to follow Jesus like you." The worker asked, "Lee, who is Jesus for you?" His response was unforgettable. Lee said, "Do you remember when Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son, Isaac, but at the last minute the angel stopped Abraham and there was a ram in the thicket that took Isaac's place? As we have been reading in this book of Luke, I can see that Jesus is my Ram!"

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Acts 3:19

HOW CAN WE **PRAY?**

- *That God would reveal to the Tuareg their need for repentance and the joy of freedom in Christ.*
- *For audio Scripture resources to be distributed more freely.*
- *That God would raise up believers like Lee to be church leaders in their community.*

DAY 2 • MARCH 1

the **TURKS** in the **EARTHQUAKE ZONE**

In February 2023, two strong earthquakes destroyed the biblical city of Antioch, affecting over 9 million people in the region. But God prompted the leaders of one church to remain in the devastation to serve their fellow survivors. While providing food, clothing, tents and other emergency accommodation, they continued to hold services each Sunday that grew to over 100 people.

At one point, God moved the leader's wife to suggest to two Muslim women that they might consider copying the New Testament (NT). They both agreed and were provided with the supplies they needed. Then two people became three, four, five, and now close to 600 Muslims are copying the New Testament!

One young man who had just finished copying had questions and asked what he should do about the sacrifices his family were preparing. He explained he had become a Christian from what he had read, without talking to anyone.

One person wanted to understand the NT better, so having finished, is copying it all out again. Another said, "I am so glad I took a package for my grandchildren. We are really enjoying copying, as a family!" Having finished copying the whole NT, one couple has begun copying the entire Bible. They have come to faith.

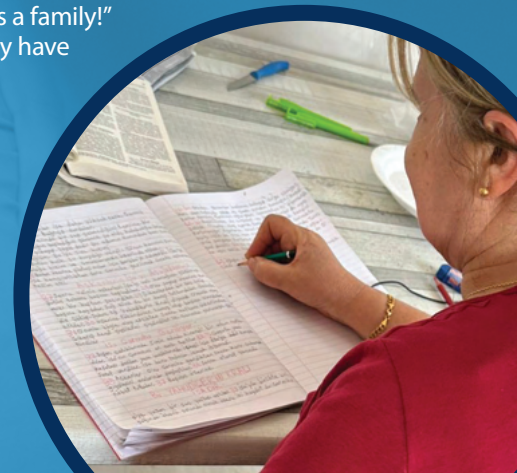
One young woman after copying the whole NT was asked what she had understood from what she had copied. She answered, "You know, I used to only like people who liked me. I had no use for anyone who was not interested in me. Now I am trying to love them! I used to be jealous of everyone. But now I'm trying to not be jealous."

**The teaching of your word gives light,
so even the simple can understand.**

Psalm 119:130

HOW CAN WE **PRAY?**

- *That God will draw those copying out the Scriptures to himself.*
- *That the new believers will remain firm in their decision to follow Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.*
- *That God would make His Church a light that points many to Christ.*



DAY 3 • MARCH 2

the PASHTUNS

Pashtuns (Pukhtuns, Pathans) are a 60+ million tribal group living in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and in the Middle East as contract workers. Pashtuns are warrior-romantics; fierce in defence of their honour, but enjoying music, poetry, and flowers. Linguistic and cultural differences separate the Pashtuns of Pakistan from those of Afghanistan and also distinguish one tribe from another. However, Pashtuns agree that adherence to orthodox Sunni Islam, and strict observance of Pashto religio-cultural codes are common to all. A strong sense of religious purity separates Pashtuns from other religions, including Christianity. Yet there are an unnumbered few who follow Christ in their homelands. Among them are those who are reaching out with the Word of God to their own people.

Believing Pashtuns translate and distribute the Word in print, audio, and video. For this generation, the Bible in Pakistani Pashto was published in 2019, and the New Testament in Afghan Pashto in 2023. Those with a laptop or smartphone can access the Scriptures in four major dialects of Pashto through Pashtozera.org, afghanbibles.org and the Prophets Stories App. The Pashtun love of poetry makes the Psalms and Proverbs especially popular.

As religious extremism prevents most believers from meeting in person, connection online for a Discovery Bible Study is an important way by which Pashtuns can interact with God's Word. Recently, several believers met online to talk about charity, fasting and prayer—the traditional means of earning treasure in heaven. On hearing what the Bible teaches, one man responded,

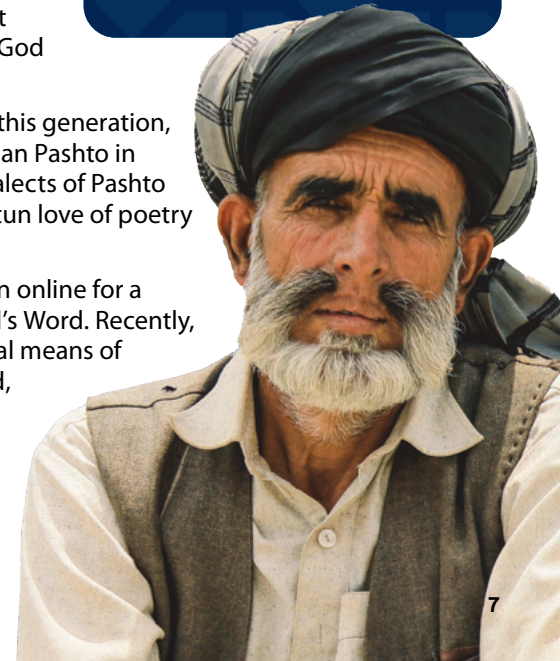
“Our hearts have been enlightened by hearing God’s word! We believe in this holy Word.”

**Every word of God is pure;
He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.**

Proverbs 30:5

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *That isolated Pashtun believers would receive comfort and instruction from the Spirit.*
- *For the translation and distribution of Scripture resources in the various dialects of Pashto.*
- *For discipleship of Pashtun believers and the emergence of godly church leaders.*





DAY 4 • MARCH 3

the **KAZAKHS** from **CHINA**

Tolkyn grew up in a big city in eastern China, though his people consider the northwest of the country to be their home area. Despite not being especially religious or traditional, he considers himself a Muslim. Like many younger-generation Kazakhs, he's living abroad. Work, study, family connections, and immigration are common reasons for this phenomenon.

Kazakhs who travel out of China tend to be ambitious and prize worldly wisdom. Having escaped many limitations by coming out of their country, they recognize the relative freedom they're enjoying. At least some of their dreams are coming true, though their happiness is often mixed with heartache over separation from relatives still in China.

Tolkyn is pursuing advanced studies and thinking seriously about marriage to his girlfriend, Saule. Through Saule, he met some Jesus-followers in the city where he lives. He had read some of John's Gospel in Chinese years ago, but it didn't make much of an impression on him. Saule's friends, however, in a conversation about how a husband and wife relate to each other in marriage, brought up the passage in Ephesians 5 where it says, "Husbands, love your wives..." This really made Tolkyn think. The fact that this scripture was in Kazakh, and not some other language, also got his attention— so much so that he got a copy of the Bible in Kazakh for himself.

HOW CAN WE **PRAY?**

- *For Kazakhs living abroad to feel a longing to know their Creator that nothing else (education, career, money, emigration, even family) can satisfy.*
- *For them to meet Jesus-followers along their paths.*
- *That Kazakhs would have the opportunity and desire to read scripture, and that they would receive understanding through the Holy Spirit.*

True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that. It is a spiritual transaction with the creator of Heaven and Earth.

Charles Spurgeon

(The Power of Prayer in a Believer's life, ed. Robert Hall)

DAY 5 • MARCH 4

ZANZIBAR

Fantastic beaches, picturesque sunsets and a natural paradise attract thousands upon thousands of tourists to the popular island archipelago of Zanzibar every year. They make a stark contrast to the local Zanzibaris, who are 99 % Muslim. Deeply entangled in folk Islam and occultism, they try to distance themselves from the influence of the Western world through their religion and traditions. Jesus speaks into this bondage and conflict and calls Zanzibaris to follow Him.

Mansour experienced that through *Isa al-Masih* (Jesus, the Messiah) he was set free from evil spirits and demonic burdens. Curious, he and his family watched Lumo Project films about the life of Jesus, and they began reading the *Injil* (New Testament). They decided to follow Jesus into a life of light and freedom. Mansour's father-in-law in the south of the island heard that his daughter had been set free by Jesus - something that all magicians had failed to do so far. A group of seekers are now meeting there, too, to learn more about Jesus in the *Injil*. The first life changes through the Holy Spirit can be seen, and some are ready to be baptised.



HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *That young believers would take courageous steps of obedience and not be prevented from doing so by rumours circulating about baptism.*
- *That Jesus would answer their prayers when they pray in His name for the sick and burdened.*
- *For supernatural protection and care for the believers, who are increasingly disadvantaged and persecuted by religious leaders and neighbours.*

Sing to the LORD
a new song,
His praise from the ends
of the earth:
you who sail the sea
and all that is in it,
you islands and
their inhabitants!

Isaiah 42:10

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DAY 6 • MARCH 5

ALBANIA



Hamit was born into an Albanian Muslim family. He thought that by fasting and doing good deeds he could find salvation, but these were things he practised only out of obligation to his parents. He felt nothing in his heart but instead wondered, 'why we are here in this world and what is the purpose of life?'

One day when he was 17 years old, he left school hungry and went to buy himself a sandwich. It was wrapped in paper which he looked at curiously...it was a page from the Bible. The man who sold the sandwich was an old Communist who invited him to his house for a coffee. Hamit went to his home, and the man started to speak against the faith. When Hamit asked to use the toilet, he found that instead of toilet paper, the man had placed the Bible. The boy felt scared to use the Bible and hid it under his clothes, so the man wouldn't notice.

When Hamit began to read the Bible, he began to understand that God loves him. John 3:16 became his favourite verse. He decided to believe this love and take it into his heart. He began to search for other people who believed the Bible. He found a church where the pastor led him in a prayer. Hamit beams:

*"As soon as I finished praying,
I felt that a heavy stone had moved from my heart and I felt joy."*

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *That Albanians who have come to faith since the fall of Communism would become grounded in the Word.*
- *That the many Muslim missionaries who are in Albania from other countries would actually fall in love with Jesus instead.*
- *For unity between churches and that believers would be known for their love.*

**For God so loved the world
that he gave
his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him
shall not perish
but have eternal life.**

John 3:16



DAY 7 • MARCH 6

the **DENDI** of **NORTHERN BENIN**

Benin in West Africa is not a Muslim country, but the Dendi in the north of the country are 99.93 % Muslim. They number about 310,000 people. Among them are only very few Christians. There is no church where Dendi is spoken.

Most Dendi follow a form of folk Islam, mixing elements of orthodox Islam with their traditional rites and religious practices. The Marabouts, religious teachers or holy men, teach Islam as well as ancient customs and are healers and contact persons to the spirit world.

The rural steppe areas of Northern Benin are home for most Dendi. The structures of families and villages are fundamental for their life in this region, making it unthinkable for seekers to break out of this system in order to follow Christ. That's why finding ways to spread the Gospel and establish fellowships of believers within these structures is so important.

The New Testament and some audio and video materials are available in the Dendi language, but most are unaware of their availability. In the summer of 2024, 140 evangelists swarmed the city of Djougou, where tens of thousands of Dendi live. With many of them from neighbouring people groups, they worked in different quarters of the city every day for three weeks. They wanted to find houses of peace, preach Christ to the people there and leave one of 2,000 SD-cards with audio files of Biblical books.

**So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish
that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing
for which I sent it.**

Isaiah 55:11

HOW CAN WE **PRAY?**

- *That the distributed SD-cards will be listened to again and again and would cause people to believe in the Messiah.*
- *That the Dendi would see that Jesus has power over the spirit world.*
- *That a discipleship movement would emerge with at least 1,000 Dendi being baptised and 100 house churches being established.*

DAY 8 • MARCH 7

SANDZAK of the BALKANS

Hamza is sitting in one of the most famous *ćevapi* restaurants in the Serbian city of Novi Pazar with his foreign friend. People come here to drink coffee and to enjoy the best sausages and a good view of the pedestrian zone. Hamza, however, is here to learn from the Bible. On their mobile phones they read John 8:32 together: "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

After a moment of silence, Hamza says: "That is what my people need. They should recognize Jesus as truth and as light. And then he will free them from the many dark powers and the slavery of money." And he continues: "God sent you here for me! Without you, I would no longer follow Jesus."

As the only known follower of Jesus in the entire region with around 250,000 Muslim residents, Hamza knows life in Sandzak. It is not easy for him to live his faith, but he always draws strength from the Bible. The Muslims in Sandzak are a significant majority locally, but overall, they are a minority in Serbia and Montenegro. Thirty years after the war, they are still discriminated against. This is one of the reasons why many Muslims here are very religious and devout. In the city of Novi Pazar alone, there are over 60 mosques, three Qur'an schools and an Islamic university for future religious teachers and imams.

**The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world
of not being able to do something, and enter God's realm
where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible.
Nothing is too great for His almighty power.
Nothing is too small for His love.**

Corrie Ten Boom

(I Stand at the Door and Knock:
Meditations by the Author of The Hiding Place)

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *That more Muslims from Sandzak will recognise Jesus as the truth and follow him.*
- *That the people of Sandzak would recognise the light of Jesus to be stronger than all the dark powers that they have experienced.*
- *For more workers and new ideas on how to reach the Muslims of Sandzak.*



DAY 9 • MARCH 8

COMOROS ARCHIPELAGO

Because vanilla, cloves and spices grow here, the Comoros archipelago is also known as the *Perfume Islands*, with frangipani, jasmine and lemon grass also lending a delightful fragrance. Almost one million people live on the four main islands, which are located between Madagascar and Mozambique. One of them, Mayotte, is a French overseas territory, which is why many Comorians try to reach France via this island. This has led to unrest and conflict. The population lives in poor conditions and is almost exclusively Muslim.

Said is one of the only Christians on the island. Only a few people around him and in his family know Jesus. He wants the Comoros people to get to have the opportunity to read the Word of God and to believe. Together with other believers and missionary societies, he is working on a Bible translation in the local language. This will give people access to the Word of God in their mother tongue, which is crucial to spreading the gospel and enabling a deeper connection to faith.

The unity and dedication behind this collaboration is impressive. The indigenous believers and mission agencies bring their resources, talents and passions to serve God's mission together.

For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

2 Corinthians 2:15-16

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *That the fragrance of God spreads throughout the Perfume Islands and that the people experience Him.*
- *That Christians may live safely and securely.*
- *For Bible translation to progress well, with great unity in the team.*



the AIMAQS of AFGHANISTAN



Zai was transfixed by verses from the Gospels shared with him by a Christian worker. Tears came to his eyes as they read John 1:12 together: “Sometimes when I read this book I get goosebumps!” he said. Zai sensed God calling him to repent and surrender his life to Jesus, but he was serious about counting the cost. He also struggled to know if he understood the gospel well enough.

He said that sometimes at night, he sensed God’s presence so strongly that it almost scared him, not understanding what God wanted from him.

Zai is Aimaq and his people live in the central and western highlands of Afghanistan. Numbering half a million, they live a full or semi-nomadic lifestyle. Their language is considered ‘lost’ so they speak Dari or Pashto, depending on their location.

Zai’s friend told him to speak to God and ask for faith. Reading together Revelation 3:20, he showed him that Jesus was patiently and lovingly knocking on the door of his heart and desiring a personal relationship with him. Zai was deeply moved and asked, “What must I do?” The two men reviewed the verses in Romans regarding the human condition and Romans 10:9-10 which describe a sinner’s response. Zai pondered and asked, “Is it ok if I just take tonight to think about it?” Zai later confessed that “I was afraid if I waited, Jesus might stop knocking.” Soon after this, God gave Zai a dream and he woke up knowing that he was ready to surrender his life to Christ.

“I was afraid if I waited, Jesus might stop knocking.”

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *For the good news to be shared in the Aimaq area; the regions where they live have no gospel witness.*
- *For the Aimaqs to find hope and to know the Lord as their great provider as they live in one of the poorest areas of Afghanistan.*
- *That young Aimaq men would find the gospel as they travel to other places for work.*

Libya is a country rich in natural resources but devastated by civil war and various armed conflicts. These have caused massive emigration as well as economic hardship and suffering for those remaining in country. There is also spiritual hardship in that deciding to follow Christ in this strict Muslim country carries with it the threat of being punished with death.

Aatiq is one of those who has received a legally disputed death sentence. He came to know Christ through reading the Word some years ago and then wandered away from his faith. A sub-Saharan believer met him and prayed that he would have a vision of the risen Christ. A few days later he had that vision and since then has clung to the Lord in the midst of adversity caused by the boldness of his proclamation. He, somewhat like Joseph in Genesis, has been esteemed by some of those in charge of the prison because of his helpful attitude and good work.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *“Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies” (Heb 13:3 NLT). Ask God that those suffering in prison be released.*
- *For media outreach efforts in Libyan Arabic - that programmes would draw people to Christ and also comfort and disciple secret believers.*
- *That Libyans who have emigrated to other countries would find Christ and return to share Him with their own people.*

The Spirit of the Lord
GOD is upon me because
the LORD has anointed
me to bring good
news to the poor; he
has sent me to bind up
the brokenhearted, to
proclaim liberty to the
captives, and the opening
of the prison to those
who are bound.

Isaiah 61:1

DAY 12 • MARCH 11

BIHARIS in BANGLADESH



Nadim is an Urdu speaking Bihari whose forefathers came to Dhaka after the partition of India. Caught up in the events of political changes, the Biharis became an impoverished minority people group living in camps in Bangladesh. They are considered an unreached people group and only a handful of believers exist among them.

Nadim worked as a sari designer making patterns for the silk sari weaving cottage industry that his people are famous for. As the fashion for wedding saris shifted from silk to other types, it became more and more difficult for him to feed his family. One day while he was minding a friend's shop, the owner came in and threw a couple of books on the counter. "Look here," he said "the Christians are distributing their book for free on the street because of Christmas. I will try to make some money by selling them here." Nadim took a New Testament home and started reading that night. From then on, he read every night. The more he read, the more his desire to know Christ grew.

One day he met a young evangelist who lived in that area. They started talking and, with the input of several people, Nadim heard the gospel clearly explained. After embracing Jesus as his Saviour, his wife and mother-in-law came to faith as well. Nadim has learned the path of repentance in the years since and now leads a small church in his home.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *That Biharis who experience persecution and rejection would find their identity in Christ.*
- *For improved conditions for the hundreds of thousands of Biharis who live in camps in squalid conditions and for them to discover Jesus as their true hope.*
- *For educational opportunities for Bihari young people.*

Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and He delivered them from their distress.

Psalms 107:6

DAY 13 • MARCH 12

MUSLIMS in THAILAND

James relaxed in his aeroplane seat, relieved to be heading off to a Christian conference and a few days of rest. As he thought about the week ahead, he felt God say to him: “Tell the lady sitting next to you that I know her and love her.”

James glanced over at the young hijab-wearing Muslim lady, unsure at how to strike up a conversation. Culturally, it would be awkward for him as a man to start chatting with her. But he did it anyway.

“*Asalaam alaikum*”, he greeted her. “Sorry to bother you, but I am a Christian, and a few minutes ago, I felt God wanted to tell you that He sees you and knows you. And that He loves you, too.”

Saripa’s eyes opened wide, as she stuttered back: “You’re a Christian?!? I have just been reading the Bible. Can you help explain it to me?”

“Yes, of course”, James said in shock, as he marvelled at God’s ways. “But where do you live? Maybe my wife can meet with you to explain more.” She proceeded to tell James that she lived in the exact city he was working in. And then they realized that they lived in the same neighborhood, and, in fact, on the very same street! God was indeed at work in their family and bringing a hunger for His Word.

Later that week, James’ wife reached out to Saripa and the two began a study of Scripture that only God himself could have orchestrated.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *Pray for Thai Muslims who have an interest in Jesus but struggle to learn more. Pray for Christian friends who can explain the Good News.*
- *Pray for the growth of the small churches in the Muslim areas of Thailand.*
- *As Jesus prayed in Matthew 9, ask God to send more workers to reap the harvest to come.*



DAY 14 • MARCH 13

AZERBAIJAN

About six years ago, Yusif had back surgery. The recovery was long and painful, and he was confined to bed.

As he lay in bed in Guba, a city in northern Azerbaijan, he thought a lot about his life. He had grown up in a Muslim culture, but he began to question it. As he was searching for truth, he found the New Testament on the internet and started reading it. A great joy and peace came to his heart. He had never known such joy and comfort. He begged the God of the Bible:

*“Heal me so that I may stand up and dedicate my whole life to You.
I will learn about You and believe in You.”*

And God healed him. Yusif got out of bed and was able to work again.

One day, he came across social media content from Azerbaijani believers. Because he had loved reading the New Testament online, he wanted a physical copy to read as well. He connected with the believers via social media and requested one. When Kamil visited and presented him with a New Testament, Yusif told him, “I already believe in Jesus Christ.”

Right then and there—in the middle of the street—Kamil led Yusif in a prayer of repentance, and he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord. Soon, his family began to follow Jesus, and now they faithfully attend a small church in their region.



HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *For protection for Azerbaijani believers as they share their faith.*
- *For the gospel to spread among the unreached people through social media.*
- *For fellowships of believing Azeris to emerge in cities and towns with no churches.*

**Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,
to send out workers into his harvest field.**

Matthew 9:38

DAY 15 • MARCH 14

the **SHABAKS** of **IRAQ**

The Shabaks are a minority ethnic group living mostly on the so-called Nineveh Plains, east of Mosul. Numbering around half a million, they've often suffered from oppression and neglect. Most Shabaks follow Shia Islam, with a minority being Sunni Muslims. A small number have come to know God as their loving Father who rejoices in repentant sinners.

There is currently no Scripture available in Shabaki but a team is working on translating the Gospel of Luke into their language. Salim, an older Shabak man, helps with testing translated Bible chapters for comprehension.

When he was given Luke 15 to read, Salim was sure he had identified the turning point in the parable of the prodigal son, understanding it to say: "While he was still a long way off, he saw his father, ran to him, threw his arms around him and kissed him. In Salim's world, this was the only way to interpret the passage as the God he knows wouldn't run to reach the lost. The parable was just as confusing to him as it must have been to the original audience that Jesus spoke to!

The team clarified that no, the passage was about God the Father running towards the sinner. A few weeks later, Salim started meeting and praying with a believer.

HOW CAN WE **PRAY?**

- *For the ongoing translation process and the scheduled release of the Gospel of Luke in the near future.*
- *For many Shabaks to read, hear, and listen to the Good News in their heart language.*
- *For God's kingdom to take root in the Nineveh Plains.*



DAY 16 • MARCH 15

JIHADISTS in BURKINA FASO

It was market day in a small village in eastern Burkina Faso. Suddenly jihadists came and began threatening the people. A young Christian had positioned his small radio on the market well, with a broadcast about Jesus in Fulfulde. In his panic, he forgot to switch it off.

One of the terrorists came to the well and started listening. "Whose radio is this?" he asked. After a long time of silence, an older man said: "It belongs to this young man." The jihadist kept listening to the message, while his comrades kept threatening the villagers. Finally, he took the radio without any more words.

After a week, the terrorists came to the market again – including the one who had taken the radio. He looked for the young owner of the radio, and when he couldn't find him, addressed the old man who had pointed out the young man a week ago. "The message in the radio was very good! Where can I find a second one?"

The jihadists need the Good News, too. But who will bring it to them? According to a 2022 report by the United Nations Development Programme, poverty and unemployment, and not religious conviction, are the main reasons that people in Africa join extremist groups. Sadly fear prevents many Christians from praying for terrorists and from investigating solutions for the material needs that drive people into extremism.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?**

Psalm 27:1

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *That we as Christians would repent of any prejudice or discrimination and that we would ask Jesus for his love and attitude towards all people.*
- *That God would reveal the corruption and lawlessness that keep people in poverty and that sustainable solutions would be found.*
- *That God would open the hearts of many terrorists, that they would hear and accept the Gospel.*



DAY 17 • MARCH 16

UZBEKISTAN

Some years ago, Gulnora visited an Uzbek village. “The mullah proudly showed me the new mosque and probably expected criticism from me as a Christian. But I praised the mosque and said that I hoped that God’s word would be preached there. He was surprised, and when I gave him a copy of the New Testament in Uzbek he took it, touched it with his lips and forehead and finally held it close to his heart. A group of men had gathered around us and when they saw how the mullah received the New Testament with such honour, they also wanted books, but unfortunately I did not have any more with me.”

“Recently I travelled back to the same village,” she said. “The mullah had heard about my arrival and came towards me on the road. While still far off, he called out: “My daughter! You’ve returned at last! Do you remember that when you were here last time you gave me the New Testament in Uzbek? I am so grateful to you! Now I know every Friday what to read in our mosque, and I have a holy book which shows the way to God in my language. The other books that I have I could not understand, but this one helps me to prepare my sermons and give hope to those who listen!”

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *For an increase of freedom of religion in Uzbekistan.*
- *For safety, growth, and spiritual maturity for those in underground house churches.*
- *That local pastors would be taught by the Holy Spirit and lead their flocks to withstand persecution.*

For the word of God
is alive and powerful.
It is sharper than the sharpest
two-edged sword, cutting
between soul and spirit,
between joint and marrow.
It exposes our innermost
thoughts and desires.

Hebrews 4:12



DAY 18 • MARCH 17

the **WESTERN CHAM** of **CAMBODIA**

The Western Cham are a Muslim people group with their own language who have lived in Buddhist majority Cambodia since the 17th century. Traditionally fishermen and farmers, they were severely persecuted under the Pol Pot regime, with more than a third of their population massacred in the 1970s. They now number about 600,000 people.

Mei is an elderly Cham woman in her eighties who lives in a small village about 3 hours from Phnom Penh with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The gift of a New Testament in her own language on a small audio player fed Mei's curiosity about the gospel and she began working through the Bible narratives with two believers who visit her village regularly. Then, one night Mei had a vivid dream about Jesus judging the people of the earth, sending them to heaven and hell. This convinced her that He was the way the truth and the life.

Today she is eager to share her faith whenever she meets family and friends. Two daughters and two great granddaughters regularly join with her and the two believing visitors to pray, eat and study stories from the Scripture. The meetings are open for others to join. Sometimes one of their husbands joins them. Recently around ten more people were baptized. The small community of faith is growing.

**If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**

John 15:7

HOW CAN WE **PRAY?**

- *That God's spirit will use Cham language resources like the audio Bible and study material to speak powerfully into the hearts of Cham people.*
- *For Mei as she shares about Jesus with the people she meets at weddings, funerals and other special occasions.*
- *That more family members will join this community of faith and that it will grow spiritually.*

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FRIENDSHIP FIRST STUDENT SESSION

Inspired by concepts and materials from the main Friendship First course, the Friendship First Student Session is a one-off session specifically designed for groups of Christian students and young people keen to build Christ-centred unconditional friendships with Muslims.

DAY 19 • MARCH 18

ASYLUM SEEKERS of EUROPE



Hussain grew up as the only child of a moderately Muslim couple, but within a fundamentalist Islamic regime. In his mid 20s, Hussain worked in a fitness centre where one of his workmates was a follower of Jesus. One day, they had a discussion about the Bible and, as a parting gift before moving to another city, his colleague gave Hussain a copy of the New Testament in his own language.

Hussain read the Scriptures from cover to cover and had many questions. However, there was no-one with whom he could safely talk. Even so, as he read, he experienced the presence and peace of God, and became convinced that Jesus' words are life and truth. Although supportive of their son's new beliefs, his parents warned him to keep them to himself. And so Hussain remained alone as a believer for the next five years.

During that time, the Islamic regime became more and more repressive. Hussain knew that if he stayed, eventually he would be caught and killed, and so he decided to flee to a safe European country, where he finally met other Christians and was baptised.

Two years have passed and Hussain is still fighting for refugee status in his adopted country. He works hard to learn the language, and dreams of going to university to become an engineer. However, there is still a chance he might be rejected and deported to his homeland, where he would almost certainly be imprisoned.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *For Christian refugees from a Muslim background who, like Hussain, are in danger of being deported by their host countries.*
- *For boldness among Christians in Muslim countries to discuss the Bible with their Muslim friends and distribute it wisely.*
- *For revelation for Muslim seekers as they read God's word, and for access to the people and resources to help them on their faith journey.*

**The alien who resides
with you shall be to you as
the citizen among you; you
shall love the alien
as yourself, for you
were aliens in the land
of Egypt:
I am the Lord your God.**

Leviticus 19:34

DAY 20 • MARCH 19

the **MINANGKABAU** in **INDONESIA**

There is a famous Minang poem that concludes with the line: *alam takambang jadikan guru* (nature becomes the teacher). Zul, who grew up and still lives in the rural heartland of the Minangkabau people, would have heard this poem. The 'nature' he was taught to conform to is a complex interplay of the natural world, social expectations and traditional and religious obligations.

Although religious tradition is strong, education is also highly prized here, particularly by Zul's father who taught Zul to search for knowledge wherever he found it. Zul has, therefore, been bold enough to look beyond his culture and reach out for a copy of the Bible. He has read it, from cover to cover, and warmly received believers who visited him and answered his questions. Now he is sharing this treasure with others.

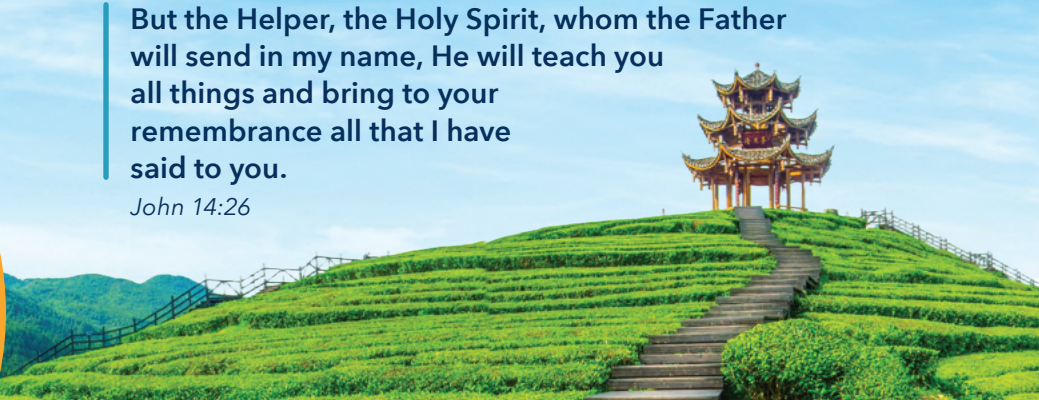
Sadly, this sort of receptiveness is not common. Minangkabau are one of the most strongly Muslim people groups in Indonesia and opportunities for them to hear or read the Word of God have been limited. Furthermore, most fear the Bible - having been taught that it is dangerous.

HOW CAN WE **PRAY?**

- *That the Spirit of God will give Zul, and others like him, understanding of what they read and the words to share this with others.*
- *For those who are too afraid to read the Bible. Ask the Father to release them from the spirit of fear and lead them to ways that they can hear the good news found in God's Word.*
- *Pray for those who spread fear and oppose the truth. Ask that they be released from bondage and called to follow Jesus.*

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 14:26



DAY 21 • MARCH 20

the **SARAIKI** of **PAKISTAN**

Shakir is one of 26 million Saraiki speakers who live in the Southern Punjab in Pakistan. The area is predominantly rural and poor, despite providing much of the country's wheat, cotton, sugarcane and mangoes. In recent years, flooding has devastated some areas, pushing people into greater poverty.

The Southern Punjab is proud of its ancient history and its beautiful handicrafts, mystic poetry and the many shrines dedicated to Sufi saints. Festivals held around these saints bring thousands of people who daily come in search of physical or mental healing, solutions for personal and financial problems and other life challenges. People are desperately seeking for a power that can bring meaning and transformation to their lives.

Shakir was one of those people: "I was very religious from a young age," he says, "following all the Islamic practices strictly. I used to hate non-Muslims, especially Christians. One day, I had a dream telling me to stop the hatred. After that, I started seeking friends outside my faith. Social media exposed me to Jesus Christ's teachings, which touched my heart deeply and a brother I met through Facebook began teaching me about Him. This led me to read the New Testament, especially the Gospel of John, which strengthened my faith. Eventually, I received a complete Bible and continued to grow in my faith. I accepted Jesus Christ sincerely, knowing humanly speaking this would bring me difficulties. Please pray for me to be strong in this new Christian journey and for my family to come to know Christ."

**And this is the confidence that we have toward Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.
And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask,
we know that we have the requests that we have
asked of Him.**

1 John 5:14-15

HOW CAN WE **PRAY?**

- *That a growing number of Saraiki speakers will encounter Jesus through dreams and visions.*
- *For them to hear the good news through social media, and be connected to believers*
- *For protection for newly emerging fellowship groups and courage and wisdom in sharing their faith.*





DAY 22 • MARCH 21

PALESTINIANS in JORDAN

Eve, one of the many Palestinianians living in Jordan, came to our clinic with back pain. Amongst the many desperate and demanding people, she had a kind and sincere heart.

Eve desires to please God and know the holy books so she goes to Qur'an classes each week at her local mosque. We invited her to a woman's exercise class and quickly decided to train her to become the class coach. As we visited each week, she poured out her heart. The gossip and suspicion between extended family members, living in the same building. Her husband's debt. The deep pain caused by her stepsons' rejection. Her husband didn't want to get involved. She ached for peace.

We longed to read the Bible with her and she agreed! She drank in the prophet stories of the Old Testament. 'Do Christians still have to offer sacrifices, like Abraham and Moses did?' We replied, 'Wait and see'.

Week by week, she asked her question. Finally, we said, 'We do have a sacrifice, but it is very expensive.' Curious, she mused, 'Expensive? Maybe a camel?' We got to Isaiah 53. 'This is about Jesus isn't it? He's the sacrifice.' She paused. 'But is he the sacrifice for ALL people?' We replied excitedly, 'Yes, for ALL people who trust in Him!' She looked flat. 'I do believe Jesus is a prophet, but the Qur'an says he didn't die.' We weren't surprised, though were disappointed. 'But I'd still like to keep reading with you.' The Word of God has captured Eve's heart, but Islam blinds her.

....and to enlighten all people as to what the plan of the mystery is which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things.

Ephesians 3:9

HOW CAN WE **PRAY?**

- *That Jesus stirs courage and hunger in Muslim women to read God's Word.*
- *For Muslims like Eve who do encounter God's Word, that the Spirit opens their blind eyes to know who Jesus is and trust in him.*
- *For the Prince of Peace to enter and transform family networks through His Word.*

DAY 23 • MARCH 22

DAGESTAN

For the Son of Man came to seek
and to save the lost.

Luke 19:10

Kamiila was born into a large Muslim family in Dagestan, a mountainous region that has traditionally been one of the least-receptive places to the gospel. Even as a young girl she was an independent thinker, refusing to do her *namaz* (Muslim prayers). Her father told her that Allah would severely punish those who disobeyed him. This caused Kamiila to question if God was really like her father. *"If he is like that, then I don't want to believe in such a God!"*, she thought.

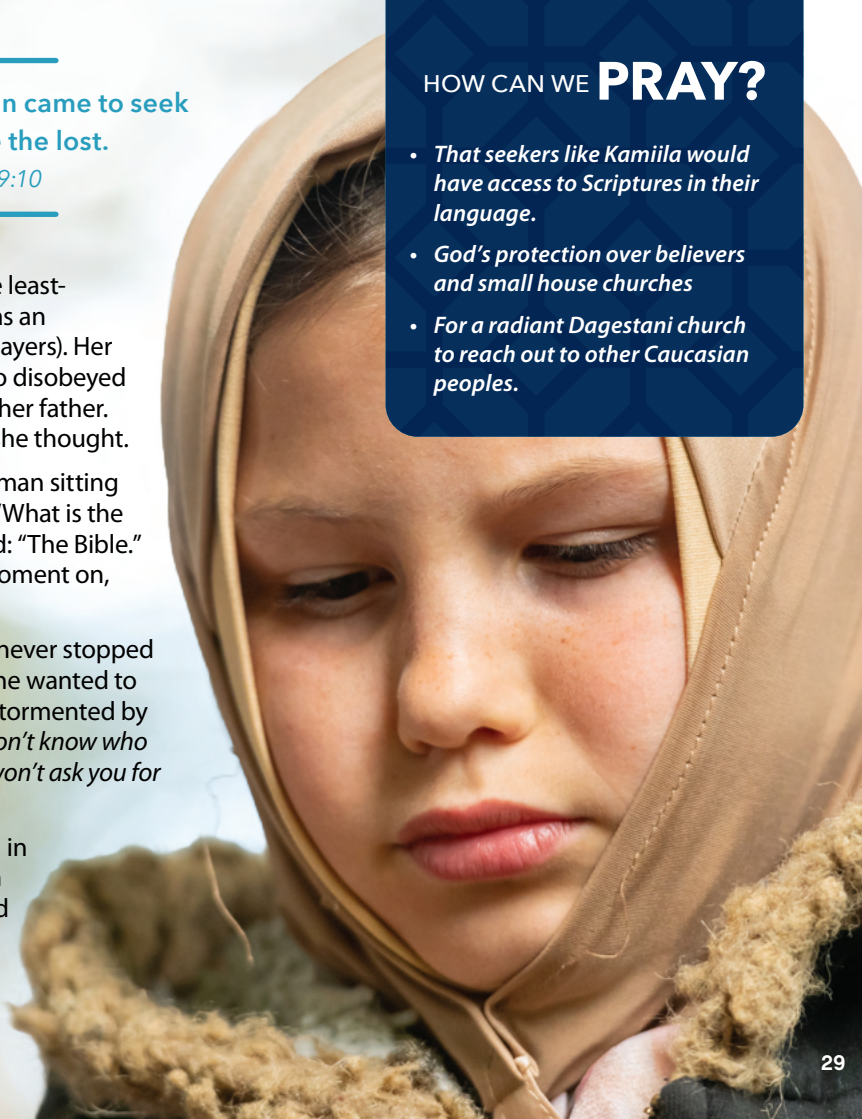
When Kamiila was 12 years old, she was intrigued by a woman sitting on the seashore reading. She approached her and asked, "What is the name of the book you are reading?" The woman answered: "The Bible." That stirred something in Kamiila's heart, and from that moment on, she desired to have a copy of her very own.

Kamiila grew up, married, and had three children. Yet she never stopped searching for truth. Her husband let her decide whether she wanted to show devotion to Allah by covering her head but she was tormented by whether Allah required it. One day, she cried out: *"God, I don't know who you are! If you hear me, show yourself to me just once, and I won't ask you for anything else!"*

That night, a tall man in white clothes appeared to Kamiila in a dream. She immediately recognised Him as Jesus, and in His presence, she felt as light as a feather. She woke up and began to look again for a Bible. Three weeks later, she was sitting in a church with tears flowing down her cheeks as she held the book that she had dreamt for decades.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *That seekers like Kamiila would have access to Scriptures in their language.*
- *God's protection over believers and small house churches*
- *For a radiant Dagestani church to reach out to other Caucasian peoples.*



DAY 24 • MARCH 23

the **OROMO** in **ETHIOPIA**

Ahmed has only recently started travelling with Jesus. He lives in a small village, far away from any major city. His half-brother lives abroad and visits the family every year. He always told them about Jesus. For a long time, Ahmed had little interest in this. Nevertheless, he listened patiently. Then one sentence stuck in his head: "God loves you!" Ahmed then read the New Testament on his mobile phone and wanted to know more.

As there were no followers of Jesus in his village, Ahmed travelled to the city. There he met a pastor who took time for him. After a long time, Ahmed entrusted his life to Jesus and was baptised. However, his life did not become easier, but more difficult. When it became known that he no longer went to the mosque, he was questioned by the village elders. Even his friends no longer want to be with him, as they now see him as an unbeliever. Many Oromo who follow Jesus feel the same way as Ahmed.

At around 45 million, the Oromo are the largest ethnic group in Ethiopia. They were oppressed for a long time. Great hopes were raised when Abiy Ahmed, an Oromo, became Prime Minister of Ethiopia. But even he was unable to halt the country's decline. In many areas of Oromia, there are no churches that new followers of Jesus could join. Persecution and social ostracism await Muslims who want to follow Jesus.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

HOW CAN WE **PRAY?**

- *For the followers of Jesus among the Oromo and the few churches that exist.*
- *For courage and wisdom for the believers to tell their friends and family about Jesus.*
- *For opportunities to come together and encourage one another.*



DAY 25 • MARCH 24

DUNGANS of CENTRAL ASIA

Daniel lived in a village in Kyrgyzstan which is mainly inhabited by Dungans, Chinese Muslims who refer to themselves in China as the Hui. The Dungans fled Northwest China for Central Asia in the late 19th century after the failure of their revolt against the Qing dynasty. They are a very closed community; there are only a few people who have accepted Jesus as their Lord.

Daniel's good friend Makhmud was a maths teacher at the local school. Daniel and Makhmud met for a while to read the Bible. Sadly, Daniel died of a heart attack last year, but he left a good mark and memories in this village. A year after the funeral, the village community came together to remember Daniel, as is traditional in Muslim societies. Makhmud was one of the people who spoke. He told the other villagers about the Bible study with Daniel and how it had shaped him. And then he called on devout Muslims to read the Bible if they want to better understand what they don't understand in the Qur'an.

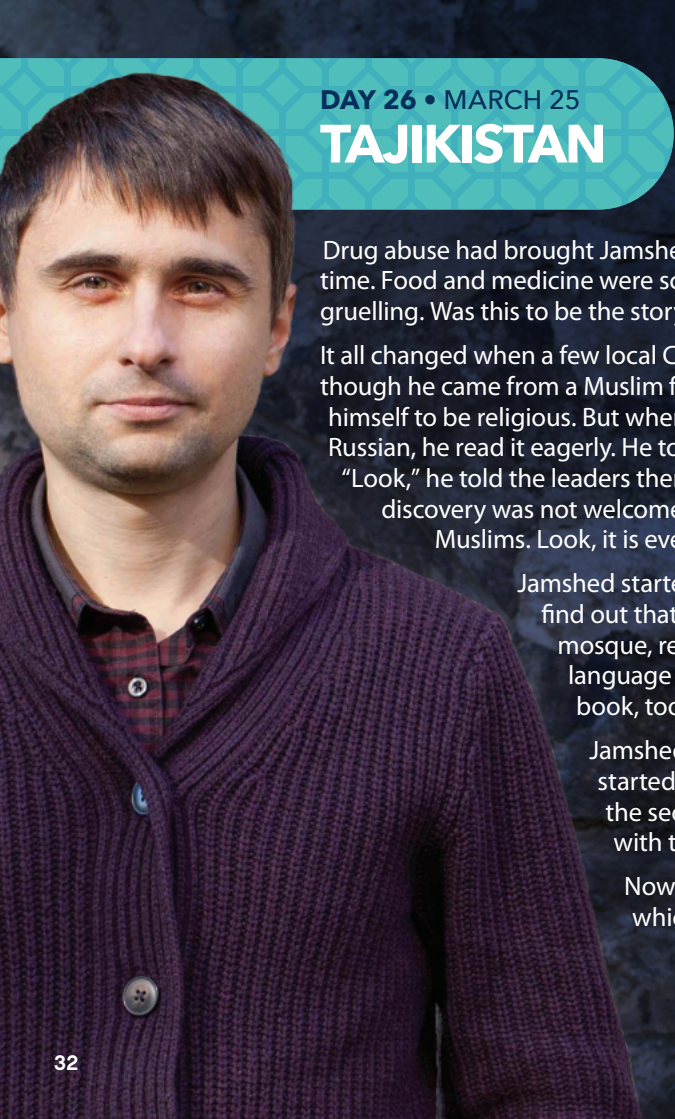
May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech still
as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass,
and like showers upon the herb.

Deuteronomy 32:2

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *For the Dungans in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, that work amongst them will bear fruit.*
- *For the Bible translation team currently working on translating the whole Bible into Dungan. Pray that the work can be completed and that the Bible will be a great blessing for the Dungans.*
- *That God would raise up near-culture workers from China or Central Asia to work amongst the Dungans.*





DAY 26 • MARCH 25
TAJIKISTAN

Drug abuse had brought Jamshed into prison, where he was serving time. Food and medicine were scarce, corruption rife and labour gruelling. Was this to be the story of his life?

It all changed when a few local Christians visited the prison. Even though he came from a Muslim family, Jamshed did not consider himself to be religious. But when these visitors gave him a Bible in Russian, he read it eagerly. He took the book to the prison mosque.

“Look,” he told the leaders there. “This is the truth.” However, his discovery was not welcome. “You are a traitor,” they told him. “This book is for Russians, not for Muslims. Look, it is even written in the Russian language!”

Jamshed started to wonder whether the Bible also existed in Tajik and was delighted to find out that it did! Jamshed got hold of a Bible in his language and went back to the mosque, reading from it in both Russian and in Tajik. “It says the same things in our language as in Russian”, he exclaimed. “This is not a book just for Russians; this is our book, too. This is not about a Russian God; he is our God as well!”

Jamshed started sharing his discovery with others in the prison and people started asking him questions about his faith. “Some of these people were from the secret police,” Jamshed remembers. “But I was not afraid of them. I shared with them, too – they needed Christ more than anybody!”

Now that his prison days are long past, Jamshed leads a tiny house church which meets under a tree in his backyard.

HOW CAN WE **PRAY?**

- *That the power of the Word in their own language would capture the hearts of Tajiks.*
- *Tajikistan struggles with poverty, underemployment and dependency on migrant workers abroad. Pray for economic breakthroughs.*
- *That small local churches would reveal the living Christ.*

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:105

DAY 27 • MARCH 26

NIGHT of POWER

A few years ago, on a previous Night of Power, two believers were walking and praying along the seafront in Istanbul, asking God to speak to Turkish Muslims. Ahead, they overheard an agitated couple having a video phone conversation with one of their mothers: “No, anne [mother], still no baby. But tonight is the Night of Power and we will be praying all night for a miracle.”

Laylat al-Qadr, the ‘Night of Power’ or ‘Night of Destiny’, is one of the most sacred events in the Islamic calendar. Believed to be the night when the Qur’an was sent into the world and its first verses revealed to Muhammad, Muslims believe that prayers and good deeds done on this night are of greater value than those done in a thousand months. Some trust in the words of Muhammad when he said: “Whoever stands [in prayer] during the Night of Power out of belief and seeking reward, his previous sins are forgiven.” (Sahih al-Bukhari 1901) Many Muslims spend the night praying for forgiveness of sins and reciting the Qur’an.

The exact night of *Laylat al-Qadr* is debated by Islamic scholars, as it is believed to occur on any of the odd numbered days in the last ten days of Ramadan. In order to be found faithful on the actual night, some Muslims will observe *i’tikaf* (seclusion) during the last ten days in order to focus on reflection, prayer and to avoid involvement in worldly affairs.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- For Muslims to have miraculous encounters with Jesus while praying during the Night of Power. (John 20:30-31)
- For Muslims to have a revelation of the forgiveness offered through Jesus. (Titus 3:5)
- For Christian workers to have the opportunity to pray in Jesus’ name for their Muslim friends.



DAY 28 • MARCH 27

IRANIANS in NORTHERN IRELAND

Maura has been meeting with her Iranian friend, Soheyla, to study God's Word. She has been thrilled to witness how the Spirit has been revealing truth to her. Soheyla said that before she left Iran, she thought she had everything she needed: a good job; a lovely house; a car and plenty of food. But now she notes that "God has brought me here and now I realise that none of these things matter. Now I have none of these things, but I have met Jesus and He has shown me what really matters is knowing Him and my family."

Maura and Soheyla have been journeying through Matthew and identifying with the questions of the disciples: 'Who is this man? Even the wind and waves obey Him.' (Matt 8:27) through to the disciples' recognition, 'You really are the Son of God' (Matt 14:33). At this point Soheyla began to cry as she said with all her heart, "This is really important. The people of Iran need to know this. Jesus really is the Son of God."

Every time the friends meet, Soheyla will speak out a Truth without realising it. One time she said, "Jesus is like a light, like a candle. He dispels all the darkness around us and he helps you to see the way forward one step at a time. We don't need to see too far ahead, for He is with us." When Maura showed her John 8:12 and Psalm 119:105, tears flowed down Soheyla's cheeks. It's a beautiful thing to see the Spirit at work.

**I am the Light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.**

John 8:12

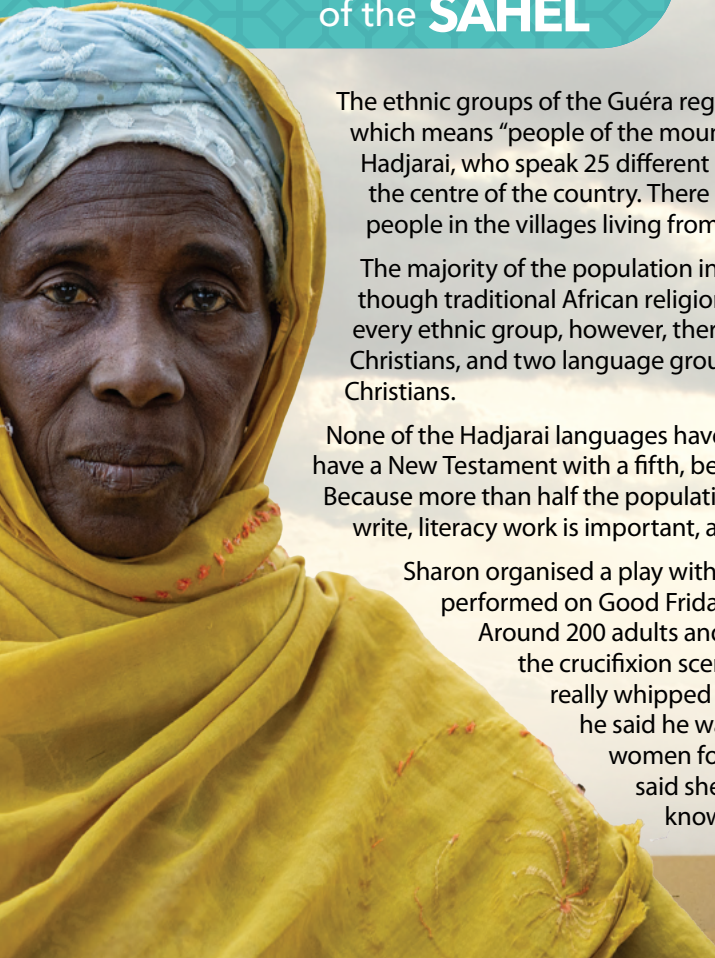
HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *For Christians in the West to show hospitality and love by inviting Muslims into their homes.*
- *For Christians to share freely the Word of God, inviting Muslim friends to study the Word with them.*
- *For new believers like Soheyla to grow in their faith and to be welcomed into local churches.*



DAY 29 • MARCH 28

HADJARAI of the SAHEL



The ethnic groups of the Guéra region of Chad are called “Hadjarai”, which means “people of the mountains”. More than 550,000 Hadjarai, who speak 25 different languages, live in this hilly area in the centre of the country. There is significant poverty, with most people in the villages living from agriculture and livestock farming.

The majority of the population in the Guéra region is Muslim, though traditional African religions are also practiced. In almost every ethnic group, however, there are also up to approximately 5% Christians, and two language groups are comprised of around 30% Christians.

None of the Hadjarai languages have a complete Bible, though four have a New Testament with a fifth, becoming available this year. Because more than half the population have not learned to read and write, literacy work is important, as well as sharing the gospel through the creative arts.

Sharon organised a play with a group of Chadians about the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was performed on Good Friday in a large square in Mongo, a major city in the Hadjarai region.

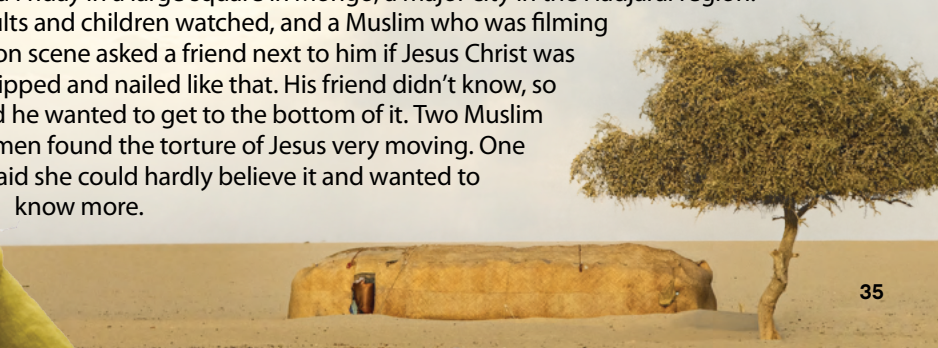
Around 200 adults and children watched, and a Muslim who was filming the crucifixion scene asked a friend next to him if Jesus Christ was really whipped and nailed like that. His friend didn't know, so he said he wanted to get to the bottom of it. Two Muslim women found the torture of Jesus very moving. One said she could hardly believe it and wanted to know more.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- For translation and literacy work in all the Hadjarai languages.
- For creative ways to share the gospel with the not-yet-literate.
- For peace and stability in Chad.

But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world.

Hebrews 1:2



DAY 30 • MARCH 29

MIRACLE in GAZA

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Rasim, his wife Yasmin, and their five children were asleep in their home in Gaza when the bombing began. The night sky lit up with explosions. Suddenly, their home was struck and collapsed upon them. The family was buried under heaps of concrete and debris. Darkness enveloped them, and the air was thick with dust.

Despite being trapped under the rubble, they found that there was a little space around them which allowed them to breathe. The children's desperate sobbing and fear drove Yasmin to pray for a miracle. But the endless minutes turned into hours. Time seemed unending and dark. Five days and five nights went by.

Finally, they heard noises. Beams of light pierced through the darkness; rescuers slowly and carefully cleared the way. Hands pulled Rasim, Yasmin, and their children out - one by one - covered in dust, with bruises and scratches, but alive. Everybody was in awe. How could they be still alive after such a long time under the ruins?

Yasmin beamed with grateful tears in her eyes, when she shared their miraculous story. "A man in a shining white gown came a few times to us and brought water and food. I asked him for his name, and the stranger replied: "I am Isa, al Masih!" The family had been devout Muslims and had never before been in contact with any Christians. But now, together with others in Gaza, they have found the truth.

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

- *For peace in Israel between Palestinians and Israelis.*
- *For the traumatized people in Gaza: that they will be comforted.*
- *For peaceful political solutions that bring an end to war and terror.*



Thank you for **PRAYING** for the **MUSLIM WORLD IN 2025!**

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

Greet Muslims you may encounter right after the fast with 'Eid Mubarak!' Bring a gift of candy to a Muslim neighbour.

Ask God if there was any specific request or people group from this year that He wants you to focus on in more depth through praying, giving to Gospel outreach amongst those people – or maybe going yourself.

Invite Muslims to your home to share a meal and your family life with them. Many international students say they return home never having been invited into a local home in the country where they've studied.

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HOW CAN WE KEEP PRAYING?

- Pray for those in authority in Muslim-majority nations to govern with righteousness and to pursue peace (1 Tim 2:1-7).
- Pray for Muslims you may know personally or those you encounter where you live and work.
- Allow world news to ignite your heart for prayer for Muslims and their nations.

WHAT IF I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SHARING GOOD NEWS WITH MUSLIMS?

The resources below, many available in multiple languages, are a good place to start:

An evangelistic journey to faith, especially for Muslims: almassira.org

The Jesus Film and other gospel films in many languages: www.jesusfilm.org

Sharing the gospel through the prophets, available in many languages: www.youtube.com/channel/UC007WLS-koqvQ-s0GRpQwTQ/videos

Using Discovery Bible Studies to engage Muslims with the Scriptures: waha.app/waha-disciple-making-course

Reaching out to your neighbours and the nations: www.jeanniemarieacademy.com/freevideotraining

Sharing with Muslim women: sayhelloinfo.com

Discipling believers from a Muslim background: come-follow-me.org

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30 DAYS OF PRAYER for the MUSLIM WORLD.

In April 1992, a group of Christian workers from a global missions organisation were praying at the end of Ramadan. As they prayed, they were filled with a deep sense of God's love for Muslims as precious and created in His image. As a response to this God moment, they committed to begin a time of 30 days of prayer and fasting for the Muslim world.

Every Ramadan since then, this prayer guide has been created to help Christians pray for Muslims during the 30 days of the fast. The hope is that the love that filled these original intercessors would be communicated through this guide and that Christians would have a greater understanding and love for the many Muslim people groups spread around the world.

No longer the work of one organization, every year Christians from many nations get involved in producing the guide by sharing stories and prayer needs from their local Muslim communities. Committed intercessors around the world see that the guide is translated and distributed into what is now over 30 languages. This unique prayer movement is now comprised of nearly one million people with new languages regularly being added.

We would love for you to be involved! Do you have a story or a Muslim people group on your heart you'd like to see included in the future? Is there a language into which you could help translate the prayer booklet? Would you like to share with us how 30 Days has impacted you? Tell us about it at info@pray30days.org or on one of the social media platforms below.



Could you be the answer to your own prayers?

The majority of Muslims in the nations will **NEVER** meet a follower of Christ in their lifetime. Do you want to change that?

Having prayed through Ramadan, maybe...

- You've begun pondering going overseas to share the gospel and make disciples
- You once had a 'call' to go but didn't or couldn't. It's never too late!
- You want to go but don't know how to take the next step

If you've answered 'yes' to any of these questions, here are some of the ways we at Frontiers can help you:

- Provide opportunities to taste life in the Muslim World
- Work with your church to train you in making disciples and planting churches

- Connect you with some of our 280 Frontiers teams working among Muslims
- Help you start a new team where no one else is working
- Support you with care when you're on the field

Want to know more? Visit frontiers.org.uk or get in touch and we'll get straight back to you for a chat.

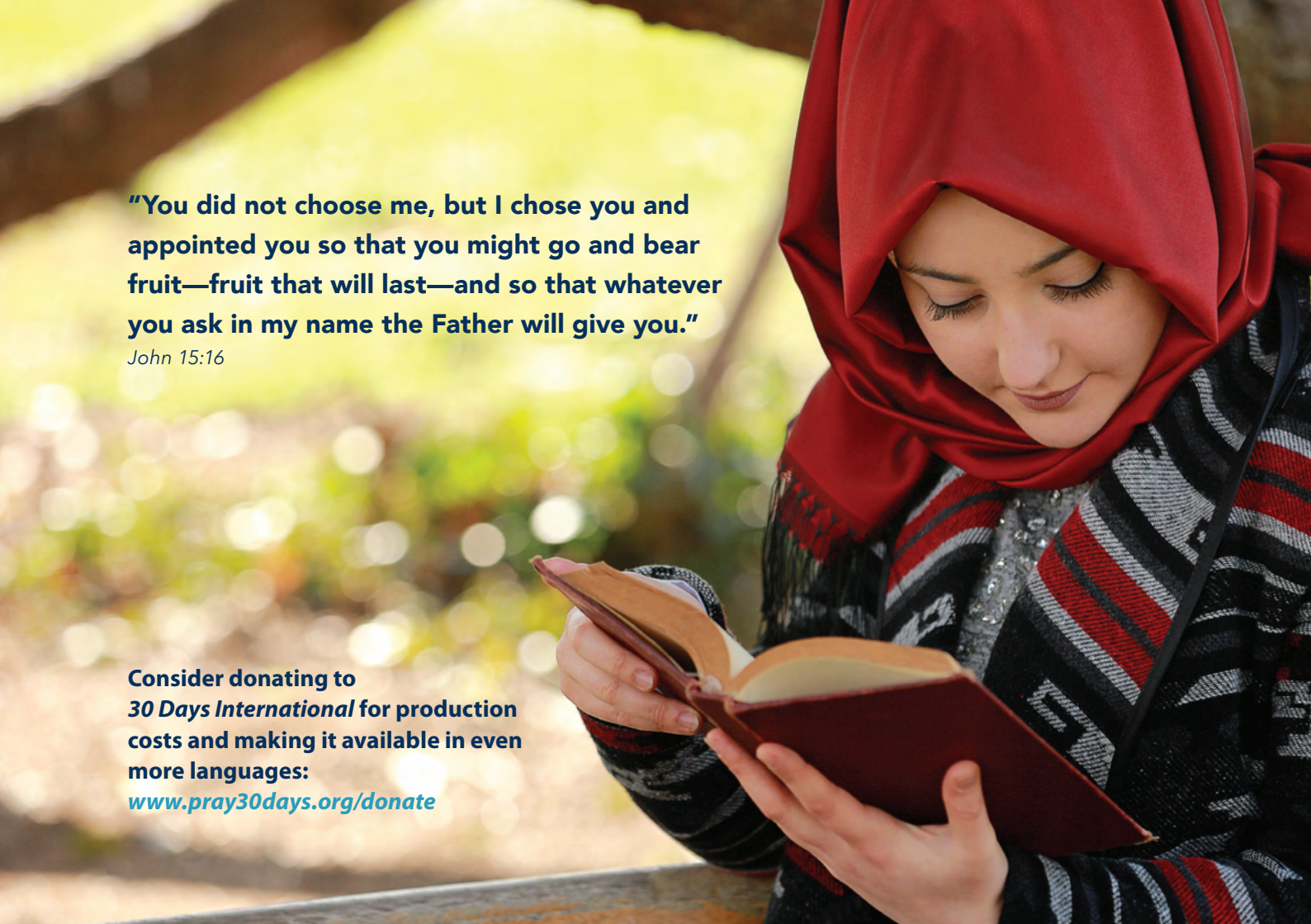
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"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."

John 15:16

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