



30 DAYS OF PRAYER

FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

MAR 22 – APR 20 2023

just for kids

Welcome to the 2023. „30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World” prayer guide for children and families.

Thank you for joining us this year and praying for Muslims during Ramadan. Here, you will find information and creative ideas to help you pray this month and through the year.

Your prayers can make a difference! God loves to hear and answer children's prayers! That's awesome, isn't it? Hundreds of thousands of Christians are praying together around the world in many languages, so you are not alone.

This year our aim is to pray with joy. We will find out about good things that God is doing around the world, and we will pray for more good things in the lives of Muslim people.

On the last page you can find the correct solutions to the puzzles in the guide.

Your 30 Days Prayer Team

Photos of people are for illustration and do not show the people mentioned in the text.

On some of the pages are riddles. You can find the solutions on Page 35.



What is Islam?

The word, “Islam” means “submission” – submission to God. A Muslim is a person who follows the teachings of Islam. Muslims worship one God, whom they call Allah, and believe that Muhammad is His most important prophet. Muhammad lived from 570 to 632 AD.

Islam teaches that Allah will judge people after they die, by their good deeds and their bad deeds. Part of the good deeds should include these five duties, or pillars:

5 pillars of Islam:

A Muslim must fulfill five duties:

1. **A declaration of faith: Muslims must acknowledge this statement: “There is no other God except Allah and his Prophet Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.”**
2. **Praying five times a day, while kneeling towards Mecca and performing other rituals in prayer.**
3. **Fasting during the month of Ramadan between sunrise and sunset.**
4. **Giving alms to the poor.**
5. **Going on a pilgrimage to the city of Mecca, a journey known as Hajj.**



What is Ramadan?

Ramadan is a special month in the Islamic calendar when Muslims fast and pray. They eat and drink only before the sun rises or after the sun has set. Praying during Ramadan is important, even for Muslims who are not usually very devout. It is a good time to pray for Muslims, because it is a time when they are thinking about God and seeking His Truth.



Where do the Muslims live for whom we pray?

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| 1 United Kingdom | 10 Indonesia | 20 Burkina Faso |
| 2 France | 11 Saudi-Arabia | 21 Pakistan |
| 3 Ukraine | 13 Iraq | 22 Switzerland |
| 4 Netherlands | 14 Jordan | 23 Afghanistan |
| 5 Iran | 15 Germany | 24 Azerbaijan |
| 6 Cameroon | 16 China | 25 Austria |
| 7 Suriname | 17 Syria | 26 Malaysia |
| 8 Burkina Faso | 18 Yemen | 30 Morocco |
| 9 Afghans in India | 19 Ethiopia | |

The pins on the map show you where the Muslims live for whom we pray each day.

United Kingdom

Let's pray

1 That Christians, especially during Ramadan, will visit lonely Muslims and tell them the Good News.

2 That Christians and Muslims will work together to help their neighbors and learn from each other.

3 For those who are suffering from illness and isolation.

Let's go!

Have you ever tried helping others when you worry or when you go through difficult times? Before you pray together, tell each other about how you helped someone else. Then make a plan for who you could help today.

3.5 million Muslims live in Britain. When the covid pandemic became very bad, they organised themselves to help their communities. They collected money, helped the sick and distributed food to people in quarantine.

Saina felt very sad. The news of war and disease were overwhelming. It was too much! During lockdown everybody was forced to be isolated. Getting together with friends, was not allowed. Her family was far away. She was lonely.

But when she heard about the distribution projects organised by the local mosque, Saina joined them and helped to distribute food packages to those who couldn't work, or were sick. This helped her to overcome her own fears and insecurities, too. She was happy to be able to do something. "It was good to meet with others to help those in need!"



Let's pray

1 For former Muslims in France, that they will tell others about their faith.

2 For French Muslims who are searching for Jesus to find the truth about him, and share it with their families and communities.

3 For Christians in France to be loving and welcoming ambassadors of Jesus.

Let's go!

The book that Sami received was the Bible. Fetch your own Bible and read Psalm 8 together and then pray for France.

When Farid moved from Algeria to France, he had to choose what to take with him and pack his bags. After you finish praying today, play the game "I'm going on a trip and I'm taking ----- with me" One person starts by saying, "I am going on a trip and I am bringing..." and then adds one item, for example, "a phone". Then, the next person repeats this sentence, and adds on more things to the list. For example, "I am going on a trip and I am taking a phone and a toy with me." Take turns to keep the list going to see who can remember the most things!

Many thousands of Muslims in France stop practicing Islam every year. But leaving Islam can be a real problem for these people. Even if they live in Europe, where it is common to have no religion, they may be disowned by their families. But some Muslims become Christians, and through their new faith they often inspire those around them to listen more closely to the good news of Jesus.

Farid moved from Algeria to France as a child. There he lost interest in the Muslim faith and mainly met with young people who didn't follow any religion at all. He had only one friend, Sami, who was different. Sami, also Algerian, told Farid his testimony. He was given a book with the stories of *Isa-Al-Masih* (the Arabic name for Jesus Christ). This book changed his life. Sami invited Farid to a meeting where they read this book. Farid accepted the invitation and is now very excited about the next meetings.



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Ukraine



Let's pray

1 For Muslim refugees from Ukraine to find safety and help in new places.

2 For peace in Ukraine.

3 That Christians will bring the good news of the gospel of peace to Ukrainian Muslims.

Let's go!

Many Muslims have donated to Ukrainian refugees. See if you can gather a few coins. Whenever someone says a prayer, put a coin on the table. When the coins are gone, end the prayers. Can you give the coins to help refugees?



Did you know?

Many of the refugees from the war in Ukraine have fled to places in Europe and around the world. Do you know if there are any refugees from Ukraine in your neighbourhood?

Ukraine is a Christian country, and most people there are part of the Orthodox church. The Orthodox church is very old and in the beautiful churches there are many paintings of people from the Bible. Only about 1% of the population are Muslim, and most of them are from Turkey.

Since war began in Ukraine last year, some Muslims have stayed to defend their homes. Last year, they were trying to continue their lives as usual and celebrated Ramadan amidst the sounds of war and did their best with food shortages.

Other Muslims around the world donated their *zakat* to the Ukrainian refugees. *Zakat* is a gift of money that all Muslims are required to give as a gift to those in need, usually as part of the Ramadan celebrations. This year, many will also give to Ukrainian Muslims in that nation and those now living as refugees around the world.

Netherlands



Let's pray

1 That European Christians pursue good friendships with Muslims. 6% of the population in Western Europe are Muslims.

2 For immigrant families who have to adjust to a totally new life in Europe, where everything is so different from their home countries.

3 For Christians in the Netherlands to share the love of Jesus with Muslims in their communities.

Let's go!

Throw a ball to one another.

Whoever has the ball prays and then throws it to someone else.

Here you see Jan and Mohammed playing soccer. However, the pictures aren't identical. Can you spot the twelve differences?



Jan and Mohammed just finished playing soccer. They share some snacks and cold drinks. They live in Amsterdam and meet regularly to play soccer with a group of young men who all come from different countries. Jan, a Christian, is Dutch, and Mohammed, a Muslim, came to the Netherlands from Morocco as a child.

The two men don't talk about their religion often, except to wish each other well on special holidays. Still, Jan's friendship with Mohammed is important. "Some people think all Muslims are trying to take over the country," he says. "But none of the Muslims I know have any interest in forcing their religion on anyone. They just want to live their lives in peace, like I do."

Let's pray

1 Many Christian leaders have left Iran. Pray for good Christian leaders and resources for the church in Iran.

2 For prisoners in Iran to be comforted and be an encouragement to others in prison.

3 That Iranian authorities would allow the people of Iran to have the freedom to believe as they will.

Let's go!

Because Laleh and her Christian friends have to hide, you too are praying "secretly" today. Go to a quiet corner of your house and stand in a circle. Hold hands and whisper a prayer into the ear of your neighbor on the right.



It was previously forbidden in the radical Islamic republic of Iran, to tell others about Jesus. If someone was caught by sharing their faith in Christ, it could mean a death sentence. Only recently, however, the law was changed.

Laleh became a believer in Christ, through watching Iranian Christian television. However, she had kept her faith a secret and met only privately with a small group of other Christians. Some Christian leaders were still imprisoned and tortured for their faith. She and her friends were afraid that something might happen to them, too. None of them could believe that the law had changed.

There are big changes happening in Iran. This country was famous for the persecution of non-Muslims, but still, many people came to follow Jesus and meet quietly, in small groups at home.



Let's pray

1 For more nurses and doctors in Christian hospitals in Cameroon. They often have problems getting all the medicine and staff they need in order to be able to help the people.

2 For the authorities in Cameroon to work together to improve medical care for all their people.

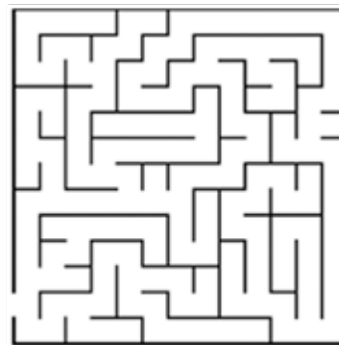
3 Two thirds of the people in Cameroon are Christians, only one third is mainly Muslim. Pray that the Christians will really be a light in their communities.

Cameroon

Let's go!

When was the last time you were sick, needed the doctor, or maybe even had to go to the hospital. If you can't remember, ask your parents - they know for sure! Begin your prayer time by thanking God for protection and healing he has given to you. Then pray for Cameroon.

Help Musa find his way to the hospital!



Musa comes from a Muslim family. But when his family needs medical help, he always goes to the Christian hospital. When his son was born, the Christian midwives took good care of his wife. His sick cousin was also well taken care of there.

Musa knows that there are not enough doctors and nurses in his country, Cameroon. One doctor has to take care of many thousands of people. Musa is so happy that the nearest hospital is close to his house. He doesn't mind that it is a Christian hospital. On the contrary, Musa was very impressed by the good work of the doctors and the motivation of the nurses to help. He also met the pastor during his visits and watched the Jesus film. As a result, he gave his life to Jesus.



Suriname

Let's pray

1 Pray for the many ethnic groups with different religions and habits to live together in Suriname peacefully and respect each other.

2 For Muslims in Suriname to meet Jesus.

3 For Christians in Suriname, that they live their faith in a way that helps others to know Jesus.

Let's go!

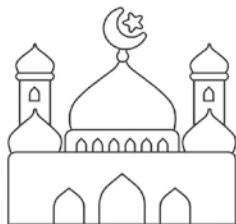
Make a list of some ways you could learn about people from other cultures in your community. Maybe you could try to eat at a restaurant that serves food from another culture? Or you could read a story from another culture.

Now pray for the people in Suriname who are from many different cultures.

Almost 600.000 people from many different cultures and religions live in South America's smallest country, Suriname. There are 14 different languages spoken in this tiny nation.

The Islamic Feast of Sacrifice is a national holiday and it is celebrated by everyone in Suriname, Christians, Hindus, Muslims and others. In Islam, this is a feast to remember the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son. Neighbours in Suriname share food and exchange sweets.

Where people from so many different backgrounds and beliefs live together, some lifestyle habits mix, but conflicts and tensions also increase.



Let's pray

1 That the church, where it is growing so fast, will become strong and be an effective witness to Muslims.

2 For Muslims who are married to Christians. That they may experience the love of Jesus through their spouse and come to know Him.

3 For peace in Burkina Faso, that people from different religions will continue to live together in peace.



Burkina Faso

The Christian Church in Africa is growing faster than anywhere else in the world. It is estimated that almost half of all Christians will be living in Africa 40 years from now.

In Burkina Faso 62% of the population is still Muslim, but there are also increasing numbers of Christians. Many of them used to be Muslims but have decided to follow Jesus.

Normally, people from the different religions in the country get along well with each other. Some even intermarry, like Aziz and Esther. They met and married during their studies although Aziz was a Muslim and Esther was a Christian. When they had children, Esther read Bible stories to them and told them a lot about Jesus. This also fascinated Aziz and he decided to follow Jesus as well.

Let's go!

Find a dice, to find out which request you get to pray for today. If you roll a 1 or 2, pray for the first prayer request. If you roll a 3 or 4, pray for the second request, and if the dice shows 5 or 6, pray for the third request.



Afghans in India



Let's pray

1 For peace between the different religious groups in India (Muslims, Hindus, Christians) that they may be able to have freedom to live their faith as they choose.

2 For the Indian Christians who courageously testify about their faith to the Afghani Muslims through words and deeds.

3 That many Muslims experience Jesus' love and get to know Him.

Let's go!

Find out what is the main religion in India. Pray also for the members of this religion.



Many people from the nation of Afghanistan have fled to India. 20,000 Muslim refugees are waiting in the city of Delhi for a visa to the West. A visa is a document that allows someone to travel to another country. If the US or Europe refuses immigrants, they don't get this paper. Then the Afghan refugees have to stay in the capital, Delhi. But life is difficult for them there.

Afghans have few opportunities to improve their lives in Delhi, unfortunately. They usually don't get a work permit in India and their children cannot go to Indian schools. But without schooling, they are unable to find work in the future.

Some Indian Christians have seen the dilemma of these refugees and are trying to help them in a very practical way. They offer English, math and computer lessons to the Afghans and distribute food and medicine to the poor. Through practical actions and Bible study groups, they try to win the hearts of Muslim refugees and build friendships with them. They give them the hope for a better life.

Although it's just one stamp on a piece of paper, it is really difficult for the refugees to get a visa. Maybe you would like to craft your own passport today and then stamp it directly? Find a piece of paper and fold it in half. Write your name and draw a picture of yourself on the left side. To stamp your visa on the right page, you can make yourself some potato stamps. Simply cut a potato in half and draw a shape on it. Cut out the edges of the shape, spread some paint on the potato and then stamp it on your "passport"!



Indonesia

Let's pray

1 That Indonesia will recover well from the aftermath of the Covid pandemic.

2 That followers of Jesus will be able to share the Good News of Jesus with Muslims from the different ethnic groups, with their own languages and cultures.

3 That whole families and extended families in Indonesia come to faith in Jesus, while travelling.

Let's go!

During the pandemic, travelling was limited to prevent the spread of the virus. As you pray, go on a trip around your house, or maybe around your neighbourhood. As you travel, stop and pray for Indonesians.

Anwar turned up the air-conditioning. He was on his way out of Jakarta by car, with his wife and sons. They had been stuck in the traffic for some time. After four hours driving, the children were grumbling in the back seat. Anwar was eager to get on. Last year, they had not been able to celebrate the breaking of the fast together with his relatives, because of Covid. That was the reason they had also missed his grandfather's funeral and other important family gatherings. So this time they were determined to celebrate the breaking of the fast together with the extended family.

Indonesia is the largest Muslim country in the world. A particularly large number of people there became infected with the Covid-19 virus. The government forbid travelling to reduce the spreading of the infection.

Some people couldn't continue to work or visit their families because of it. Indonesians love to travel - to important Islamic places, but also all over the world! Let's pray that many Indonesians may get to know Jesus as their Saviour during these trips!



Hajj to Mekka



Let's pray

1 For Muslims who go to Mecca for *Hajj* to be safe – it is very hot and very crowded there.

2 For Muslims at *Hajj* to have a revelation of Jesus and find new life in him.

3 Christians are not allowed in Mecca, but you can pray that the pilgrims meet many Christians on their journey to *Hajj* who will be a blessing and a light to them.

Let's go!

A pilgrimage is a journey that a person takes to see a place that is special to their faith. Go on a journey today - walk around your house or around the neighbourhood and pray as you walk.

The pilgrimage to Mecca (also called *Hajj*) is one of the 5 pillars of Islam. These pillars are the most important duties every Muslim must fulfill, in order to go to paradise after their death. Many Muslims save money for many years in order to do the *Hajj* to Mecca, which is in Saudi Arabia, at least once in their lives.

Usually, 2 million Muslims from every country of the world, come to Mecca every year. During the *Hajj* nothing matters: where the Muslims come from, whether they are rich or poor, if they are white or black, and what form of Islam they follow. All pilgrims belong to one family, called “*umma*” in Arabic. They believe that the *Hajj* cleanses them from all sins if they perform those rituals correctly.

Did you know?

- that the *Hajj* starts on June 26th this year?

Ask your parents whether you can watch a short video explaining the Hajj on YouTube. You can find it by scanning this qr-code:



Eid al-Adha — the Feast of Sacrifice

Let's pray

1 That Muslims, who returned from *Hajj* will reflect on what they have experienced and become open to the speaking of the Holy Spirit.

2 That people celebrating *Eid al-Adha* will hear about Jesus, the Lamb of God.

3 That followers of Jesus in the Islamic world can celebrate with friends and neighbours and share Jesus' love with them.

Let's go!

There is always a lot of food at *Eid al-Adha*. The children normally receive a lot of sweets! Find some candies, cookies, or chocolate. Everyone who has spoken a prayer, gives one of the candies to someone else. Keep praying until everyone has received something.

After the *Hajj*, all Muslims around the world celebrate *Eid al-Adha*, the "Feast of Sacrifice," which begins on June 28 this year. This celebration is to remember Abraham, who was ready to obey and sacrifice his son (for Muslims, this is Ishmael) - and that God provided a substitute sacrifice.

All Muslims celebrate this anniversary. Those who return from the *Hajj* are especially honoured as new "*Hajjis*." During the festival, the families slaughter a sheep and eat it together. In some areas of the Middle East, the new *Hajjis* paint the blood of the slaughtered animals on their houses with their hands. They believe that this should protect them from evil.

Eid al-Adha is even more important than the Eid after Ramadan. In some countries, people celebrate for four days. The meat from the slaughtered animals is shared with relatives, friends and people in need. People wear new clothes and give gifts to each other.

In the Bible there is a story where people slaughter a sheep and put the blood on their houses. You can read the story in Exodus 11:1-12:33 and then fill in the blanks in this Bible text:

"BUT THE BLOOD ON YOUR POSTS WILL SERVE AS A
....., MARKING THE WHERE YOU ARE STAYING. WHEN
I SEE THE, I WILL PASS OVER YOU. THIS PLAGUE OF DEATH
WILL TOUCH YOU WHEN I STRIKE THE
LAND OF" (EXODUS 12:13, NLT)



Let's pray

1 For persecuted Christians, like Nabil, to be safe, and to persevere in their faith with encouragement.

2 For Iraqis who have lost family, or been hurt in the war to find recovery and peace.

3 That schools, hospitals, railway stations and other important buildings would be rebuilt and Iraq can be prosperous again.

Let's go!

Before you start praying for Nabil and other Iraqis, light a candle and be quiet for one minute. Blow out the candle after the last person prays. Let your prayers rise to God like the smoke from the candle.

42 million people live in Iraq. Many of them are Muslims. For many years, the whole country suffered from war and terrorist groups. Many Iraqis, Christians, Muslims and Yazidis have lost someone in their families and their possessions and fled to Europe. Others stayed inside the country, moving to other cities, looking for peace.

During the war, many Muslims wanted to know more about Jesus Christ. Many hearts were touched through Christian Arab television and the Internet. The churches grow. New believers filled the empty spaces that Christians moving to the west had left behind.

Nabil grew up in a Muslim family. After he broke the law, he was sent to prison where he met some Iraqi Christians. They told Nabil about Jesus and Nabil decided to follow Him. After his release, God began to use Nabil to help his Muslim and Christian neighbors. He distributes drinking water and food packages, comforts those who are traumatized, and listens to them. Nabil is passionate in his new faith and enjoys telling everyone about Jesus. Some local Muslims don't like this, however, and have threatened Nabil and his family.



Let's pray

1 For the refugees in Jordan who want to start a new life.

2 That Jordanian Muslims and Christians would welcome the refugees and help them where they can.

3 That Muslims in Jordan will respond to the message of Jesus, and the good news he has for the poor.

Jordan



Let's go!

Sit in a circle to pray for the Muslims and refugees in Jordan. Hold your hands loosely in front of you, palms up. When someone finishes their prayer, move your hands in front of your face and drop them down, as if you are washing it clean with invisible water. This is how Muslims and Arab Christians pray.

Nasser lives in Amman. He owns a house that he rents out. During the Covid pandemic, his lodgers had to go into quarantine and Nasser offered to buy groceries for them.

Nasser is a Muslim and sees helping people as part of his faith. His Christian neighbour Walid feels the same. They discovered a group of refugees living in a tent near their house with little to eat. Together they bought oil, flour, salt, sugar, tea, vegetables and meat and distributed it as food packages to these poor families.

Jordan is one of the countries that has taken in many refugees. Around 750.000 of them have fled from Syria because of the war there.

Hospitality is very important in the Arab culture. Many say that nobody is a better host than Arabs, because they are very generous. Muslims give to the poor in obedience to God. At the same time, giving is practical worship for them. Some giving is *zakat* - a part of your income, which you are required to give - and other giving is *sadaqah*, which describes voluntary giving beyond this.

Find the contents of the food packages in this word puzzle.

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V	E	G	G	I	E	S
S	O	Z	S	A	L	T
N	U	S	U	G	A	R

Let's pray

1 For Muslim immigrants in Germany, like Layla, to find a happy new life in their new home.

2 For Christians to be welcoming neighbours to immigrant families.

3 For Christians to be leaders in finding solutions to the challenges that happen when people from very different cultures live together, so communities can be happy and at peace.

Germany

Let's go!

The word for sweet cookies in German is "Berliner".

The same word is used for a person who lives in the German city of Berlin.

While you bake or eat some cookies today, pray for the Muslims who live in Germany.

About 5.5 million Muslims from various countries live in Germany. They bring different cultures, languages, Islamic beliefs and values to Germany. This leads to tensions.

Bettina fell head over heels in love with the nice, handsome Ali. She was not aware that she had to become a Muslim at their wedding. Now, she veils herself and lives with Ali's parents and siblings in the same house in an Arab quarter of Berlin. Her neighbor, Layla, grew up in Syria in a Muslim family. She came to Germany some months ago. Layla was shocked that Bettina had converted to Islam.

Layla is grateful that she found a new home in Germany after the terrible experiences of war in Syria. She went to church and met Jesus – and found a new family. Layla is praying for her German friend Bettina and her husband Ali that they would find Jesus, too.



Let's pray

1 For the ongoing success of health-care programs for Muslim communities in China.

2 That Muslim Hui, will open up to the Gospel, and hear it from their Christian neighbours.

3 That Muslim refugees in China will also have the opportunity to build a safe community and hear the gospel.

Let's go!

Take each other by your hands. The first person says a short prayer and then squeezes the hand of his or her neighbour. Now it is his or her turn to pray.

There are several mosquitoes hiding on this page. How many can you find?

Malaria is a deadly disease transmitted by mosquitoes. It is not only a big problem in Africa, but actually also in China, especially in Yunnan province. The government there has distributed many mosquito nets to the population and developed good medicine against the disease. This has been so successful, that the country has been declared malaria-free since June 2021.

People from many different cultures and people groups live in Yunnan. For example, the Hui Chinese. They look just like the other Chinese, but have Muslim roots. Many hundreds of years ago, Arab traders brought Islam to China. The Hui then accepted the religion as their own. However, now they suffer from religious persecution because of their faith.

There are also many refugees in Yunnan province from the neighbouring country, Myanmar. They are Rohingyas, who are persecuted in their homeland (Myanmar) because of their Muslim faith. Now they are building a new life in China.



Syria

Let's pray

1 For the refugees in the Syrian camps, that they are able to get the medical care they need and be able to go to school.

2 For Christians working in the refugee camps to be alert to how they can pray and help the refugees.

3 For peace in Syria, and for the rebuilding of their homeland so many Syrians can return.

Let's go!

Play hide and seek.

Blindfold the seeker.

They can search for everyone else who is hiding in the room. After everyone is found, pray together. After you remove the blindfold, talk about how you felt after the blindfold was removed.

Muna lived with her mother and 6 siblings in a refugee camp in Syria. Her dad had passed away. She got sick and the doctor gave her the wrong medication. As a result, she lost her eyesight. The doctors told her that she would probably never be able to see again. Muna and her mom were shocked and frustrated.

Christian helpers in the camp took care of Muna and her family. They saw their need and prayed for Muna. And a miracle happened! Muna could suddenly see again! Everyone was so happy, Muna was so excited, and her mother was amazed: "The doctors gave us no hope that Muna could ever get better. But nothing is impossible for the God of the Bible = he healed her!"

FOR WITH GOD
Nothing
SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE.

Luke 1,37

DAY

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APRIL 8

Let's pray

1 For peace in the destroyed land.

2 For comfort for Ada, other widows and orphans in Yemen. Many starve and are suffering from the terrible war.

3 For the brave Yemeni Christians, that they will continue to help and share to bring light in the darkness.

Yemen

The war in Yemen has caused much destruction in the last 7 years. More than 32 million people live in Yemen, officially 99 percent of them are Muslims. The Yemenis have many different problems. Famine, shortage of water, extreme poverty, unemployment and diseases have caused many deaths.

People have lost so much. More and more Muslims have turned to Christ for hope. A local Christian community is growing in Yemen in spite of the war. The local Christians help their neighbours, both Muslims and Christians, with food, drinking water and hygiene packages, although they are poor themselves.



Let's go!

Yemen is part of the "Arabian Peninsula".

Connect the Letters to find the Names of the other countries on this Peninsula.

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After Ada lost her husband to the war, she had to leave her home with their children. In the Yemeni culture, women are not safe in a house without a husband, brother or father. But where could she go? Her parents could not take them in. Ada fled to another city, where she had to live on the streets and search for waste that could be used as food for her children. A Yemeni believer named Farah found the poor family and took them to live with her.

Practical love and the message of the gospel touched Ada's heart and she decided to follow Jesus. Her new family helped her to find work as a seamstress and become independent. She even learned to read and write. Today, Ada helps other women who are in need.



Let's pray

1 For the Oromos to be blessed and to thrive and for their communities to live in peace.

2 That the Christians in Ethiopia are like magnets that attract other people so they can share the love of Jesus with them.

3 For new believers in Ethiopia, to have support and find fellowship with other believers.

Let's go!

Find Ethiopia on a map. Addis Ababa is in the centre of Ethiopia. Can you find it too? There are 6 countries that surround Ethiopia – can you find all of them?



In Ethiopia there are two main religions, the Orthodox Christians and Islam. The largest ethnic group of 30 million people are called Oromos, who are mostly Muslim.

Jamila is an Oromo. She and her small family live in a tiny room in a slum, in the capital city, Addis Ababa. There is no electricity and no running water. Her husband is unemployed, and he often gets drunk and the children stay hungry. Jamila's neighbor was a Christian and a friendly lady. She invited Jamila to come to her church. After a few meetings, Jamila decided to follow Jesus.

At first, Jamila's Muslim family rejected her and stopped helping her out with money. But then Jamila got work washing clothes, which enabled her to feed her family. It is a difficult life still, but Jamila says: "Jesus has changed me. I want to be an example to my husband so that he will come to faith. Jesus gave me new hope."

Let's pray

1 For the people of Burkina Faso as they strive for peace and unity.

2 That Christians in Burkina Faso would have the opportunity to share God's Word with Muslims.

3 That Muslims will read God's Word and learn more about Jesus through it.

Let's go!

Fetch a Bible – your own, if you have one.

Do you know, who gave it to you? Do you realize that this person has given you something that is worth more than money? Read the Bible text from John 1:1-4 together. Pass the Bible around to each person as they pray.

Connect the dots to find out what animal you might encounter in Burkina Faso.

Did you know ... ?

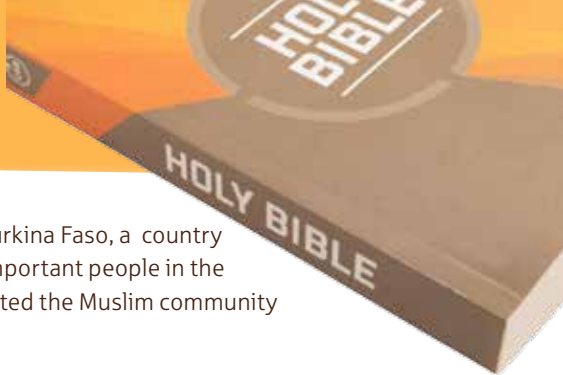
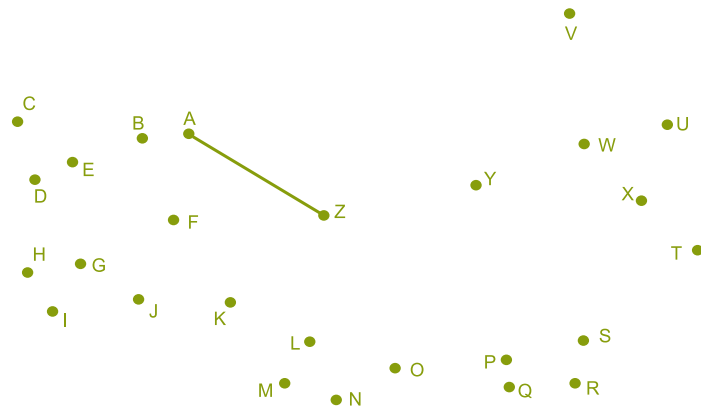
Muslims hold a holy book (Quran or Bible) with both hands and slowly bring it to their mouth and kiss it worshipfully, showing respect.

Burkina Faso

A Christian leader started working in Burkina Faso, a country in West Africa. He went to visit all the important people in the region to introduce himself. He also visited the Muslim community in his town.

At the mosque one Friday, he was warmly received after prayer. The Muslim teacher, called an Imam, asked him, "Why are you and your people here?" The minister answered, "We came to introduce ourselves and because we would like to work together with you!"

With these words the minister showed that he wanted to work together for peace in his community, just as the majority of people in the country did. Then the bishop presented a Bible to the Imam who thanked him warmly, "This is the best gift we have received today, because it is the Word of God. It is a Holy Book. This Bible is worth more than money."





Pakistan

Pakistani women and girls were forbidden to go to school until recently. Especially in North Pakistan, where the villages are in remote, mountain locations and the communities are isolated, many girls did not get the opportunity to read or write. One Christian group has partnered with local leaders in this region to provide schools for everyone. The community is now really proud of the opportunities their children have. Here's what they have to say:

Let's pray

1 That Pakistanis will work together to offer more educational options for girls.

2 That the translation of the Bible into all the Pakistani languages, will soon be completed and will bring much blessing.

3 For followers of Jesus to teach about him in all the remote villages of Pakistan.

Let's go!

Take a piece of paper and write or paint the prayer requests.

Did you know...

that Pakistan has the second highest number of people who cannot read and write? They make up around half of the population, that means around 117 million people.

A dad says: "We used to think it was a sin to send girls to school. That's not true. I am proud of my daughter. She was allowed to go to school and now she is very much appreciated. She is important for our village because she is educated!"

A mom says: "Now I can read and write and do math! I can read the correct dosage of medication for my children and I know more about health and hygiene."

An Islamic leader says: "In the beginning my people were uncertain when I allowed foreigners to teach girls. But now everyone is proud of their daughters' knowledge."

Can you find out here what Hebrews 4:12a says?

Please sort the chaotic letters that it makes sense!

Fro het wrdo fo doG si leiav nda ateciv.

Switzerland

Let's pray

1 That Muslims like Fahim will come to know Jesus as their healer and saviour.

2 That Christians in Switzerland will continue to help Afghan refugees settle in Switzerland.

3 That believers in Switzerland will pray boldly and be a witness to Muslim refugees.

Let's go!

Fahim spent a lot of time stretching his body and especially his shoulder. Unfortunately, it didn't heal that way, but stretching is good for your body. Here you can see three examples. As you try them and stretch your body, pray for the requests from above.

Many people from Afghanistan come to Switzerland to start a new life. One of them is Fahim. Last summer Fahim had a bicycle accident and hurt his right shoulder. He went to the doctor and got an ointment to put on his shoulder. But the pain got worse and worse. A second doctor found out that one of his shoulders was broken and had now grown together incorrectly. He said that with certain exercises Fahim's shoulder should heal again. Unfortunately, this advice did not help Fahim either.

One day, a friend asked him, "Fahim, may I pray for you - in the name of Jesus?" Fahim was happy, "Yes, I would love that!" The person prayed faithfully for the healing of his shoulder.

A few days later, Fahim came to visit his friend and was very happy. "I am so thankful. Two doctors recommended a treatment that didn't help. But you prayed once, and the pain is gone!" The believer joyfully replied, "It wasn't me, Fahim! Praise be to Jesus who answered our prayer!"



Afghanistan

Let's pray

1 That the different ethnic groups in Afghanistan will work together for peace.

2 That more Muslims from all tribes find Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

3 For the tribal leaders of Afghanistan to influence their own and other tribes to promote freedom and peace for everyone.

Let's go!

Find a few rocks and hold them in your hand during prayer. Feel the hard, rough surface and pray that God may soften the hearts of the Afghan leaders.



In Afghanistan, there are over 30 different ethnic groups with their own languages and different cultures. Many are Muslims. A terrorist group has re-claimed the control of Afghanistan, and the tensions between these ethnic groups have been growing.

Diar and Aziz work in the same office. Diar is a Pashtu, which is the same cultural group as the terrorist leaders. In their culture, the leaders of the group determine how its followers should think about religion, politics, or family. Diar is very much influenced by this tribal thinking and that causes him to feel a lot of pressure to do things a certain way. Aziz is Tajik, and from an early age he learned about the way Tajiks had to fight for their freedom and rights. He had relatives and friends who died in the struggle between the ethnic groups. The Pashtus have also lost people in that fight.

Diar and Aziz often argued in the office, because of the conflict between their tribes. Their cultures value honor very highly and they both felt like they had to defend their culture. But then someone they work with started to tell them about Jesus, and how he makes it possible to forgive our enemies. Both Aziz and Diar decided to follow Jesus, forgive each other and work for peace in their country. What a miracle!

Now try to stack as many stones as possible on top of each other. You can also build a house of cards with cards. Help each other. The goal is to help each other and avoid arguments.



Let's pray

1 For more opportunities in the Caucasus to share the love of Jesus with Muslims.

2 That believers in this challenging region will grow in their faith, and more churches will be planted among the many ethnic groups.

3 That many Muslims will be reached through social media and other Christian media.

Azerbaijan

Let's go! Azerbaijan is sometimes called the "Land of Fire," because of natural gas fires that used to burst out of the mountains. Get several candles to help you pray for Azerbaijan today. After someone has said a prayer, he or she lights a candle. When the room is brightly lit, close with a prayer that Jesus will bring his light to Azerbaijan as well.

Look at the map of the Caucasus and answer the questions. Mark the correct answer.

Azerbaijan is part of a region called the Caucasus. You can see it on the map below. The region is very diverse; but in the south there are mostly Muslims.

Frank produces videos and other media in Azeri. Azeri is the name and the language of one of the people groups in Azerbaijan. In the course of nine months, several hundred thousand Azeris have seen his posts. Frank isn't allowed to travel to Azerbaijan, but he can work from his home country. Social media allows him to connect with Muslims in Azerbaijan.

He has been able to send a New Testament in Azeri to some of them and invite others to courses so they could learn about Jesus. More and more people are seeking the Truth. Some new believers in Azerbaijan report that every week new people come to the home groups. Many ask for Bibles.



Which country is NOT part of the Caucasus?

- Iran Iraq Armenia

Between which two lakes is the Caucasus?

- Black Sea and Caspian Sea
 Red Sea and Sea of Azov
 Aral Sea and Black Sea

Parts of how many countries are included in the Caucasus?

- 6 7 8

Which part of the country is mainly Muslim ?

- North East South

(You can find the answer in the text.)

Austria

Let's pray

1 For the refugee children who have suffered a lot, that they will have peace and security in their new homes.

2 For children like Saira, to have the chance to learn more about Jesus and his teaching.

3 For Christians to take time to care for these refugee children, welcome them to their new schools and show them the love of Jesus.

Let's go!

How would you answer if someone asked you how you pray? Talk about your answers and then let everyone pray in a way that is best for him or her!

Think about how you could tell your classmates about Jesus. What do you like about Jesus? What does Jesus tell us about how to live?

Many children who have immigrated from other countries live in Austria. Several of them have experienced scary things in their home countries or while fleeing. These problems often make it difficult to concentrate at school. But they are happy if someone has time for them, helps them with their homework and plays with them. When playing games, they often ask questions about what Christians believe. They love to talk about God.

During one game, 10-year-old Saira said, "I have only one God, and that is Allah."

A Christian caregiver replied, "My Savior is Jesus!" Saira asked who Jesus is. This resulted in a good conversation about faith. Many Muslim children think about God and their Muslim faith.

Saira sighed, "Praying is sometimes busy, because we have many obligations before we are able to pray – and sometimes I don't know what to say. How do you pray?" she asked a Christian worker. The children listen attentively to the stories of Jesus. They want to know more about Jesus' love for them.





Malaysia / Thailand

Let's pray

1 That many more Pattani Muslims will hear the good news of Jesus.

2 That secret believers in Malaysia and Thailand will have wisdom and courage to share their new faith with others.

3 For good discipleship for Malaysian believers that they can be effective witnesses to their families and communities.

Let's go!

Susu meets with other believers only in secret. Lower your blinds or draw your curtains today. Meet as a family in a hidden place in the house (for example, under the table or in the attic) and pray for the Pattanis there.

About 1.5 million Pattani Malays live in Asia in the countries of Thailand and Malaysia. Only a few of these people have ever heard of Jesus as Saviour. That is one person out of about 10,000 people. Buddhism is the main religion in Thailand. Therefore, the Pattani Malays are especially proud of their Islamic religion. They have been Muslims for a long time and it is very difficult for the Pattani people to receive the good news. Susu lives with her family in Malaysia. She heard about Jesus while working as a translator for a group of Christians. When she prayed to Christ one day, his love changed her life and her relationships. Through Jesus, she learned to forgive people who spoke badly about her or did bad things to her. Until now Susu was afraid to tell her husband about her faith in Jesus. But she prays with her two sons and always takes them to the secret meetings of believers. She gets to know the Word of God better every time. The faith of the other believers encourages her. We can thank God that the Gospel is changing individuals, families and whole communities!

Something must have gotten mixed up here...

Who can put the letters back in the right order? You will find the answer in Isaiah 52:7.

woh lufituaeb no eht snaitnuom era eht teef fo esoht ohw gnirb
doog swen, ohw mialcorp ecaep, ohw gnirb doog sgnidit, ohw
mialcorp noitavlas, ohw yas ot nioZ, rouy doG sngier!

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Night of Power

Let's pray

1 That Jesus will appear and speak to Muslims in their dreams tonight.

2 For Muslims who are seeking forgiveness, peace and help.

3 That Christians courageously proclaim the Good News to Muslims.

Let's go!

Find out where Jerusalem is, and then pray facing that direction.

In the past, some Jews and Christians prayed towards Jerusalem to remind them of the place where Jesus lived. Muslims pray towards Mecca.

The Night of Power is very significant for Muslims. It celebrates the beginning of the Islamic religion, when the first Koran verses were revealed to Muhammad, the most important prophet in Islam. Every believer must make an effort to be particularly pious. Muslims believe that on this night, which is called *Laylat al Qadir* in Arabic, prayers or good deeds are more valuable than any other prayers or good deeds! If they perform their rituals properly, their sins will be forgiven.

They also believe that on this night their fate for the coming year will be settled. So this night is also known as the "Night of Destiny." Muslims pray for forgiveness and blessings, sometimes throughout the night. They try to be especially pious during the last ten days of Ramadan, to please God. Some even stay in the mosque during the last 10 days, to focus on their prayers.



Did you know... ?

Even Muslims, who are usually not religious, eagerly perform their rituals during *Laylat al-Qadir* to earn forgiveness?

Let's pray

1 That those refugees who become Christians, will grow in their faith and experience what it means to be sons and daughters of God

2 That the Al Massira-course will be a blessing to many and that Christians will use it well.

3 That believers like Mousa will become leaders themselves and find the destiny that God has prepared for them.

AL MASSIRA

With tears of joy, Mousa embraced the young refugee, still dripping from his baptism. He had become like a son to Mousa. Both are surrounded by cheering young men, with their arms around their shoulders.

Mousa remembers his own story. He grew up in an Arab-Muslim family in the Middle East and always believed in God. However, he never experienced, the personal interest and love of God. After he moved to Europe, he met friendly Christians who helped him to settle. They invited him to join an Al Massira group.

Al Massira is a course, in which participants are taught the Bible stories from Adam to Jesus the Messiah through films. Mousa was very excited about the passionate discussions that took place each week. After the story of David, he decided to give his life to Jesus. Together with ten other people, he was baptized. That was the beginning of his story with Jesus, who redeemed and healed him. Today he serves God as a pastor and trains others to take the gospel to the whole world.

Let's go!

Mousa came to Europe because it was no longer safe in his country. You may know some refugee children in your school or neighbourhood. Write their names on a small piece of paper and carry it with you today. It can remind you to pray for them throughout the day.



Did you know?

Al-Massira is Arabic and means "the way". The course is available in **35 different languages and is used all over the world!**

Sing the song "Yes, Jesus loves me" If you don't know it, scan the QR-Code to listen to the song and learn the hand movements for it.



Let's pray

1 Pray for Muslim women to continue to have the opportunity to thrive and be safe and happy.

2 Pray for Muslim women leaders to be strong, safe and successful in helping their countries be more fair to women.

3 Pray for Muslim women to be blessed and have opportunity to hear the message of Jesus and follow Him.

Let's go!

How many women from the Bible can you name?

Read a story about some of the women who served God and were honored by Him in the Bible after you pray today. Here are some ideas:

The story of Abigail:
1 Samuel 25

The story of Esther:
Esther 3-7

The story of Lydia:
Acts 16:11-40

The story of Mary:
Luke 1:26-56

Woman in Islam

Islam teaches that men and women are equal in the eyes of God. However, in many cultures where Islam is the main religion, tradition gives more power to men and less opportunity to women. But Muslim women around the world have been working to change this. They are rising up as influencers, leaders and innovators around the world.

In Pakistan, we appointed five women to important government positions last year.

In Saudi Arabia, new laws allow women to be in public spaces such as cafes and sports arenas with men. Women are also now allowed to live and travel alone, without the permission of a male relative. This has allowed more women to get good jobs in Saudi Arabia.

Muslim women are also being more widely represented in the arts. In fact, the popular Marvel movies introduced their first Muslim woman superhero! And in sport, some Muslim women are being creative at finding ways to compete at high levels even while wearing hijab.



Let's pray

1 For Muslims who are searching for Jesus, that they will meet faithful Christians who will tell them about Him.

2 That Muslims have dreams and visions of Jesus, even after Ramadan.

3 That Muslim background believers are strong witnesses to their families.

Marokko

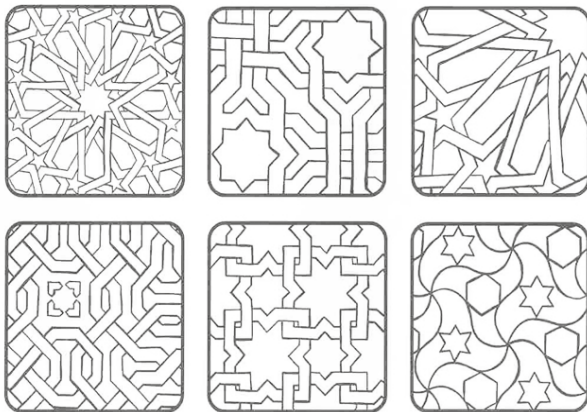
Let's go!

Morocco, the country where Fatima lives, is known for its beautiful coloured tiles. As you pray today, colour the tiles on this page.

My name is Fatima, I was born in Morocco but I belong to the Berber ethnic group. My parents raised me and my 11 siblings as Muslims. Every year we celebrated Ramadan and every day I prayed with my father.

Then my parents started having arguments. It got worse and worse and I asked Allah for peace in our house. But nothing changed. I told to Allah, "I will pray to you three times. If you don't appear to me then, I will no longer believe in you." Nothing happened...

But that night I had a dream. In the dream, I was climbing a mountain. At the top, a man was waiting for me, all dressed in white. He was surrounded by many happy, peaceful people. It was beautiful and I wanted to stay there forever. I told my family about my dream, but they didn't want to hear about it. So I kept it in my heart and hoped one day I would find out, who this man was.



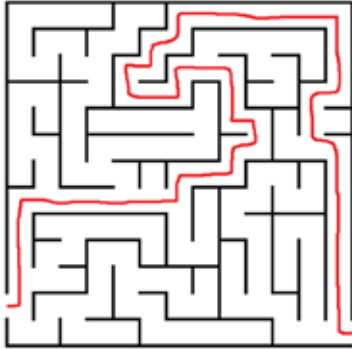
My life was not easy at that time. But then a couple moved into our building. They told me about the love of God and about Jesus Christ. They invited me to a meeting where people read in the New Testament. Here I felt the presence of God. Secretly I also began to read the Bible. I wanted to know who this Jesus was. I was surprised when I found out that he was the man from my dream! I cried and prayed that God would end my suffering and give me peace.

In my new life, I have joy and peace and I pray to Jesus that my family will know Him as well.

Day 4



Day 6



Day 12

„But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt. Ex 12:13

Day 14

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M	E	A	T	A	Y	X
V	E	G	G	I	E	S
S	O	Z	S	A	L	T
N	U	S	U	G	A	R

Day 16

Where you able to find all 12 mosquitos?

Day 18

Bahrain, Yemen, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi-Arabia, United Arab Emirates

Day 19

Sudan, South Sudan, Somaila, Djibouti, Eritrea, Kenya

Day 20

It's a crocodile! Would you like to colour it green?

Day 21

„For the word of God is alive and active.” Hebr 4.12 (NIV)

Day 24

Iraq, Black Sea and Caspian Sea, 6, South

Day 26

„How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion: Your God reigns!”



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