

# 30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

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*‘being CO-LABOURERS  
with GOD’*

~ 1 COR 3:9a



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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

# Welcome to the 2026 edition of the **30 DAYS OF PRAYER** for the **MUSLIM WORLD**.

## *'being CO-LABOURERS with GOD'* 1 Cor 3:9a

For more than thirty years, 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World has sought to educate, enable and encourage Christians worldwide to pray for Muslim peoples around the world as an act of love – understanding their concerns and petitioning God to help and reveal Himself to them. And God has heard our prayers; the focus of this year's guide is on Muslim peoples from whom there are now radiant believers, sharing the gospel with their own or nearby Muslim people groups. Some have left professions to be able to share the gospel full-time. Others remain in their jobs or in the home where they are faithful witnesses. In holding fast to Christ and proclaiming His name, many have suffered persecution. We can only rejoice that bringing the good news to Muslims is not just something done by foreigners from far away countries; it is now the believers from Muslim backgrounds themselves who are key to transformation in their countries. They are co-labourers with God and we are co-labourers with them through our prayers!

We know you will pray for them as individuals but we want their stories to inspire you to cry out to God for their families, villages, towns and people groups. We rejoice that there are

The 30 days of this guide corresponds to the month of Ramadan, when Muslims no matter where they are in the world engage in a month of fasting. For Christians, praying during Ramadan is a helpful way to identify with Muslims. During this time, many Muslims are seeking encounters with God and a better understanding of His ways. It's a perfect time to talk to Muslim friends about what God is teaching you, and to share with other Christians what you are learning as you pray.

Christ-followers in each of the places where we focus prayer this year and that is a picture of not only the fruit of prayer, but the faithfulness of a God who answers prayer. Please note, all names in these stories have been changed for their privacy and security.

*~ The Editors • 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World International*

This year, several international Christian leaders from a Muslim background wanted to express their **heartfelt thanks** for your prayers.

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*"We've always known that prayer is very important...in our ministry we start the day in prayer, we pray over countries, and every Wednesday we have always had a day of prayer and fasting. That's how important prayer is to reach Muslims. You can't do it by wisdom, you can't do it by anything, you need the power of the Holy Spirit, and you need to ask the Father to give it to you. And we started the Global Day of Prayer for Muslim Background Believers because of the importance of prayer to strengthen the believers. Thank you to everyone who is praying through this guide."*

**Harun Ibrahim (Israel) • Director, al-Hayat Ministries**

*"More than 30 years ago I met Jesus, when my cousin who was 'sick unto death' was healed in hospital by the prayers of two Coptic Christians. I was touched by their simple words and the power behind them. At the same time, I realised that they believed in a God who is able to do things I have never seen before. Prayer is a powerful weapon, and I believe that I came to know Jesus because of people who were praying for the Arabic world. Becoming a Christian brought big changes to my life. My family rejected me, and I not only lost my status in society, but also my belonging. For a while I was in prison. Finally, I had to leave my home country.*

*My story is also the story of many others who are coming from a Muslim background. Pray that they can find their identity in Christ and a belonging in God's family. Thank you for making it a matter of your heart to pray for Muslims to find Jesus Christ."*

**Bishop Dr. Yassir Eric (Sudan)**

*"I want to thank you for your commitment to pray for those of us on the front lines. Your prayer covering and support is an important part of the ministry on the ground.*

*Please pray for a renewed strength and a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit, as we preach the healing gospel of Christ. Pray for the believing women from a Muslim background in the Middle East as they continue to hold their ground and minister to their families and communities. Some are also leading churches and are committed to share the gospel every way they can. Thank you again for your faithful commitment."*

**Amani Mostafa (Egypt) • Television presenter,  
The Muslim Woman**

*"As Fulani disciples of Christ that make disciples, we have faith that your prayers matter. They tear down spiritual strongholds, bring healing to broken communities, and open doors for the Gospel in even the hardest places. Just as you pray for Muslims in general, we are calling believers, churches, and prayer networks to unite in continuous intercession — 24 hours a day, 7 days a week — until every Fulani person hears the Good News and encounters the love of Jesus.*

*Let us stand together and believe for a great harvest amongst Muslims - for freedom, unity, love, and peace across the nations."*

**Rev. Boureima Diallo (Burkino Faso) • FULNET**

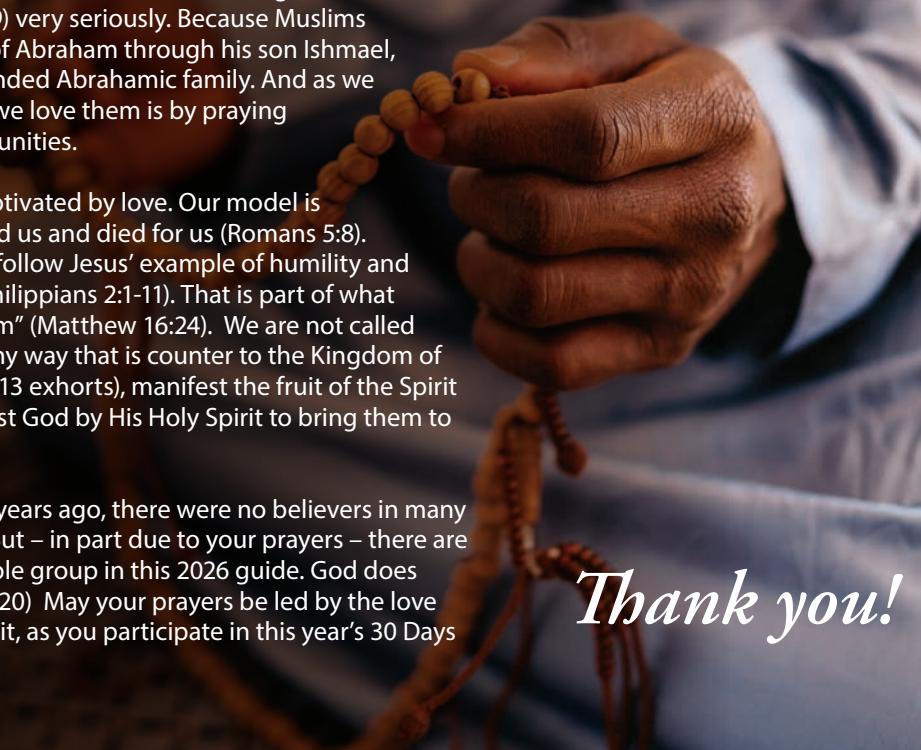
# HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?

30 Days is committed to encouraging prayer for Muslims as an act of love. We believe that Jesus is the Saviour of the world and the only way to reconciliation with God (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19). However, we also believe that every human being is made in the image of God according to Genesis 1:26-28 and thus has inestimable worth and dignity.

We believe that God loves Muslims, as He does every human (John 3:16) and does not want any to perish (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). As followers of Christ, we take Jesus' strong exhortation to "love God and love neighbour" (Matthew 22:37-39) very seriously. Because Muslims understand themselves to be descendants of Abraham through his son Ishmael, they can be viewed as members of the extended Abrahamic family. And as we would do for our physical cousins, one way we love them is by praying blessings on them, their families, and communities.

Our intercession for Muslims needs to be motivated by love. Our model is Jesus – who, while we were yet sinners, loved us and died for us (Romans 5:8). There are many Scriptures that exhort us to follow Jesus' example of humility and self-sacrificial and pure love for everyone (Philippians 2:1-11). That is part of what it means to, "pick up our cross and follow Him" (Matthew 16:24). We are not called to judge, fear, hate, or relate to Muslims in any way that is counter to the Kingdom of God. We are simply to love (as 1 Corinthians 13 exhorts), manifest the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), pray for Muslims, and trust God by His Holy Spirit to bring them to Himself in Christ (John 6:44, 12:32, 16:8).

When 30 Days first started more than thirty years ago, there were no believers in many of the people groups for which we prayed. But – in part due to your prayers – there are believers and a form of church in every people group in this 2026 guide. God does more than we can ask or think! (Ephesians 3:20) May your prayers be led by the love of Christ, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, as you participate in this year's 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World.



*Thank you!*





*please*  
**PRAY**

- *Ask God to sow a spiritual hunger and a longing for the truth among Jordanians.*
- *Pray that Jordanians would see the emptiness of materialism and search for the truth.*
- *Intercede for protection for Roa and other believers when they tell others about Jesus.*

**You will seek  
me and find me  
when you seek  
me with all  
your heart.**

~ Jeremiah 29:13

# JORDAN

Roa, as a teacher, was convinced she knew everything about Christians: they worship three gods, their book has been changed, and they live immoral lives. But she was searching for answers to her inner emptiness. One day, while driving, she felt the urge to “read the Injil [New Testament]”! Roa asked a nun who was studying with her for one and when Roa began reading Matthew, she was impressed by Jesus. She began researching Him in the Qur'an—and recognised Him there as God: “Jesus is described as the Word of God, and He creates things. Only God can do that!”

After about a year of self-study and online conversations, Roa prayed to Jesus for the first time: “I felt incredible peace and joy, I felt like a new person.” She immediately wanted to show her family and friends in the Qur'an what she had realised. But they took it as criticism of Islam and wanted to make sure that no one found out about Roa's thoughts. They were also convinced that she would now lead an immoral life and take drugs. Nevertheless, Roa loves and honours the more than twenty members of her immediate family and shares her faith with them. She fights against the image of ‘immoral’ Christians and continues to wear the hijab. Roa emphasises that she has not lost God, but has found Jesus. And she has a heart for her people, the Jordanians, and uses a variety of ways to introduce them to Jesus.

# AFRINI KURDS

**P**aul, like many Kurds from Afrin, fled war and became a refugee in a nearby country. His life was defined by pride, brokenness and violence. One by one, the women in his family came to faith in Christ but despite their prayers and witnessing inexplicable miracles, his heart remained hard. Then in a vision one night, he was faced with the fearful power and tender love of Christ. He repented - and was saved and forever changed to be used among his people. Previously he carried knives, but now Paul carries audio Bibles with him wherever he goes – insisting neither his nor any other Kurd's illiteracy be a barrier to hearing God's Word.

In an effort to reach the whole diaspora of his people, Paul runs popular social media accounts in Afrini Kurdish posting videos of the gospel, stories of Christ, and other heart-changing scriptures. His family hosts a house-church and tries to encourage other nearby Afrini believers like Raban, a young and lonely disciple living about 90 minutes away, to join them.

One day, a man named Barzan found Paul's Facebook page and messaged him.

"I'm disenchanted with Islam and have questions about the Bible. Do you know any Christians who can visit me?" Paul eagerly responded, "Where do you live?" Of all the places in the world where Afrini Kurds are found, Barzan lived only a few blocks from Raban! Paul met Raban, and that very day Raban lead Barzan to faith. Three years later, many families in Raban and Barzan's neighbourhood also follow Christ and together have their own house-church. They share over the phone with relatives to the west in Europe, and to the east in their home country, where dozens under their olive groves are longing to be discipled.

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PRAY*

- *Pray for audio scriptures to be available in their dialect.*
- *Ask that Afrin's infrastructure would be repaired; many believers are eager to return and see churches planted among Afrin's 366 villages.*
- *Ask God to quickly mature existing believers to shepherd the multitudes coming to faith.*

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# MUSLIMS in CANADA



Nadine was born into a devout Muslim family in Canada. Her parents were both well educated and, on the surface, provided a good life for their two daughters. But underneath, it was a home full of fear and domestic violence.

Nadine turned to Islam for comfort, performing not only what was required but completing additional acts of devotion. In her senior year of high school, she travelled to Iraq to take part in a pilgrimage with more than 15 million other people, walking 80 kilometers to commemorate the martyrdom of the grandson of the Prophet Mohammed.

Escalating violence in the home caused Nadine to run away when she was 18. In her despair, she abandoned the Islam that had given her no comfort, though she remained convinced of its truth. When a friend invited her to attend a church, the experience left her confused and angry, wondering if her entire life had been a lie. Covid and its subsequent lockdown shortly afterwards meant that Nadine had time to research, being struck in particular by Nabeel Qureshi's book, 'No God But One.' She reached out to an online evangelist who met with her and challenged her that she had already left her family and Muslim friends – so who remained to abandon her? Out for a run one night, she fell to her knees and confessed Jesus as her Lord and Saviour.

At her baptism, she said, "I went from being a slave of God to being a child of God! I have so much joy, that I want to share that joy with the entire world!"

Nadine is actively using social media to proclaim Jesus, praying to reach other Muslims who now make up nearly 5% of Canada's population.

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**PRAY**

**Learn more about how you can pray for and reach out to Muslims in Canada at <https://lovingmuslimstogether.outreach.ca>**

- *Pray that Canadian churches would reach out with intercession and love to Muslims in their neighbourhoods.*
- *Ask that Christians would open their homes and show hospitality to Muslim neighbours.*
- *Ask God to draw the families and friends of former Muslims to Himself.*

# YEMENI WOMEN

In the dust-choked city of Yemen, under the watchful eyes of her in-laws, Samira lived a life shaped by obedience: to faith, to her husband, to fear. But with her husband away in the militia, fighting in Yemen's ongoing civil war, she felt a glimmer of hope. It was her phone. When her children were tucked in around her and asleep, she kept returning to the sites she had found that offered such beautiful words in her own language. With time, she learned they were from the Bible. The words didn't condemn — they comforted. "Come to Me, all who are weary."



Samira found a way to ask questions, and her certainty grew that Jesus was indeed the Way, the Truth and the Life. She says, "What Jesus Christ did, no one else can do. He raised the dead, healed the sick, and forgave sinners. This is because He is God manifest in the flesh. Therefore, I followed Him because there is no salvation apart from Jesus Christ. To Him be all the glory!"

Her phone then became a place of fellowship as she learned of others in her city who also followed Jesus. At first, it was only messages — shared Scriptures and prayers. Then the believers found a way to meet together, but never in the same place nor on the same day. Samira is concerned. She knows her in-laws have seen a change in her and are suspicious. When they follow her, she changes direction and goes to her parents' house where she is quietly sharing with her brother.

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**PRAY**

- *Pray for God to intervene in the humanitarian crisis that Yemen has become.*
- *Ask for protection on the Yemeni church.*
- *Pray for God's Word to reach Yemeni women who have so little access to the gospel.*

**Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**

~ Psalm 91:1

# ...the **AMAZIGH** of NORTH AFRICA ...

**In the same way,  
let your light shine  
before others,  
so that they may  
see your good  
deeds and  
glorify your  
Father in  
heaven.**

~ Matthew 5:16

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**PRAY**

- **Pray for Badida and her family to know the care and comfort of the Lord as they serve Him.**
- **Pray for gospel resources to be available in the various Tamazight dialects, particularly audio resources.**
- **Ask God to provide the resources so that radio broadcasts can reach the Amazigh in the mountains where there is no cell phone signal.**

**T**he Amazigh are the indigenous peoples of North Africa, living in the land thousands of years before the Arab migration that brought Islam to the region in the mid-7th century. It is likely that St Augustine of Hippo was Amazigh. In their language (Tamazight), Amazigh or Imazighen (plural) means 'free people.' While they are often known as 'Berbers' in the west, this term carries a negative connotation and is rejected by the Amazigh.

The Amazigh, like many indigenous peoples around the world, experience racism and degradation. They live on the margins of a society that is predominantly Arab. They have lighter skin and dress more colourfully than the majority.

Badida has experienced this rejection. She and her husband love Jesus and want to tell others about him. But instead of staying in their Amazigh community, they live and work among Arabs who take Islamic rules much more strictly. This means that their children are bullied at school. When Badida goes for a walk, strangers shout insults at her.

But Badida is not intimidated; she treats those who look down on her with love and compassion. She approaches people and tells them about Jesus. Many of them have since become her friends.

Badida leads courses through which people can process their trauma. She supplements this with pastoral care. She is a role model, both for the Arabs and for other Amazigh believers. They are constantly amazed by her courage and openness.

# TUNISIA

**M**ore than 1,800 years ago, two young Carthaginian women (modern-day Tunisia, North Africa) were thrown to wild animals in a Roman amphitheater because of their hope in Christ and refusal to deny Him. Perpetua and Felicitas were bold women who proclaimed their Christian faith despite each of them having to say goodbye to their infant children. Their martyrdom and others from North Africa led Tertullian to write, “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.” Despite several centuries of no visible Christian witness after Islamic invaders came in the 7th century, that same holy seed exists in our brothers and sisters in Tunisia today.

When Imen was young, she dreamed of a girl putting a cross necklace on her. Later she found, inexplicably, a copy of the *Injil* (New Testament) in her family home, but never saw it again. She continued normal life, succeeding in school and beginning work. She married a good man. The death of a precious family member awakened her to the dissatisfaction she held with her religion. She started to believe that the dream... the book...all of it was pointing her to Jesus. She researched online and made the decision to follow Christ. Echoing words that Perpetua said, she told her husband, “you can divorce me if you want, but I am a Christian.” Her husband loved her, but was afraid for her. As the months passed and he saw her faith lived out, the transformation of the Spirit, and the words she boldly shared, he put his faith in Christ, too. They both began to share Christ with their families.



- *Pray for more families to choose to follow Christ together and for churches to meet in their homes.*
- *Pray that Tunisian believers' intimacy with Jesus would grow deep and sustain them in persecution.*
- *Pray for every believer in Tunisia to experience the ongoing joy of sharing their testimony and the gospel with others.*

**So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.**

~ Ephesians 2:19

# ...the HAZARA of WEST ASIA

The Hazara number nearly four million people in Afghanistan, with large minorities also in Iran and Pakistan. Where they were once the majority people group within Afghanistan, they are now a persecuted minority.

Qasim is the oldest son in a very strict Muslim Hazara family. When he turned 14, his family said that it was time to follow all the Islamic rules and Qasim did so proudly. But at 17, he realised he had no relationship with God and he could not find satisfying answers to his questions.

Qasim followed other refugees and asylum seekers to Europe, but away from family and friends, he felt he would drown in loneliness. A new friend urged him to go to the 'church tent' because the people were nice. They asked if they could pray for him, saying, "Qasim, you are not alone." Qasim immediately felt a comforting presence.

Qasim knew that Jesus was an Islamic prophet, but agreed to read the Bible to understand what Christians thought about Him. He was shocked, finding all the answers to the questions with which he had pestered all the Muslim religious leaders of his youth. He joyfully embraced the gift of new life in Christ.

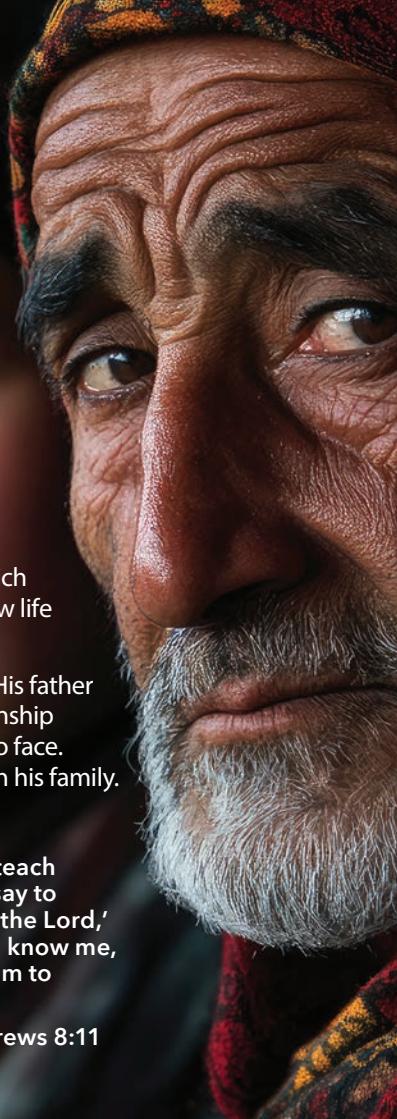
However, after a year, Qasim felt a deep burden that his family had no access to the good news. His father had rejected him when he'd told him he'd become a Christian, but he maintained a good relationship with his mother and siblings. Qasim made a quick trip home to tell them the story of Jesus face to face. Every Wednesday, he pastes a chapter of the Bible into a group chat and he studies the Bible with his family.

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PRAY*

- *Intercede for Hazaras to have access to Scriptures in their language, Hazaragi.*
- *Pray that Christian media resources in Hazaragi would penetrate both Iran and Afghanistan.*
- *Pray for believers like Qasim to share the good news with family and friends.*

No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

~ Hebrews 8:11



# the PEUL of GUINEA

Consider praying regularly for the Fulani by accessing resources at [www.fulnet.org](http://www.fulnet.org)

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**PRAY**

- *Pray for Moussa and other Fulani believers who openly share their faith. Ask that God will provide for and protect them.*
- *Remember Fulani believers in Guinea who are persecuted and discriminated against because of their faith in Jesus.*
- *Ask that more Fulani people may come to know eternal life in Jesus.*

The Peul, also called the Fulani or the Fulbe, are a primarily Muslim people scattered throughout many parts of West Africa, from Lake Chad in the east to the Atlantic Ocean in the West. It is only in Guinea where they are the majority people group.

Moussa is Peul and has been following Jesus for more than 25 years, making him one of the first Fulani in Guinea to leave Islam. There are approximately 300 Christians among the five million Fulani living in Guinea. When Moussa turned away from the religion of his ancestors, his wife left him, but he remained firm.

Today, Moussa has a small café where he takes the opportunity to have in-depth conversations with his customers. Offering glasses of refreshing bissap – a drink made from hibiscus flowers – he reads the Qur'an with them to highlight the supreme position of Jesus, even in their Scriptures. In this way, several people, including an imam, have decided to accept the eternal life offered by Jesus. Twice a week, Moussa leads Bible studies for these Christians from a Muslim background. Following the example of Jesus on the road to Emmaus with the two disciples, he explains everything that Islam and its prophets have said about Jesus. Some of these new believers then come to the Fulani church, while others prefer to keep their faith secret for a while.

# ..... the **MUSLIMS** of **UTTAR PRADESH**

**T**he majority of India's population is Hindu. That makes it easy to forget that if India's Muslims were counted as a single country, it would – after Indonesia – be the second largest Muslim country in the world. 200 million Muslims reside in India, spread over every Indian state, just like their delicious cuisine has spread to most of the world.

Uttar Pradesh is the Indian state with the highest population of Muslims. Though only 19% of the population, they number over 38 million people. The increase in Hindu nationalism in recent decades has sometimes made life difficult for both Muslims and Christians.

Rahim is a young Muslim man who moved from his village in Uttar Pradesh to one of its cities. There, he rented a room in a building before he learned that an infidel also lived there – another Muslim who had become a Christian. Rahim hated him for his defection but was also intrigued. Curious to know how Christians prayed, he put his ear to the wall and strained to hear what they were doing. He was shocked to hear that, despite his hostility, they were praying for God to bless him.



Rahim decided to open the door to friendship with his neighbours. They, in turn, opened the door of eternal life to him. Rahim grew to love Jesus and gave his life to him. He eventually became a pastor and his own testimony has borne fruit in the lives of countless Muslims.

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PRAY*

- *Ask God to protect Indian Muslims from ethnic violence and keep them safe.*
- *Pray that Christians would be bold in sharing Jesus with Muslim friends and neighbours.*
- *Pray that vibrant fellowships of believers of a Muslim-background would reflect the beauty of Christ.*

**My ears had heard  
of you, but now my  
eyes have seen you.**

~ Job 42:5

# .....the SUNDANESE of INDONESIA

Ibu Asih began a new job at a Christian-owned business, where many employees were believers. She had five dreams about Jesus over the course of a year but didn't tell anyone about it. One day at work, the staff were discussing spiritual forces and as Ibu Asih shared about her own experiences, she was encouraged to talk to the manager. She was then connected to other believers who studied the Bible with her. One day, while riding on her motorbike, she was hit with the love of God so strongly that she began sobbing uncontrollably. When she arrived home, she hugged her family and wept, "The love of God! I love you!"

Ibu Asih's deep, relational experience of Jesus led to both her husband and her mother also accepting Christ. Later, her husband began to doubt and threatened to divorce her if she continued to read the Bible. She and her mother were kicked out of the family and then the village turned against them, sending them away from the only home they had ever known. Years of rejection followed, when they were afraid for their lives. But God always protected and provided. Ibu Asih's husband eventually repented and returned to the Lord.

Ibu Asih continues to carry the love of God with her saying, "Every day I feel like I'm led by Jesus, by the hand." In just the last few months, she has seen dozens come to Christ and her husband has a passion and compassionate heart to see young men follow Jesus.

**So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.**

~ 1 John 4:16

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PRAY*

- *Ask that the more than 30 million Sunda people would see a revelation of Christ.*
- *Pray for the testimony of believers like Ibu Asih to bear fruit amongst their people.*
- *Pray for fellowships of radiant Sunda believers to multiply and flourish.*



# ...the ZAZA of TURKEY

Join in prayer  
with this  
video from  
Prayercast  
about the  
Sunni Zaza:  
[prayercast.com/  
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sunni-zaza](http://prayercast.com/prayer-topic/sunni-zaza)

Everyone called him Dr K.



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**PRAY**

- Ask God to raise up and anoint local believers to take the mantle from Dr K. and Ismail.
- Intercede for the tens of thousands of Zaza who have emigrated to Europe, that they would be loved and invited to faith by local Christians.
- Pray for ongoing Bible translation in Zazaki and that completed portions would be widely distributed, both electronically and in print.

**S**ince becoming a Christian, his dream was to use his medical training to see his fellow Zaza come to Christ. Combining physical healing with a longing to see spiritual healing, Dr K. tirelessly travelled the ancient Zaza homelands in the east of Turkey leading medical clinics and sharing the gospel. Whether it was old farmers with foot fungus or toothless aunties with gum disease, Dr. K. listened and served with patience and compassion. His ministry was shortened when, only a few months after twin baby daughters were born, he died of leukemia.

Yet God raised up another apostle to the Zaza! Although not Zaza himself, Ismail was a man filled with love and compassion, with a passion to reach the Zaza people. And like Dr K., his ministry was shortened when he died of colon cancer last year. The entire Turkish church mourned, with one Instagram post saying: "A life dedicated to Jesus Christ, a life spent proclaiming the good news of salvation from city to city, village to village...Our beloved brother has passed away. However, his life story has left behind a testimony that can serve as an example to us all, both in terms of his determination and his love for Jesus Christ. It has encouraged us to be witnesses who reflect the gracious love of Christ, like the moon reflecting the light of the sun."

**Who will be the next apostle  
to the Zaza?**

# IRANIANS in GREECE

Growing up in Iran, Layla had many unanswered questions about faith and nothing to comfort her throughout the many difficult circumstances in her life. She married, had a daughter and moved to Iraq where her husband died. She lost her job and all her possessions and then suffered a series of heart attacks. In panic, she cried out, "God, help me! My daughter is all alone." Despite her lack of funds, she was taken to a hospital where she received heart surgery from a kind Christian surgeon. Her surgery was not only successful, but the doctor said, "God is healing your heart. God is working with this heart." Layla reminisced that, "A strange warmth came over me, and I felt like I was born again. I believed and made a covenant with God to serve him for as long as I have breath."

Layla and her daughter travelled to Greece along the refugee highway where God told her clearly, "Layla, I have work for you, and you must seek out those who have lost their way, those who are homeless." God used her first to translate *Al Massira*, a film based course which leads seekers on a journey through the Old Testament prophets, culminating in an invitation to follow Jesus the Messiah.

Layla now serves at a refugee centre, where people arrive hungry and exhausted. She reaches out to them with God's love and offers prayer. In addition, she often invites them into her home where she cooks for them and leads them through the *Al Massira* course. Many of these have found a new home in Jesus.



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**PRAY**

- *Pray that refugees facing hardship and despair would encounter Jesus the Messiah.*
- *Pray that more Farsi speaking *Al Massira* groups would form in Greece.*
- *Ask God to equip churches to embrace new believers from a Muslim background and see them grounded in the Word.*

Consider how you could journey with Muslim friends or neighbours as they encounter the Messiah at [www.almassira.org](http://www.almassira.org)

# BLUE NILE, SUDAN



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**PRAY**

- *Praise God that the Blue Nile tribes are becoming more open to hear about Jesus.*
- *Pray for God's kingdom to be established in each one of these tribes through more workers like Paulina.*
- *Cry out to God for His provision and a good harvest in the face of widespread hunger amongst the refugees.*

**P**aulina grew up in Damazin, a city in Blue Nile, Sudan. When a pastor reached out to her Muslim family, Paulina was intrigued by the idea that she could become a new creation. When she was 18, she began to seek Jesus and her thoughts, heart, and behaviour all began to change. She saw God at work in her life and immediately began sharing with her family and community.

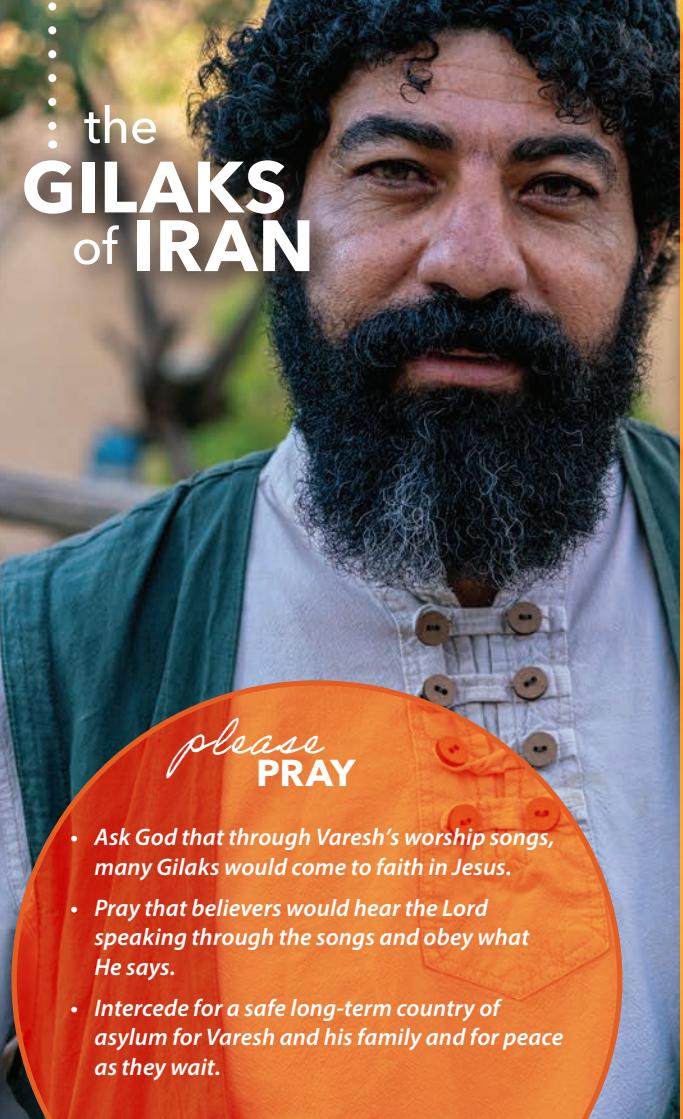
Paulina later moved to her tribe's hometown, just over the border in South Sudan. In 2011, this area became home to 130,000 refugees from Blue Nile's numerous tribes. Thousands more refugees arrived more recently from elsewhere in Sudan as civil war tore the country.

God told Paulina in a dream: "Unless you saturate this place with the Word of God, it will never change!" She began to gather women from different churches for prayer and outreach. She often prayed for patients in the local hospital. However, Paulina lacked resources to get to the refugee camps. So, she prayed.

And God provided. Paulina recently got to know people who help her travel to the camps and connect with unreached tribes. They provide audio resources for her to share with those eager to know more. Almost every day she visits women, prays for their needs, and tells them about Jesus. She feels happy as she sees God at work changing these communities.

**For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

~ Hebrews 4:12



## : the **GILAKS** of **IRAN**

please  
**PRAY**

- *Ask God that through Varesh's worship songs, many Gilaks would come to faith in Jesus.*
- *Pray that believers would hear the Lord speaking through the songs and obey what He says.*
- *Intercede for a safe long-term country of asylum for Varesh and his family and for peace as they wait.*

**T**he Gilaks are a people group numbering nearly 5 million whose homeland is Gilan on the southern and southwestern coast of the Caspian Sea. Whilst considering themselves Iranian and generally speaking Iran's national language, Farsi, they also have their own language, Gilaki, and their own culture.

Varesh is Gilak. A talented musician, he was homeless, living under a bridge, and addicted to drugs when he encountered the love of Jesus. Miraculously freed from his addiction, he started using his musical skills to praise God. However, due to a serious speech impediment, he couldn't sing. During the 1980s Iran-Iraq war, Varesh noticed how a famous singer used songs to urge young men to go to the frontline. So, he prayed that God would raise up singers who would instead guide people into His loving arms. Not long after, his pastor told him that he would be one of those singers! As he prayed, received prayer and started singing, slowly his mouth and tongue began to change - God was healing him!

Varesh started composing poetry and worship songs in Farsi and Gilaki. He also started pastoring others. Sadly, because of this activity he was arrested and imprisoned, and upon release he and his family had to leave Iran and seek asylum elsewhere. But they have continued to serve the Lord and with the encouragement and support of other believers, Varesh is publishing his Gilaki worship songs for the first time and leading worship in the first ever online Gilaki church!

One of his songs about forgiveness, published as a moving video created by his daughter, is helping other Gilaks to forgive those who have hurt them. Scan to watch on YouTube:



# ..... UIGHURS

Soliha grew up in a traditional Muslim home in Central Asia but felt a closeness to God. She talked to Him, feeling like she knew Him. When the Soviet Union broke up and her country became independent, Muslim missionaries organised classes for girls to learn the Qur'an and Hadith. At first, Soliha was excited, but then grew doubtful that the God she felt she knew was the same one she was learning about in her classes.

When her family became friends with a Christian family, Soliha at first objected.

Everyone knew Christians were immoral! But she was fascinated by how this family followed God. They had access to God anytime and anywhere, whether their bodies were clean or not. Jesus' teachings about blessing and not cursing and loving your enemies sounded more like the God she felt she had always known. It took nearly three years but Soliha finally embraced new life in Christ.

Despite the mocking from her classmates, Soliha knew that she wanted other Muslims to discover there was a loving God through Jesus Christ. She learned this would be a hard road when, during a time of sharing, she was arrested and held for a time in prison. But this prepared her for when God put the Uighurs on her heart and she decided to move to Northwest China.



Being from a similar culture meant that Soliha could visit a family and minutes later be rolling out the *lagman* – a traditional noodle dish - with the wife. At other times, she would eat in a café and then find herself in the kitchen, sharing her faith with the cook and the pantry staff. Soliha rejoiced that her Muslim background gave her such fruitful inroads with her new Uighur friends.

please  
**PRAY**

- *Ask God to deliver the Uighurs from the suffering they have experienced in many different countries.*
- *Pray for believers like Soliha to reach out in love to Uighurs worldwide.*
- *Pray for wide distribution of Uighur Scriptures and other Christian materials.*

**So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.**

~ Ephesians 2:19

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# .....the BANJAR of KALIMANTAN

The Banjar are one of Indonesia's largest but least reached people groups. Numbering around 5 million, they are centered in South Kalimantan and known for homes built on stilts over the swamp or river. Despite being 99.9% Muslim, God has done amazing miracles among them, resulting in many embracing Christ.

One day a local believer received a call. "Joy, please come. There's a suicidal lady on the dock's edge with a relative who also needs your help." Before leaving, Joy prayed with her foreign friends, with one sensing that God wanted the woman to know that He knows her name, which she understood to be 'Jewel.'

Joy found the suicidal lady on the dock, bound by fear that she'd either die or kill someone. Joy said, "God knows your name. The only one who can help you is Jesus. In Jesus' name, demon, leave!" This lady was instantly healed of her mental illness, but her name wasn't Jewel – it was Hope. Hope invited Joy to visit her relative's mute teenage son whom the neighbours considered crazy. Joy shared about Jesus, then prayed. God instantly healed his mental illness and restored his speech. His mother, 'Light', was overjoyed.

The chain continued. Light told Joy of another relative that had wanted to meet Joy but was ashamed because she was a prostitute. So Light, Hope and Joy went to this prostitute's house. No one knew her real name, not even her relatives, because everyone called her 'raw meat' or 'donut seller.' But she was shocked when Joy spoke out her real name: 'Jewell!' Joy shared the story of Mary Magdalene, and how Jesus loved her in such a holy way. In tears, Jewel was eager to leave prostitution and follow Him.

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away;  
behold, the new has come.**

~ 2 Corinthians 5:17

*please*  
**PRAY**

- Ask God for more encounters with Jesus' miracles and love.
- Pray that believers would witness boldly to their friends and neighbours.
- Pray for thriving spiritual communities and for new believers to grow in spiritual gifts.



# SOMALIA

Yasin has been a Christian for several years and has paid a high price for it. Somalia is 99% Sunni Muslim and conversion from Islam is illegal. Yasin did not publicise his faith, but he did share his belief in Jesus on TikTok.

This became public knowledge, and his voice was recognised by his family. He was subsequently imprisoned, banned from seeing his wife and children, and his taxi was confiscated.

In Somalia, the pressure comes primarily from family and clan. This was also the case for Yasin. The family wanted him to reconsecrate himself to Islam. But when Yasin refused, his father banished him from the family.

Still, Yasin remains strong in his faith. A brother in the diaspora holds online Bible studies, and Yasin faithfully participates. This connects him to God's worldwide church. Yasin has a hunger for the Word of God. He still cannot keep his mouth shut and continues to witness. Witnessing in Somalia usually doesn't involve direct evangelism as that would immediately put lives in danger. It's more often a matter of carefully sharing Jesus' teachings, speaking from a place of love and forgiveness, and expressing hope. It's a matter of carefully sharing a God you know, see, and love.

God is at work in Somalia. Much is being shared about the Christian faith, especially online, and people are coming to faith. But all these people face the same challenges as brother Yasin. Discovery means exclusion from your family and clan (or worse). From that moment on, your life is filled with uncertainty and danger.

## please PRAY

- *Pray for Yasin's safety and livelihood and especially for his faith and continued courage to show Jesus.*
- *Intercede for Somali believers who are active online, that they may share the Good News in truth.*
- *Praise God for the openness that exists among the Somali people.*



**I have told you these things,  
so that in me you may have peace.  
In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart!  
I have overcome the world.**

~ John 16:33

# BANGLADESH

Five years ago, Rupal and his brother moved to Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, in order to find work. They found an affordable place to live, with five other men in a small apartment. Rupal first thought that one roommate was somehow different because he came from another region. Aarav (meaning 'peaceful') was a peaceful person who never spoke badly about anyone. But then Rupal discovered that this man was reading the *Injil* (New Testament) regularly.

Rupal tried to talk Aarav out of reading this book. But Aarav told him that it was different than other books. "The *Injil* reads you!" he said. "When you read it, it seems like a person talking to you that knows you well."

Rupal wanted to find out, and Aarav allowed him to read the *Injil* any time. Quickly, Rupal found himself reading more and more. And Aarav was right. The *Injil* could read Rupal.

In Matthew 5-7 he found the most beautiful things he had ever heard. This was the true way! Jesus taught with authority, not like other teachers. He showed a straight path to God, forgiving enemies and obeying God, not people. Rupal understood that he needed Jesus.

Some time later, Rupal's brother started to follow Jesus, too. Now they are seven men following Jesus and reading together. They love each other and people around them. And, as they reach out to Bengali people, they show them that despite what many think, the *Injil* has not been changed, but that it is the wonderful book that reads you!



- *Cry out in faith for the more than 135 million Bengali people who are among the least reached peoples worldwide.*
- *Pray for Aarav, Rupal and others, to experience God's wisdom, power and protection.*
- *Ask that study groups among the Bengali would develop into churches glorifying Jesus.*

**But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**

~ 2 Corinthians 3:18



# UZBEKISTAN

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**PRAY**

- *Pray that Ruslan and his family may find comfort and strength in their faith.*
- *Cry out for living water to be poured onto thirsty Uzbek hearts by the Holy Spirit!*
- *Pray that new promises from the government allowing the registration of churches would be fulfilled.*

**W**hen Ruslan came to faith, he was the first believer in his remote area. He persevered through many trials: he was beaten by his father and brother and left for dead, he was arrested and beaten by the police and he was stoned when he attempted to attend the funeral of a friend. Throughout all these events, he saw other Uzbeks come to faith and the establishment of several house churches.

Ruslan's area has very little water, and the water that is available is of poor quality. Ruslan's wife Imona developed kidney problems as a result and lost two children during pregnancy. The doctors said she would never be able to have children. The neighbours taunted, "See, that's what happens when you become a Christian."

A Christian organisation saw the need for clean water in the area and decided to drill a well. They had to drill very deep, until they hit an underground river. Now, not only does Ruslan's village have high-quality drinking water, but the church also makes regular water deliveries by truck to neighbouring villages.

**...but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.**

~ John 4:14

# MUSLIM GUESTWORKERS in SINGAPORE

Nearly half a million guestworkers, the majority of them Muslim, are counted in Singapore's population of 6 million. Daud was one of them. Financial constraints in his family meant he could not continue his religious studies and fulfil his dream of being an imam. As the eldest son, he left his family and new bride to join a workforce of 250,000 Bangladeshi migrant workers in Singapore. Life was very challenging for Daud – he was cheated of agency fees, eventually he lost his job and was frightened. With nowhere to turn, he finally approached some Christians at a local charity for help. He had been avoiding them, knowing they were from a church, but was desperate.



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**PRAY**

- *Pray that Singaporeans would show warmth and respect to guestworkers in their country.*
- *Pray that believers in Singapore would reach out to guestworkers with the Good News.*
- *Ask that Muslims who love Jesus would share their faith in their home countries.*

Touched by their care and impressed by Isa Moshiho (Jesus the Messiah), Daud's heart softened. For the first time, he realised that God created him like Himself so that He could share His thoughts, His will, His plans with him! What an honour – that God would want a relationship with him! After two months of reading the Word, Daud received Jesus as His Lord and Saviour and was baptised.

Daud would share what he was learning with his father and his young wife over the phone, and they too expressed a desire to believe in the Lord Jesus. Back at home, Daud immediately started to reach out to his other relatives. One by one, many came to know the Lord. He testified that through exploitation and loss, God redeemed him and brought him from darkness to light. His life became filled with joy once He met Jesus!

**For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.**

~ Matthew 25:35

# ..... the MILLET of BULGARIA

For nothing will be impossible with God.

~ Luke 1:37

If you ask the Turkish-speaking Millet of Bulgaria, they will tell you they don't know where they came from. The 'Ottoman' Turks within Bulgaria say they are not Turkish; the Roma of Bulgaria insist they are not Roma. But there are more than 300,000 of this Muslim people group within Bulgaria. They experience severe marginalisation, often living in segregated neighbourhoods. Not only does God know them, but many Millet now have a living relationship with God.

In the late 1980s and lasting through the mid-1990s, an awakening broke out amongst the Millet, which God confirmed by many signs and wonders. Thousands left Islam to follow Jesus and more than a hundred churches were started.

Rahim was a city bus driver whose wife became very ill. There was no adequate medicine or care for a Millet living in squalor so eventually she died. The neighbourhood women came and began their wailing. The noise and crying became unbearable for Rahim so he went outside, despairing of how he would care for his children. After two hours of mental agitation, he cried out the prayer that desperate Muslims often direct to Jesus: "Ey Isa! Ey Isa!"

Rahim returned home a short time later and instead of wailing, there was excited stirring: his wife was sitting upright, very much alive! As Rahim gave glory to Jesus, his entire street believed. Many came asking for prayer and they were often healed as well. A church was started of people with no Biblical knowledge other than belief in a Jesus who heals and a God who answers prayer.

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**PRAY**

- *Pray for diaspora Millet believers who now number more than those still in Bulgaria. Ask God to ground them in the Word and use their passion for Jesus to inspire others.*
- *Ask that God might provide theological training opportunities for Millet pastors, many of whom have had little education.*
- *Pray that young people in believing Millet families would make their own personal commitments to Jesus.*



# TAJIKISTAN

**M**ari lives high up in the mountains in a remote region of Tajikistan. At the beginning of summer, the women go to prepare the summer pasture, with the men arriving a week later with cows, sheep and goats. Only a handful of shepherds stay with the herds and flocks. The rest return to the village, and they see and hear nothing of the shepherds until harvest time.

For the past few summers, a visitor has come to Mari's village. Since she is the head of the community, he always comes to her house first. "Last summer he offered me a book," Mari says. "This man is always kind and wants to help my village, so I accepted his gift. I had completed my schooling in the local school, so I was excited to read this book."

Mari began to read the book right away, and to her surprise, found that it was written in a way that was easy to understand. She read it many times and read it to her family. They wanted to hear the story many times. "My heart warmed to the central character in all these stories, a man called Jesus. I was growing to love him."

The following summer the traveller returned once again. Mari welcomed him into her home and told him, "I love Jesus." He looked surprised. "How do you know him?" he asked. "Do you remember the book you gave me last year, the one called *Khushkhabar* [Good News], that told the story of Jesus? I've read it many times and to my family as well. We believe in Jesus. Every night I read this book aloud and we are telling everyone in the village about Jesus."

**...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**

~ Isaiah 55:11



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**PRAY**

- *Pray that the Gospel would reach the remote areas of Tajikistan.*
- *Ask the Lord for His protection and strength for believers in a challenging spiritual climate.*
- *Pray that these believers would shine like a light to others and that their ministry would bear fruit.*

# the MAMPRUSI of NORTHERN GHANA.....



**M**ore than 450,000 Mamprusi reside in northern Ghana where Islam and their traditional African religion have formed a unique syncretism.

Salisu knew that Islam meant peace and submission to Allah, but he never saw this peace exhibited. In reality, most people he knew were plagued by fear of curses, enemies, retaliation and death. He entered the Islamic academy but was unsatisfied by the answers to his many questions. Salisu couldn't believe that Allah would only accept prayers from someone who faced the Ka'aba to pray.

Salisu found a Bible and began to read. When he reached John 14, he knew he had found his answers. The fact that Jesus died, rose again and gives His followers a living hope were a sharp contrast to the Suras in the Qur'an that talk about the death of the prophet of Islam and his uncertainty about his eternal destiny.

All of Salisu's friends and family, including his ten siblings, were shocked by his decision to leave Islam. They tried everything to bring him back but they were silenced by their inability to answer his questions.

**My heart is full of peace that has surpassed my understanding.**

Salisu uses his knowledge of Islam to regularly share the gospel with Muslim individuals and has seen fruit in his witness. He believes the Bible offers answers to all the questions asked by Muslims, the most important being the hope of eternal life. He says, "Christ has completely transformed me and the anger I felt against Christians has disappeared. I gladly share my story with people of every faith. My heart is full of peace that has surpassed my understanding."

- *Intercede for the Mamprusi who are following Jesus. Many are suffering and their lives are threatened. Some have lost their jobs and property.*
- *Pray that Mamprusi believers would support and encourage one another.*
- *Ask God to soften the heart of Mamprusi Muslims to hear and understand the Gospel.*

# PASHTUNS in PAKISTAN

Omed is a Pashtun who, many years ago, came to Germany as a refugee. He received a Bible in the refugee camp.

Friendly Christians cared for him. When he almost despaired from loneliness, a friendly employee from the government office helped him move into a shared apartment with a group of Christians. Here, Omed received answers to his questions about faith and accepted Jesus as Saviour and Lord. The Bible became his joy and comfort in increasingly difficult times. He enjoys sending verses from it to bring joy to others.

Omed has been living back in his homeland of Pakistan for several years now. There, he cannot proclaim his faith loudly. But he lives his close relationship with Jesus and inspires friends and relatives. In the village, they respect him as a friendly role model.

Once, he was beaten for his faith. "Wait!" he said to the person he was speaking to. "Let me explain what I mean. If you're right, hit me. If I'm right, leave me alone." He wasn't hit any further.

One day, a highly respected Muslim asked Omed, "Are you a Christian?" Omed didn't want to deny his faith, but he also knew how dangerous such a confession was. "Look at the Christians. Do you know a Muslim who lives such a good life? No? I'm thinking about it, dear brother! And you should too!" Grateful that he hadn't denied his Jesus, Omed went home. He has almost no spiritual fellowship because it would be too dangerous for the Christian community and for him. But he remains joyfully faithful to Jesus and proclaims Him carefully and lovingly.



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**PRAY**

- *Intercede for the more than 50 million Pashtuns worldwide, among whom there are few followers of Jesus.*
- *Pray for wisdom, courage, and God's protection for believers like Omed.*
- *Ask God for joyful communities of Jesus followers to emerge from amongst the Pashtun.*

**He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.**

~ 2 Corinthians 1:4

# ... the **NUBA PEOPLES** in **SOUTH SUDAN**

**H**ussein belongs to the Nuba K'walip people and lives as a refugee in South Sudan with his mother and seven younger siblings. His father died in the war. Life in mud huts without electricity or running water is difficult, and disease is widespread.

Until about three years ago, Hussein was a Muslim and performed daily prayers with his neighbours. But then he heard about Jesus through a Ugandan believer. It took a lot of patience and many conversations to address Hussein's questions and misconceptions. Other believers mobilised prayer for him. Eventually, he accepted Jesus as Saviour and Lord and was baptised. A local missionary accompanied him for a year in discipleship, and now Hussein leads the small house church among the Shatt, another Nubian people group who are largely unreached.

One of the team writes: "This evening, I am on my way to the Shatt house church with Hussein. The small group meets in the shade of a house next to our school. Hussein reads the passage from Matthew where Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He then gives a short sermon. His friend, who is learning from him, then leads the

group in prayer. There are many prayers of thanks, and Hussein and I go home feeling greatly encouraged."

**But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.**

~ John 14:26

## *please PRAY*

- *Pray for wisdom, strength, and spiritual growth for Hussein and other followers of Jesus.*
- *Ask God to grow and multiply house churches among the Shatt.*
- *Pray that churches will be established amongst all the peoples who are refugees in South Sudan.*



# GAZA

Dair al Balah in the Gaza Strip has been a frequent political target, but for Shireen, it was home.. A daughter in a family of ten, she was luckier than some, eventually being able to study at Al-Azhar University in Gaza. When she met Christians who not only brought relief supplies, but also the Word of God, her life was transformed and she became a believer in Jesus.

Shireen eventually married a Muslim Palestinian who treated her poorly. She was ignored and left to fend for herself and her children when he was jailed for debt. The desperate situation in Gaza often meant she and the children would go for days without food and her mother's heart had to listen to them crying themselves to sleep. She longed to escape. But God changed her heart, saying: "...at this point, *Jesus has called me to be a woman of God in the Gaza Strip*. I am needed here and have this special assignment from God. My little sister loves Jesus now and we pray together and share Bible verses, and I tell others about how to find eternal life in Jesus in a place that is known for death."

Believers around the world prayed for her husband, Mahmoud, who had expressed no interest in Jesus at this point and but then, seemingly miraculously, had a powerful conversion experience. He became an attentive husband and often texted verses saying they were, "quotes from my four best friends: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John!" Mahmoud has been badly beaten for his faith, but he rejects sympathy saying, "The only question we should ask is if my scars have conformed me more to the image of Christ."

You can read more of Shireen's story in the book *Women Who Risk* by Tom and Joann Doyle.



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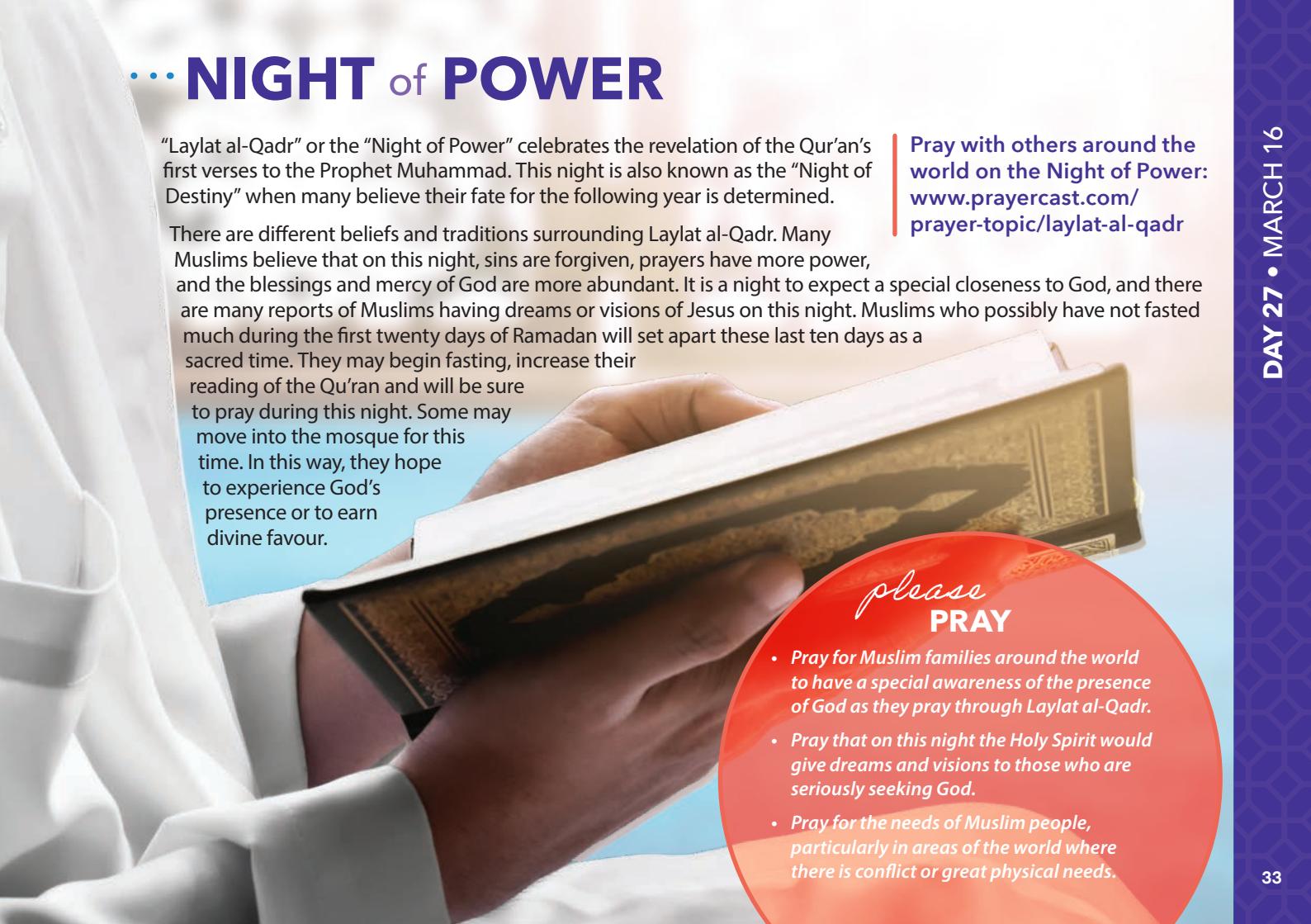
- Ask Jesus to reveal Himself in dreams and visions to the people in Gaza.
- Pray for peace in Gaza and for the humanitarian crisis to be resolved.
- Pray for Palestinian believers to be prophets and apostles to their own people.

# ... NIGHT of POWER

"Laylat al-Qadr" or the "Night of Power" celebrates the revelation of the Qur'an's first verses to the Prophet Muhammad. This night is also known as the "Night of Destiny" when many believe their fate for the following year is determined.

There are different beliefs and traditions surrounding Laylat al-Qadr. Many Muslims believe that on this night, sins are forgiven, prayers have more power, and the blessings and mercy of God are more abundant. It is a night to expect a special closeness to God, and there are many reports of Muslims having dreams or visions of Jesus on this night. Muslims who possibly have not fasted much during the first twenty days of Ramadan will set apart these last ten days as a sacred time. They may begin fasting, increase their reading of the Qu'ran and will be sure to pray during this night. Some may move into the mosque for this time. In this way, they hope to experience God's presence or to earn divine favour.

Pray with others around the world on the Night of Power:  
[www.prayercast.com/prayer-topic/laylat-al-qadr](http://www.prayercast.com/prayer-topic/laylat-al-qadr)



please  
**PRAY**

- *Pray for Muslim families around the world to have a special awareness of the presence of God as they pray through Laylat al-Qadr.*
- *Pray that on this night the Holy Spirit would give dreams and visions to those who are seriously seeking God.*
- *Pray for the needs of Muslim people, particularly in areas of the world where there is conflict or great physical needs.*

# ..... the BOZO of MALI

**A**s a young Bozo man, Ibrahima was used to fishing and wading through rice fields. He came to the capital looking for adventure and a way to make money. So, he took on the arduous task of diving off a boat at night, hauling up buckets of sand from the riverbed to make cement. When he met Marie, a literacy worker, he wasn't interested in Jesus. But he was eager to learn to read since he had very little schooling. As Marie taught him to read, she also shared Bible stories with him. Hearing the Word for himself, he believed in Jesus and chose to follow Him.

"Before," Ibrahima said, "I couldn't sleep at night. I was anxious about life's concerns. As soon as I came to Jesus, I had peace and could sleep."



Ibrahima's family were very unhappy. Perhaps if they could get him married to the bride they'd chosen for him, he'd come to his senses. Ibrahima refused. What a shame for the family! Ibrahima waited over ten years while he prayed for a Christian bride and their wedding last summer was a huge celebration. His family came from far and wide, amazed to see what a Christian wedding is like.

Ibrahima shines with joy and love for those around him. Early on, he dived into serving Jesus, recording Scripture radio programmes, sharing the Bible live on the radio and even translating the Scripture into his own language for his people. He has selflessly loved his family, and so now they respect him, listen to him and even come to him for advice.

## please PRAY

- *Pray for Ibrahima and his wife to see much fruit from their ministry among the Bozo.*
- *Pray that strongholds of serving the spirits would break down, and Bozo who believe would no longer be afraid to follow Jesus.*
- *Pray that the many Scripture products now available in three of their languages would be widely accessed and be deeply impactful.*

**Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.**

~ Matthew 4:19

# .....TURKMEN in KARAKALPAKSTAN.....

**But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.** ~ Luke 8:15



*please  
PRAY*

- *Ask God to bless Nasiba's ministry and call more workers to this region.*
- *Pray that the seeds of the Gospel will sprout and thrive in Turkmen hearts.*
- *Pray protection on the young believers and that they will remain rooted in Jesus.*

**T**urkmenistan is Central Asia's smallest country by population. Its 6 million residents share most of Turkmenistan's land mass with the Karakum desert, driving Turkmen to migrate to other countries in search of work. This has led more than 130,000 Turkmen to live in the south of Uzbekistan and Karakalpakstan, an autonomous region within the country.

Nasiba is a Turkmen woman who has come to know the love of God. Full of conviction, she has lived out her new faith in Jesus by becoming involved in translation work. When she was discovered by the authorities, interrogations and harassment followed. Those were weeks that no one would voluntarily choose. In her distress, she fled Turkmenistan, her beloved homeland.

But it moved her deeply that Muslim Turkmen have hardly any access to the good news. She decided to serve among her people in the south of Karakalpakstan, despite her past and knowing the risk. With the help of development aid projects, she is building relationships with the Turkmen living there. She combines her work with verses from the Bible and shares these with the locals.

One winegrower heard her share Bible stories about "vines and grapes". The seed took root in his heart and soon grew into a tender little plant. Full of enthusiasm, he maintains a simple, childlike faith. Nasiba visits her friends regularly, takes time for them, listens to their worries and joys, shares her faith and disciples them.

# SAUDI ARABIA

Over the last years, the Spirit of God has been sweeping over Saudi Arabia. There is no city or region of Saudi Arabia that is unaffected by the gospel. Believers from muslim backgrounds are bravely broadcasting their faith and Bible teaching through social media and the internet. While this is clearly the work of God, some credit must also go to certain members of the royal family. They are moving Saudi to becoming a more open, tolerant society. They are walking a fine line – dangerous for them – which is allowing followers of Jesus freedoms unprecedented for 1,400 years.

One young Saudi believer was told by his family that he could not be Saudi and follow Jesus. They told him that his nationality would be stripped away. So, he went online to the government website and wrote a message to the authorities: *"My great, great grandfather is Saudi. My great grandfather is Saudi. My grandfather is Saudi. My father is Saudi. And I, too, am both a Saudi and a Christian. Where do I fit in the Saudi of today?"* There was no private response to him, but new national human rights declarations later announced that any person in Saudi can pray in their homes in any way they want. He took that as his personal answer and promptly started carrying a Bible with him in public, dressed in his fully Saudi white robe and red and white chequered head scarf.



- *Ask God to protect government leaders whom He is using to open the door for the spread of the Gospel.*
- *Pray for the emergence of a vibrant and Spirit-filled Saudi church that is grounded in the Word.*
- *Intercede for unreached people groups within Saudi and that they would have access to the Gospel.*

**Why do the nations say, 'Where is their God?' Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him.**

~ Psalm 115:2-3

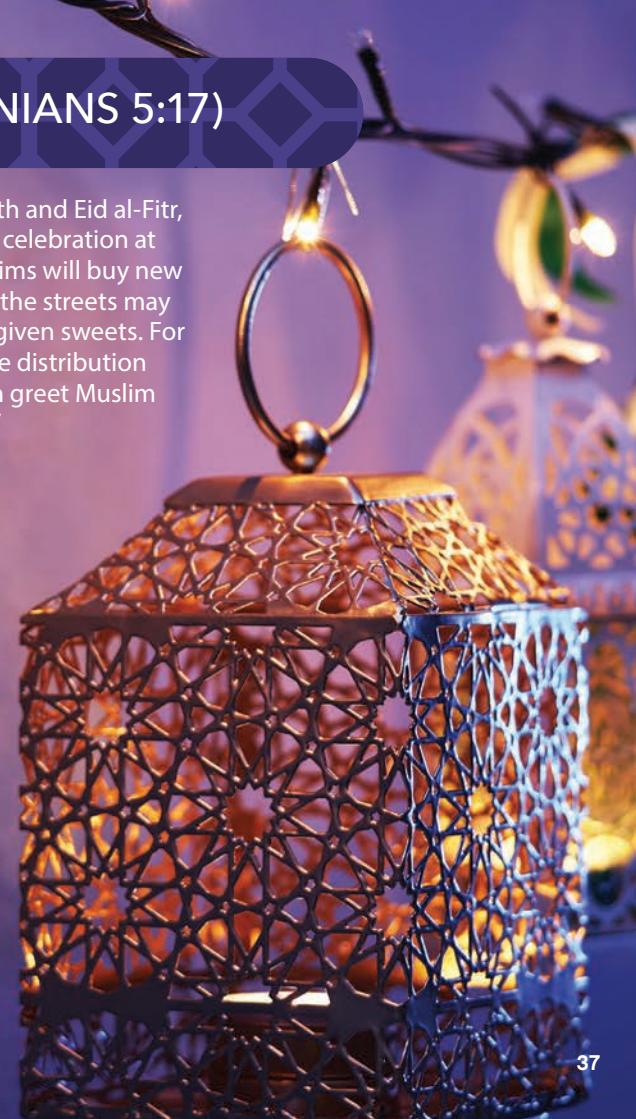
# PRAY WITHOUT CEASING! (1 THESSALONIANS 5:17)

The sighting of the new moon marks the beginning of the new Islamic month and Eid al-Fitr, the 'Festival of Breaking the Fast', begins! After thirty days of fasting, the Eid celebration at the end of Ramadan is a joyful time that usually lasts about three days. Muslims will buy new clothes, enjoy special foods and exchange gifts. In Muslim majority nations, the streets may be decorated, and festivals will be held. Children will go door to door to be given sweets. For many Muslims, Eid al-Fitr begins with communal prayers at daybreak and the distribution of money (zakat) to the poor, which is one of the five pillars of Islam. You can greet Muslim friends during this time by saying, 'Eid Mubarak!', which means 'Blessed Eid!'

## DON'T LET THE END OF RAMADAN BE THE END OF YOUR PRAYERS!

How could you continue to pray for and support believers from a Muslim background?

Communio Messianica is a global movement dedicated to supporting Christians from a Muslim background. A member of the World Evangelical Alliance, Communio Messianica supports the inclusion of believers from a Muslim background into local churches where it is possible and where they are welcome. But it also supports the establishment of house churches in places where the environment is hostile to believers from a Muslim background. Pray for them as they seek to be a place of encouragement and resource believers from a Muslim background worldwide. Find out more at [www.communiomessianica.org](http://www.communiomessianica.org)





## 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:  
[www.almassira.org](http://www.almassira.org)

The Jesus Film and other gospel films in many languages:  
[www.jesusfilm.org/watch](http://www.jesusfilm.org/watch)

Sharing the gospel through the prophets, available in many languages:  
[www.youtube.com/@theprophetsstory/videos](http://www.youtube.com/@theprophetsstory/videos)

Using Discovery Bible Studies to engage Muslims with the Scriptures:  
[www.waha.app/waha-disciple-making-course](http://www.waha.app/waha-disciple-making-course)

Reaching out to your neighbours and the nations:  
[www.jeanniemarieacademy.com/freevideotraining](http://www.jeanniemarieacademy.com/freevideotraining)

Sharing with Muslim women: [www.sayhelloinfo.com](http://www.sayhelloinfo.com)

Discipling believers from a Muslim background:  
[www.come-follow-me.org](http://www.come-follow-me.org)

The Friendship First Course equips Christians in building Christ-centered friendships with Muslims:  
[www.interserve.org.uk/friendshipfirst](http://www.interserve.org.uk/friendshipfirst)



Some cross the seas, but we can all cross  
the street to love our Muslim neighbours.

Join the  
Mahabba  
7 day  
challenge



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Loving All Muslims

Are you ready to take the  
challenge - ask God to give  
you His heart for Muslims  
and pray for them daily for  
one week?

Join Mahabba Network today  
to pray, share faith and make  
disciples among people of  
Muslim heritage in the UK.

[www.mahabbanetwork.com](http://www.mahabbanetwork.com)

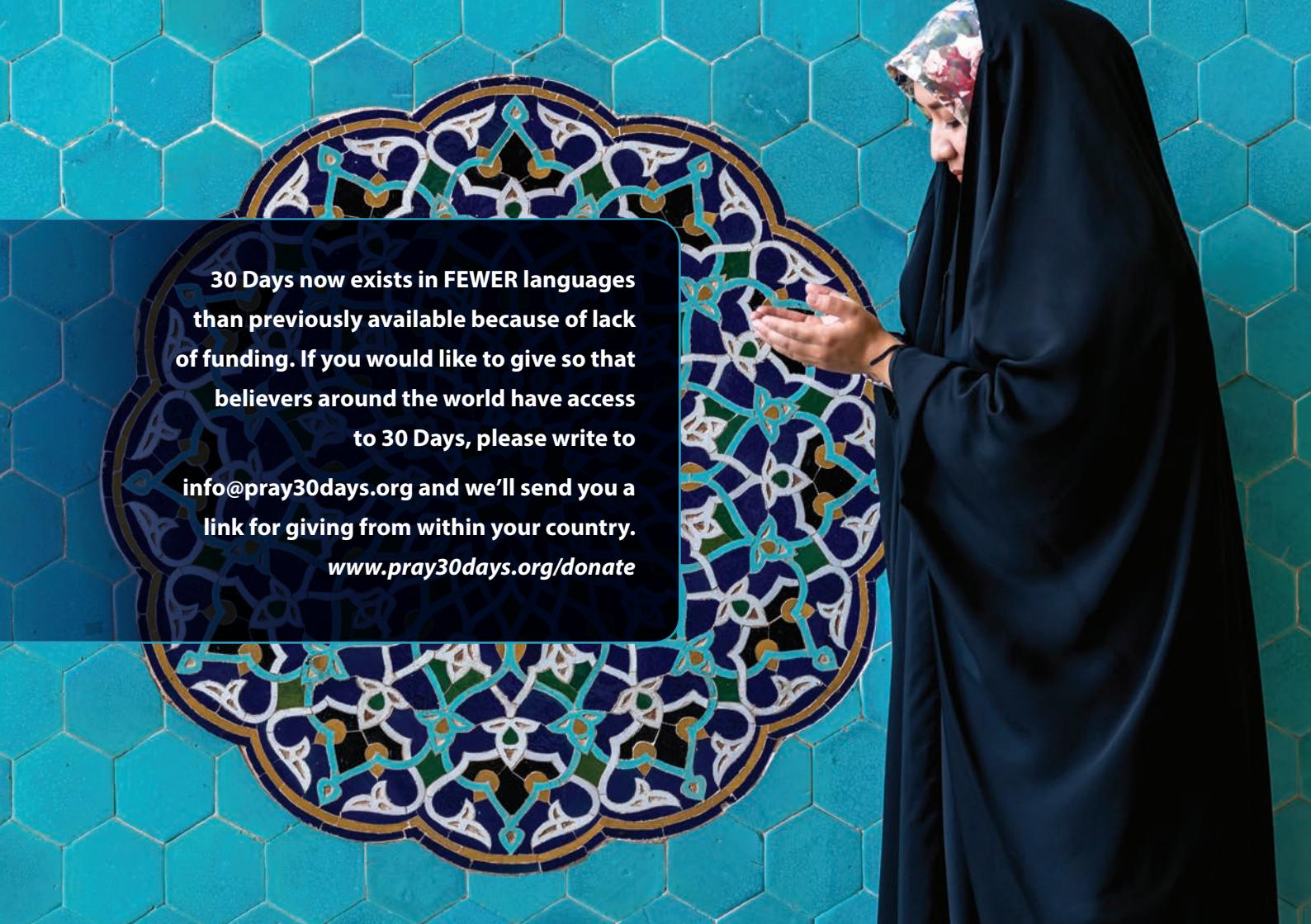
Pray – join a local Mahabba group or start one with a few friends!  
Share – discover attractive faith sharing with Muslims!  
Disciple – practice whole life discipleship in loving communities.



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A large crowd of people wearing headscarves, viewed from behind, in a dark setting. The people are wearing various colors of headscarves, including shades of blue, teal, and white. The white headscarf in the foreground has a small red floral pattern on it. The overall atmosphere is one of a large gathering or event.

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