



# 31 DAILY PRAYERSHEETS

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DAY 01  
28 FEBRUARY



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# Ramadan

## Did you know?

- Ramadan is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, a core practice of the Islamic faith.
- During Ramadan, many Muslims recite additional prayers and aim to read through the entire Qur'an.
- The month concludes with Eid al-Fitr, a celebration of gratitude and community.

Over the coming weeks, we will share stories from around the world, where Jesus followers have helped reveal the love of Jesus with their Muslim neighbors. Whether you're a seasoned prayer warrior or looking to deepen your prayer life, be encouraged that your prayers will make a difference around the world!

"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us."

1 JOHN 5:14 (ESV)

## Join us in prayer

- *Pray for Muslims during Ramadan that they may experience a deeper understanding of God's love, and for opportunities for believers to share the gospel with their Muslim neighbors.*
- *Pray for global transformation; that through prayer, many Muslims will come to know the love of Jesus, and that hearts will be open to the gospel during Ramadan and into the rest of the year.*



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## Praying for our Muslim neighbors

The majority of those who follow Islam live in the great arc of territory stretching from West Africa through the Middle East, Central Asia, to Indonesia. The growth of Islam over the past century has been remarkable — from 12.3 per cent of the world's population in 1900 to 22.9 per cent in 2010. This growth has been primarily due to higher birth rates although conversion growth is greatest in West Africa, Indonesia and the USA.

Factors such as geography, cultural barriers, inexperience, prejudice and fear have all contributed to limiting ministry efforts within the Islamic world however, the past 20 years have seen a rapid increase of outreach to Muslims. Where outreach has been carried out with sensitivity and wisdom, it has become clear that Muslims can be highly responsive to the good news of Jesus. Exact numbers are impossible to obtain, but it is estimated that only 10 per cent of foreign Jesus followers work among Muslims, although Muslims consist of around 37 per cent of all non-Christians in the world.

Despite the challenges, the number of Jesus followers from Muslim backgrounds is growing. The once few isolated pockets of growth are now becoming wider regions, such that movements of people coming to Jesus are occurring in most areas of the world. There are, however, some areas where growth is much slower, including much of North Africa, Somalia, the Levant, Türkiye, Pakistan, North India and among the Malay peoples of Southeast Asia.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

ACTS 1:8 (ESV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for more workers to be called, equipped and sent to minister among Muslim communities, particularly in regions where the gospel is yet to take root.*
- *Pray that Jesus followers from Muslim backgrounds to be strengthened in their faith, protected from persecution and encouraged as they share the gospel with others.*
- *Pray that the barriers of fear, prejudice and misunderstanding to be broken down, so that Christians will reach out to their Muslim neighbors with compassion, sensitivity and courage.*

DAY 03  
2 MARCH



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## Fuad's story

**Fuad\* lives in the Guba region of Azerbaijan, where the majority of people are Muslim. From a young age, he had looked for God, searching for truth. But when he looked around at his relatives and friends, he saw that their faith was not real faith. It was not true.**

*Fuad prayed: "God, where are You? What is Your way, the right way? Show me that way. That is the way I want to go. I want to find You, and I want to believe in You."*

One day, he saw a social media post, which had been created by the OM in the Caucasus team, advertising a free New Testament and requested one. A local believer traveled to Guba, met Fuad, and gave him a New Testament. Fuad was very happy and stayed in contact with the Jesus follower.

Through reading the New Testament, Fuad came to believe that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and he gave his life to the Lord. Now he attends a house church in Guba, and is very bold in sharing his faith with others. He recently attended an OM disciple multiplication training to learn new ways to share the gospel and disciple others. At the training, the believer who first gave Fuad the New Testament also baptized him.

"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life."

PSALM 143:8 (NIV)

### Join us in praying

- Pray for Fuad and other new believers in Guba to be strengthened in their faith.
- Pray for boldness and wisdom for new believers, that they would courageously share their faith and disciple others in their communities and for new discipleship groups to form.
- Give thanks for innovative ways of sharing the good news through social media.

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## Zara's story

Throughout the world, God is revealing Himself in amazing ways amongst followers of Islam. One of the people He showed Himself to is a woman named Zara\* from a minority group in the Northern Caucasus.

When Zara was 12 years old, her family went on a vacation to the sea. There, she found herself temporarily outside of strict supervision. When she saw a woman sitting on the shore reading a book, Zara approached her and asked, "What is the name of the book you are reading?"

The woman answered: "The Bible." That stirred something in Zara's heart, and from that moment on, she desired to have her own copy of the Bible.

Zara grew up, got married and had three children. Her husband, although a Muslim, let her decide whether to cover her head, which is a symbol of devotion to Allah in Islam. When she was 33 years old, Zara was about to cover her head, but she was still tormented by whether Allah required it. At that moment, she cried out: "God, I don't know who You are! If You hear me, show Yourself to me just once, and I won't ask You for anything else!"

That night, a tall man in white clothes appeared to Zara in a dream. He didn't have to identify Himself. She immediately recognized Him as Jesus, and in His presence, she felt light, like a feather.

She woke up and began to look for a church where she could get a Bible. Three weeks later, Zara was sitting in a church with tears flowing down her cheeks as she held the

book that she had dreamed of having for decades. Zara had finally found the way, the truth and the life.

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."

JOEL 2:28 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- Pray for God to continue to reveal Himself to Muslims through dreams and visions.
- Give thanks for Jesus followers who take every opportunity to share the gospel.

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## Kamran's story

About six years ago, Kamran\* from Guba, in northern Azerbaijan, had back surgery. The recovery was long and painful, and he was unable to leave his bed.

During this time Kamran thought a lot about his life. He had grown up in a Muslim culture, but he began to question it and look for truth. As he was doing research, he found the New Testament on the INTERNET and started reading it.

As he read, great comfort, joy, calmness and peace came to his heart. He had never known such joy and comfort. He begged the God of the Bible: "Heal me so that I may stand up and dedicate my whole life to You. I will learn about You and believe in You."

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

One day, he came across social media content that had been created by the OM in the Caucasus's team. Because he had loved reading the New Testament online, Kamran wanted a physical copy to read as well. He connected with the social media team and requested one.

Sahib\*, one of OM's partners, went to Guba and met with Kamran. When he gave him the New Testament, Kamran told him, "I already believe in Jesus Christ."

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

the Guba region, which Sahib helped start last summer.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

PSALM 119:105 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- Pray for Christians working and living in Muslim countries, that they will find ways to reach their Muslim neighbors and friends with the gospel.
- Pray for people like Kamran, who discover Jesus through the INTERNET, that they will find connections with other believers locally.
- Give thanks for social media ministry that shares the good news of Jesus across the Caucasus.

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DAY 06  
5 MARCH



## Creative ways to share God's love in challenging places

**In strict Islamic countries, Christians often use creative methods to get to know local people and share God's love.**

Inna\*, who lives in one such country in the Caucasus region, shared, "We recently ran a creative project called 'Labels'. We asked people to share what offensive labels, or hurtful names they were called and then cross them out, replacing them with a kind message."

Another initiative was a concert on the streets of the city. "God worked through our concert. We met a lot of people and exchanged contacts. I saw joy and sometimes tears," Inna added.

Although few in number, there are some believers in the country. A small team of Christians started a ministry meeting women who have already come to faith. "We study a course together that helps us leave all the weight of burdens that we carry every day at the feet of Jesus Christ and become God's instrument for people around us," shared Sofiya\*, a member of the team. "We see women open up at these meetings. We pray that we will have the wisdom to walk with them and discover God's truth together."

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

HEBREWS 10:24-25 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for Christian workers in Muslim countries, that they would find ways to connect with their neighbors and share the good news.*
- *Pray that new Christians in this region will find other believers they can trust to disciple them; and that they, in turn, would seek out others to disciple.*
- *Pray for safety for believers in this country, where converting from Islam can come with heavy penalties.*

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DAY 07  
6 MARCH



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## New opportunities in the Horn of Africa

The Horn of Africa, a region located in the northeastern corner of the continent, includes Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti and Somalia. Known for its strategic location near the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea, the Horn of Africa has a combined population of over 130 million people. This region is characterized by a rich cultural heritage, diverse ethnic groups and a complex religious landscape. However, it also faces significant challenges, including poverty, conflict and environmental issues like drought.

The Horn of Africa has one of the youngest populations globally — around 60 per cent of its population is under the age of 25. This demographic offers both opportunities and challenges for the spread of the gospel.

Islam is the majority religion in the region, with Somalia, Djibouti and Eritrea, having substantial Muslim majorities. Ethiopia, while historically a Christian-majority nation has a significant Muslim minority also. The Horn of Africa is considered one of the least-reached areas worldwide. In many communities, sharing the good news is restricted by cultural, social or legal barriers. Those who do become Jesus followers from Islam often face ostracism, persecution or even violence.

There is a growing number of Jesus followers in the region, who are praying faithfully for opportunities to share the good news with their Muslim neighbors. Initiatives include starting a training center to disciple national believers and give them the skills and resources to share the good news with their communities.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

GALATIANS 6:9 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- Pray that God would raise up a generation of young people in the Horn of Africa who hunger for truth and seek a relationship with Him. Ask for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully among the youth, revealing Christ as the ultimate source of hope, purpose and identity.
- Lift up the small Christian communities in the region. Pray for boldness and resilience as they live out their faith in environments often hostile to Christianity. Ask God to give them wisdom, protection and opportunities to share the gospel in culturally sensitive ways.
- The Horn of Africa is plagued by conflict, famine and displacement, creating immense physical and emotional suffering. Pray for peace and stability in the region, as well as for humanitarian aid efforts to be effective. Pray that these efforts would open doors for Christians to demonstrate the love of Christ and share the hope of the gospel.



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## Praying for Djibouti

**Djibouti, a small but strategically significant nation located in the Horn of Africa, is home to approximately 1.1 million people. It borders Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia, with a coastline along the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden. Despite its small size, Djibouti plays a crucial role as a gateway for trade and military operations in the region. The country's population is ethnically diverse, comprising primarily Somali and Afar communities, and the official languages are French and Arabic.**

Religiously, Djibouti is predominantly Muslim, with over 94 per cent of the population adhering to Islam, primarily Sunni. Christianity represents a tiny minority, less than 5 per cent, including expatriates and a small number of local believers. The Djiboutian constitution provides for freedom of religion, but social and cultural pressures often discourage conversion from Islam. For Christians, sharing their faith can be challenging, as those who become Jesus followers may face ostracism, harassment or even persecution.

Despite these challenges, God is moving in Djibouti, and prayer is a vital way to support the spread of the gospel in this Muslim-majority nation.

An opportunity for Jesus followers to facilitate a writing station where people could write down and release their negative feelings gave many responses such as these: "I'm afraid to be alone", "I want to learn to love myself" "I want to know if my father is proud of me", "I am afraid of death",

"I am afraid of loneliness, changes and sadness", "One day I hope to find peace and to be able to move forward".

Those who chose to, could then take a piece of paper with an encouragement written on it.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

1 PETER 5:7 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for the people of Djibouti to be open to the gospel message. Ask God to soften hearts and prepare the soil for seeds of faith to take root. Pray especially for young people, who may be more open to new ideas, and for those experiencing challenges that could lead them to seek hope in Christ.*
- *Lift up Djibouti's small Christian community of both expatriates and local believers. Pray for their spiritual growth, unity and courage as they live out their faith in a predominantly Muslim society. Ask God to provide opportunities for them to share the gospel with wisdom, love and cultural sensitivity.*



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## Praying for Muslims in Southern Europe

Muslims in Southern Europe form a significant and diverse population, with the largest communities found in countries such as Spain, Italy, France and Greece. Many of these Muslims are descendants of North African migrants, while others are recent arrivals seeking better economic opportunities or fleeing conflict in regions like the Middle East. Southern Europe is home to both secular and religiously conservative Muslims, making it a complex context to share the gospel.

Muslim communities in Southern Europe often face challenges related to integration, cultural identity and religious freedom. While Islam has a long history in the region, particularly in Spain during the period of Al-Andalus, there remains a sense of otherness for many Muslims in predominantly Christian societies. This can lead to misunderstandings, stereotyping and even discrimination. Despite these challenges, Muslims in Southern Europe are also witnessing increasing interest in interfaith dialogue, with efforts being made by both Muslims and Christians to foster mutual respect and understanding.

For Christians in Southern Europe, there are unique opportunities to engage with Muslim communities. Many Muslims are curious about Christianity, but there are still many barriers in terms of language, cultural differences and the fear of social rejection. Christian outreach efforts that focus on building relationships, offering practical help and engaging in open, respectful dialogue can provide avenues for Muslims to explore the Christian faith.

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”

ROMANS 10:14 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for Muslims in Southern Europe to have open hearts to the gospel and be receptive to conversations about Jesus. Ask God to remove any barriers of misunderstanding or fear, making it easier for Christians to share His love.*
- *Pray for peaceful integration of Muslim communities into the social and cultural fabric of Southern Europe. Ask God to foster a spirit of acceptance and understanding between Muslims and Christians, and for opportunities to build meaningful relationships.*
- *Pray for Muslims in Southern Europe to have personal encounters with Jesus. Ask God to reveal Himself through dreams, visions and the testimony of Jesus followers, leading many to find true peace in Him.*



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## Searching for truth – Isaac's story

**Isaac\*, who lives in Central Africa, began questioning his Muslim faith when a rival sect claimed theirs was the only path to paradise. Confused, he searched the Qur'an and met with Muslim leaders but found no answers.**

The time for high school examinations was approaching, and Isaac needed to study. There was only one problem: there was only one library in his city, and it was run by Christians. "I hated Christians," stated Isaac, "But I needed to study."

At the library, Isaac met a Jesus follower who was secretly discussing the Bible with two of Isaac's friends after a game of peton, a game played with a metal ball. Isaac was invited to play with them so that the teams would have an even number of people. Afterwards, when Isaac was about to leave, the believer said to him: "After the games, your friends and I often talk about religion. I am a Christian and I want to know more about Islam. I can also tell you more about Christianity."

Wow, this is a good opportunity to win this Christian to Islam, Isaac thought.

He was given a French Bible and joined the group in reading in Luke. When he read it, Isaac discovered the Bible was very different from the Qur'an. "When you read the Qur'an, you don't understand everything, but in the Bible, all of the story and context are there. You can understand it without anyone explaining it to you," Isaac said.

He left the study with more questions, and at the next study, the leader asked him:

"Isaac, do you believe Jesus is the Son of God?"

Isaac opened his mouth to say no, but instead, he said, "Yes." However, his friends said no, and later they told him Isaac needed to repent. Troubled, Isaac asked the leader not to ask him questions like that again in front of his two friends. Soon, he was invited to join a different Bible study group of all believers. One day, while reading Matthew 7, he prayed, "God, I am really seeking You. If Islam is right, put it in my heart and take all the questions away. If Christianity is, please put it in my heart and put everything else away." After a few weeks, he felt Islam fading away from his heart and finally had the peace to say that Jesus was the Son of God.

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

JEREMIAH 29:13 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- Pray for seekers, like Isaac, who are questioning their faith, that they would encounter Jesus through scripture, relationships and the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for believers in Central Africa, that they would be bold, loving and wise in sharing the gospel with those searching for truth.
- Pray for new believers, like Isaac, who leave Islam, that they would grow strong in their faith, find peace in Christ and be surrounded by a supportive Christian community.

\*name changed



DAY 11  
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## Satisfying both physical and spiritual thirst

**In the heart of Africa, where the desert meets the Savannah, the gospel is spreading in a land-locked, Muslim-majority, French and Arabic-speaking nation – all because of a well.**

It started when an OM team began a farming project in an impoverished area outside of a city. The goal was for the farm to provide food for those working the land, and to generate income as they sold the excess produce. The group purchased the land, dug a well and started planting.

“When we began the farm project and dug the well, people began visiting the farm in order to access the well, seeking clean water both for themselves and for their cattle,” shares the OM leader in the country. “And, if they do not have work to return to, those who come for water will hang out at the water point.”

The believers began conversations about religion with those who came to the well, and slowly realized that people were more open to deep discussions than they’d expected. Within 18 months, the group moved from sharing the gospel one-on-one to starting a Discovery Bible Study (DBS) group at the well. At the end of 2024, 25 people are meeting at the garden to study the Word of God.

The believers at the farm see this as an opportunity to share the gospel with those who visit. They’ve seen that thirst wasn’t the only reason people come to the well. As practicing Muslims, those who visit the well need clean water for their ritual washing. This water access is not

only satisfying physical thirst, but spiritual thirst as well – through providing access to the gospel.

“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 (NIV)

### Join us in praying

- *Pray for those visiting the well, that their physical thirst will lead to the satisfaction of their spiritual thirst as they hear and respond to the gospel.*
- *Pray for the Discovery Bible Study group, that the 25 people meeting to study God’s Word will grow in faith, understanding and boldness to share the gospel with others.*
- *Pray for the OM team at the farm, that they would be equipped with wisdom, patience and love as they continue to serve the community and share the hope of Jesus.*

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## Emir's story

**Emir\* was a practicing Sunni Muslim who owned a business in Central North Africa where he sold land, houses, apartments and places for rent. He had lived his entire life in the countryside surrounding the city.**

One day he met Gordon\*, a Christian worker who was on a prayer walk. Gordon recalled, "Emir had a real interest in the topics of Heaven and eternal life. We gave him a Bible and pointed out scriptures he could read about these topics of interest, especially scriptures about Jesus' life. In those days, God brought many believers to his office who shared with him about Jesus and answered whatever questions he had."

In most cases the journey to becoming a Jesus follower is a long process, and Emir was no exception. But after three years of meeting and sharing with Gordon, he accepted the Lord in his life, becoming the first believer from his area.

"He renounced all folk Islam practices, magic involvement and spiritual pacts he did in his previous life," Gordon said. "He was baptized and, together with three other believers, became part of a Bible study group we formed, later becoming the beginning of the church here."

Soon after giving his life to Christ, Emir's family found out he had become a believer in Jesus. This led to him being rejected and dishonored by his family. Emir was expelled from his home and the only option for him was to live in his office, where he worked during the day and slept during the night.

"For several months he lived this way, and ladies from the church would bring his clothes home to wash, cook some food and did their best to provide for his needs," Gordon said. "The good thing of this experience was that his office became a public meeting point between believers and non-believers, opening many opportunities for witnessing — and a secret place for Emir to read scriptures and pray."

"So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God."

2 TIMOTHY 1:8 (NIV)

### Join is in prayer

- *Pray that the fledgling church in Emir's city would be encouraged and continue to grow.*
- *Pray for those who convert from Islam and face persecution as a result. Pray for their safety and the strength to stand by their new-found faith in God despite persecution.*
- *Pray for more people like Gordon to boldly share the good news with these least-reached communities.*

\*name changed



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## Overcoming cultural boundaries in Pakistan

**Pakistan has the world's second largest Muslim population, with more than 95 per cent of its 245 million people following Islam.**

Every year 20 million people from across the world come gather to attend the world's second largest Muslim evangelistic gathering. The event lasts three days, with many international scholars teaching and preaching.

Against this background, Pakistani Christians who want to reach out to their Muslim neighbors face many difficulties. Few Muslims have ever come to Christ because the existing Church emerged from the lowest rungs of society — mainly Hindu Dalits from the Punjab and Hindu tribal peoples of the Sindh.

Huge cultural boundaries exist between the Muslim majority and the Christian minority, and Jesus followers from a Muslim background face a challenging situation. Islam, particularly under shari'a law, has grave or deadly punishments for apostates.

However, there are signs of hope, as increasing numbers of Muslims are coming to faith in Jesus, often through media such as literature, radio and TV as well as dreams and visions and the witness of Pakistani Christians.

Networks of Jesus followers from a Muslim background are emerging, offering spiritual support and discipleship to one another.

"All your commands are trustworthy; help me, for I am being persecuted without cause. They almost wiped me from the earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts. In your unfailing love preserve my life, that I may obey the statutes of your mouth."

PSALM 119:86-88 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- Give thanks for the networks of Jesus followers from a Muslim background and pray that new fellowships will form for these believers so they will be encouraged and continue to grow in their faith.
- Ask the Lord to raise up leaders for believers from Muslim backgrounds, and for their protection.
- Pray that these groups and their leaders will nurture disciples with hearts to reach other Muslims.



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## Faisal's story

**Faisal\***, a teacher of the Qur'an in a southern Asian country, was browsing social media when a post about Jesus caught his attention. Intrigued, he reached out to the Christian media team behind the online outreach.

During their conversations, Faisal shared his dream of becoming a scholar, but due to his financial and family situation, he couldn't afford to pursue his studies. The team responded by sending him literature and books to help with his learning, eventually sending him a New Testament. Faisal was delighted and asked for more Christian books. He is now reading the Gospel of John.

After a year and a half of discussions and studies, Faisal asked the team, "Is there any brother in my city with whom I can join for worship?"

Abdul, one the media team, said, "We have never asked him or indicated him to follow Jesus, he himself decided to share with us about his journey with Jesus.

This was an encouragement to the team, reminding them that God is at work in people's hearts, and that prayer is powerful. The team is planning to meet Faisal in person for further discipleship.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

THESSALONIANS 5:11 (NIV)

### Join us in praying

- Give thanks for the work God is doing in Faisal's life and that He is drawing people to Himself through prayer, outreach and personal encounters.
- There are many Muslims seeking to see Jesus privately, to find out answers for their questions. Pray for Christians to meet them to guide them.
- Pray for the work of the media team and for those involved in following up contacts made over social media. Pray for their safety and that they will be a blessing to those seeking Jesus.

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## Faith in the face of danger

**Saudi Arabia is the birthplace of Islam and remains a stronghold. From Mecca, Islam holds influence over billions of people and touches many cultures worldwide.**

All Muslims must pray toward Mecca five times daily, and over two million Muslims make the pilgrimage (Hajj) to Mecca every year.

While people of other faiths can live in Saudi Arabia, they cannot practice their religion openly or even gather in private. Christian expatriates live under strict surveillance, and meeting as a group of Jesus followers in homes is forbidden. Those caught can be subjected to humiliating beatings, imprisonment, expulsion or even execution. This is particularly so for Asian Christians who are often the most effective witnesses yet whose governments have the least international influence. Saudis who come to faith in Christ also face the death penalty if discovered.

Increasing numbers are secretly seeking and finding Jesus, and there are believers in every Saudi city. A spiritual breakthrough for Jesus Christ in Saudi Arabia would have a profound impact, not only transforming Islam but also the lives of its followers.

“We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.”

2 THESSALONIANS 1 3:5 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for the protection and courage of Christians in Saudi Arabia, that they may remain steadfast in their faith despite the risks they face. Pray for their safety as they secretly seek and share the gospel.*
- *Pray for spiritual breakthroughs in Saudi Arabia, that many who seek Allah in Mecca might encounter the living Christ.*
- *Pray for the expatriate Christian community in Saudi Arabia, that they would be bold witnesses of Christ, even under strict surveillance, and that their lives would be a powerful testimony to those around them.*

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## Hope for Yemen

**Yemen is one of the world's least evangelized countries, with one of the youngest and fastest-growing populations – almost entirely Muslim.**

Christianity once had a strong presence in Yemen but was almost completely wiped out following the 7th Century Muslim conquest. According to tradition, Shem founded the city of Sana'a, and the Queen of Sheba reigned in Yemen and sought wisdom from King Solomon three millennia ago.

Today, believers meet secretly and only in small groups. They often face dangerous opposition, but there may be more Yemeni followers of Christ than all the other indigenous groups in the Arabian Peninsula combined.

Among the few foreigners living in Yemen, some Catholics can be found among South Asian artisans and traders in Aden, on the south coast.

Opportunities for expatriates to serve God in Yemen no longer exist due to conflict. However, one day, there will be a need for Yemen to rebuild. Christians may have the opportunity to bless Yemen by serving in business, education, health and development programs. Hospitals and clinics once run by expatriate Christians were much-needed blessings for Yemen. They may become so once again.

"Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn... And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord."

ISAIAH 60:3, 6b (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray that the modern people of Sheba seek after the wisdom from God as promised in Isaiah 60:6.*
- *Praise God for Yemeni followers of Jesus. Pray for them as they learn how to honor their culture and family while faithfully serving the Lord.*
- *Pray that when the time comes, many followers of Jesus will be willing to re-enter this land and with wisdom and self-sacrifice, profoundly demonstrate the sacrificial love of Christ to the people of Yemen.*



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## Faith under persecution in Afghanistan

**Afghanistan is one of the least-reached countries in the world. There are 48,000 mosques but not a single church building. It is impossible to know how many followers of Christ there are in Afghanistan — since the 2021 Taliban takeover, many Christians fled the country for fear of their own lives.**

Others chose to stay, or were unable to leave, keeping their faith secret, forced to live, work and identify as Muslims. Many of those who fled are living in poor conditions in refugee camps in neighboring countries.

Even before the Taliban takeover, converting from Islam to Christianity was extremely dangerous in Afghanistan, and sharing the gospel is even more so. Yet, even amidst the oppression and persecution, stories are emerging of fearless witnesses continuing to share the gospel, and of miraculous encounters that lead people to put their faith in Jesus.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

MATTHEW 5:10-12 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray that God will build His church in Afghanistan, despite the harsh rule of the Taliban.*
- *Pray for courage and protection of secret believers in the country.*
- *Pray for miraculous encounters that lead to more people coming to faith in Jesus, even under intense persecution.*

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## Getting to the heart

Clarkston, Georgia, USA, is often referred to as “the most diverse square mile in America,” and has become a significant hub for Muslim refugees from various countries, including Somalia, Iraq, Sudan, Ethiopia, Togo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Afghanistan, Bhutan and Myanmar. Within Clarkston, the Hartwell neighborhood reflects this diversity, housing many Muslim families who have settled there over the years.

Since 2011, a prayerful joint endeavor between believers from different churches, ministries and nationalities, is bringing the hope of Christ to the Hartwell community. From practical help for individuals and families, to regular clean-up efforts to improve the living conditions of the community, believers have been reaching out with the love of Jesus to those who live there. A regular Bible study has varying numbers of attendees, and three Somalis have recently decided to follow Jesus. They are being discipled alongside another believer to grow in their faith and share the good news with others.

“What’s so amazing about this ministry are the connections between all the partners who show the love of the unity of believers,” says OM worker Daniel\*. “Churches are a part of it, ministries and even mission organizations, but not one group is saying: ‘This is mine.’ When you believe in Kingdom work and the unity of believers, things like this can be done.

“We’re praying this group of Somali believers will

strengthen and develop in their faith, becoming a local church within their community, and from there continue to grow.”

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

GALATIANS 6:9 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for the Somali Christians as they grow in their relationship with Jesus; that they will be rooted in God’s Word, and courageously share their faith within their community.*
- *Give thanks for Jesus followers working together in Hartwell. Pray for their safety and for many more hearts to be opened to the gospel.*
- *Pray for positive relationships between the ministry and the Muslim community in Hartwell.*

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## Praying for Brunei

**Islam dominates every aspect of life in Brunei. The practice of Islam here is conservative but not radical, and it shapes the nation's laws, customs and social norms. Pressure results in a slow stream of converts to Islam from among the tribal and Chinese minorities.**

The constitution guarantees religious freedom, but it is illegal to evangelize and convert to another religion. Government agents often go undercover in other religious groups to monitor them.

The Christian Church exists under very difficult conditions. Evangelism, or proselytizing, is strictly prohibited, and although the number of Christians grows, no new registrations for churches are forthcoming. No foreign Christian workers are permitted — visiting ministers must arrive unannounced and in secret.

Importing Bibles and Christian literature is illegal for ministry purposes, but not for personal use. Religious instruction in all schools, including the six Christian schools, is on Islam alone.

The Christian presence in Brunei is small but resilient, with believers relying on prayer and the quiet spread of God's Word in secret.

"But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled."

1 PETER 3:14 (ESV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for Christians in Brunei that they would remain strong in their faith despite the challenges they face, and for wisdom and courage as they gather and worship in secret.*
- *Pray for opportunities for Christian witness among Muslim communities in Brunei, that despite the legal restrictions, God would provide ways for Muslims to hear the gospel and be drawn to Christ.*



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19 MARCH



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## Perseverance leads to fruit

**Indonesia has the largest Muslim population in the world, and while some places have a growing church presence, there are still many areas that remain unreached with the good news and the number of Christians engaging in ministry across religious backgrounds is small.**

Herman\* has served in this area for seven years, building relationships with people and intentionally looking for opportunities to speak about Jesus. Often, his offer to pray for people and the challenging situations they face is accepted with gratitude.

But in a context where to be Indonesian is defined as being Muslim, it is a slow process for people to understand who Jesus is and the gift that He freely offers to all.

“Last year, in frustration, I prayed to God. I said, ‘Bring someone to faith or I will leave,’” Herman recalls. And God answered his prayer. For the first time since Herman began intentionally sharing the gospel, two widows, whom he had befriended, chose to follow Jesus. “Their faith is simple; very child-like. They cannot read, so I read Scripture to them and share more about God’s character. They repeat their prayers after me,” Herman explains, “But they believe in Jesus as their Saviour.”

Herman says his own faith has been encouraged by this experience. He needed to see that this was where God wanted him, and the recent experience has confirmed that though sometimes the Holy Spirit has a different timeline than we might want, He is at work. Herman and

his team members were reminded that their task is to faithfully engage with people in their communities who are marginalized and looked down upon by others.

“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

JAMES 1:27 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for communities which are marginalized and looked down on by society. Pray for those who work to bring Jesus’ light into these areas.*
- *Pray for Indonesia, where more than 87 per cent of the population is Muslim. Pray that the people will search for more, and that their searching will lead them to Jesus.*
- *Pray for widows in Indonesia, where they are stigmatized and often find it difficult to provide for their children.*

\*name changed

DAY 21  
20 MARCH



## Ahmed's story

The majority people group in Egypt — Egyptians — are the most challenging group to reach with the gospel. Because of the Muslim-majority culture, it's difficult to find people open to hearing about Jesus. If someone begins to follow Jesus, they are often afraid to meet with other Egyptians for fear of discovery and persecution.

As local believers express interest in sharing the gospel, Christians in the country are equipping them through practical training such as prayer walking, teaching about discipleship Bible study groups and joining outreaches. Some who have attended want to continue to learn more and seek to practice what they have learned.

Ahmed\*, a believer from a Muslim background, was excited when he realized he could share God's love in his own language and through his testimony. He was the only believer in his family, and his faith had put such pressure on their family that they had moved away.

After receiving training, Ahmed started a Bible study group with his own family. Now, five of the six family members are believers and they are starting to share God's love with their neighbors.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:16 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- Pray for open hearts among Egyptians that they would be receptive to the gospel despite the challenges of living in a Muslim-majority culture.
- Pray for the boldness and wisdom of local believers, like Ahmed, that they may continue to grow in faith and share the love of Jesus with their families, communities and neighbors.

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21 MARCH



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## Seeing multiplication in South Asia

South Asia is home to diverse landscapes and some of the most densely populated countries in the world. In one of these countries, Jesus followers make up around 0.5 per cent of the population and often face economic, social and/or physical persecution.

Despite the intense challenges, the Church is slowly growing. OM worker Henry\* from the UK, counts several people from South Asia among his close friends, including Abdul\*. Henry has visited Abdul's home country three times, spending many days with his friend. "We pray for each other every day through prayer requests sent to each other," Henry said. "If possible, we study the Bible together online too."

Poverty in the country can affect Jesus' followers disproportionately due to economic and social persecution. Despite this persecution and hardship, Jesus followers, like Abdul, are generous with their limited resources. For example, in Abdul's village there was a young boy with cancer, and his parents had no money for the medical fees. Hearing about the situation, Abdul sold his laptop to pay for the medical fees for the boy. "I find this remarkable," Henry said. "Nobody sells their laptop."

There are more extreme cases that cross over into physical persecution. Believers may need to flee or leave their homes when they decide to follow Christ. Islam is very much a part of national identity, so choosing to follow Jesus is seen as "rejecting your whole society."

Jesus followers in South Asia persevere despite these struggles. Henry noted, "A lot of what God does is not melodramatic. It's just ordinary acts of kindness, doing what you can that will bless others whenever and wherever you can."

Across the world, God uses the ordinary to accomplish the extraordinary, and South Asia is no exception. As God's Spirit continues to work in the area, Jesus' followers will need support and prayer from their brothers and sisters around the world.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

HEBREWS 12:1-3 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for Muslims in South Asia to encounter the love and truth of Jesus Christ. Ask that God will soften hearts, reveal Himself through dreams, visions and faithful witnesses, and draw many to Himself.*
- *Pray for peace and understanding between Muslims and Christians in the region.*
- *Pray for God's provision for believers who face economic and social hardships, and for His protection over those who are physically persecuted or displaced because of their faith.*
- *Thank Jesus for the freedom of the New Covenant (Matthew 11:28-30), and pray that Jesus followers around the world will live safely in the continuing freedom of Christ.*

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DAY 23  
22 MARCH



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## Hope Radio

**Due to low literacy rates and few resources available in their language, one least-reached people group in southern Africa faces challenges in staying up to date with local news, learning new skills and techniques, and hearing about Christ's love for them.**

Partner organizations and local communities started a Christian radio station to reach people within a 50km radius. The station, set up by local communities with partner organizations including OM, broadcasts a wide variety of content including practical information, community news and Scripture. Over half of the programs are aired in the language of the least-reached people group.

The radio programs are run by about 20 staff and other volunteers from 05:00 to 22:00, seven days a week. Throughout the day, a five-minute 'thought of the day' from Scripture is shared, 15 minutes of Bible verses are read and two hosts discuss a Bible passage and what it means. In the evening, a partner, Trans World Radio (TWR) provides expository teaching. Altogether, the biblical content makes up about 10-15 per cent of the daily program.

About 14 Bible study groups have formed over the past few years in the area. Fischer\* the radio program manager, said, "The majority of these Bible studies are among [the least reached], who have heard about Jesus on the radio and wanted to know more."

Most groups start meeting under a mango tree in a public

space, with many people attending out of curiosity. The larger size of the groups and the fact that they journey together in their discovery of God's Word means that they experience less pressure from within the community to reject the Bible.

"We are here to bring light to these communities and the other surrounding areas," said Fischer. "To bring the gospel to those around us, but we also have a social responsibility to care for others too... I see the Bible as something that gives us guidance – and that is, I think, a need for everyone."

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

ROMANS 10:17 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for the staff, volunteers and partners of the radio station as they continue to advocate for the needs of the community and serve both their physical and spiritual needs.*
- *Pray for the Muslim communities tuning into the radio station. Ask that their hearts will be softened to the message of Jesus and that many will be drawn to seek the truth of the gospel.*
- *Pray for wisdom for those involved in shaping radio program content and in leading the Bible studies.*

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23 MARCH



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## Finding Jesus in their heart language

**Arwa\* and Arman\* grew up in the Middle East amongst families who recognized the authority of God but did not have a personal relationship with His Son.**

Arwa observed: “In my city, many people believe in God but do not talk about Jesus. We have a free Armenian church, but it’s not in Persian, my heart language. Sometimes I did go to church, but unfortunately, they couldn’t get the Bible in Persian, so I didn’t understand much.”

Arman and Arwa found it difficult to work fairly within the national legal system, so relocated to Warsaw where they were awarded refugee status. Another Persian refugee family were leaving just as Arwa and the children arrived, and offered Arwa items they were unable take with them. She went to collect them – and met OM team leader, Weronika, who had come to say goodbye to the family.

“Weronika gave me her phone number, and two days later she texted me to invite me to her house!” Arwa exclaimed. It was all so unexpected. “Even my husband said: ‘I’m here in Warsaw for a few years, but nobody has invited me to their house. You must go!’” She did and Weronika gave her a Persian Bible – the book she had so wanted to read in her heart language.

As Arwa and Arman’s children now go to school, Arwa has time to study English and Polish – and her Bible. At the OM refugee aid center, she can ask her questions about God, whilst practicing her English and Polish. “I’m working with a leader of Persian Bible and the team. My husband and children go to Bible reading in Persian too every week and have just started online Bible school in our heart language – we love it!” Arwa exclaimed. “I thought I had met Weronika

by accident – I now believe it was God’s plan to direct me towards Jesus.”

Poland is home to a growing Muslim population, primarily made up of migrants from countries like Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as smaller communities of Tatar Muslims who have lived in the region for centuries. As many Muslims arrive in Poland seeking refuge, they face both challenges and opportunities to encounter the gospel. For those like Arwa and Arman, who come from Muslim backgrounds, the love and support shown by Jesus followers can serve as a powerful testimony.

“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.”

ISAIAH 66:18 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for Persian-speaking Muslims in Warsaw and beyond, that they will encounter Jesus in their heart language through the Bible and personal connections like Arwa and Arman’s.*
- *Pray for Arwa and Arman as they demonstrate their faith in Jesus every day, and that they would know God’s provision for them, and their wider family.*
- *Pray for the work of the OM team in helping, supporting and discipling the refugees.*
- *Pray for those coming to faith from other cultural backgrounds; they pay a heavy price in putting their trust in Jesus.*

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DAY 25  
24 MARCH



## New Life starts with a social media post

**Over half of all believers from a Muslim background in Türkiye can chart their spiritual pilgrimage through the Bible Correspondence Course (BCC).**

Many people in Türkiye have questions: who is God, what is real prayer and what do Christians believe? Each week, thousands of these seekers interact online in response to engaging BCC social media and Google advertising. Those who order a Bible are invited to meet with believers who live near them to explore questions of faith further.

In 2023, over 17,000 Turks ordered a New Testament online, 1,300 engaged in the BCC's Christian book series, 200 met face-to-face with a believer and 150 made professions of faith.

Even though many of the early churches were in Türkiye, only around 180 churches exist today. The BCC was founded in 1962 during the pioneering days of gospel workers in Türkiye. As a remarkably effective evangelistic ministry, the BCC continues to grow, deeply impacting many in Türkiye with each passing year.

When Hakan\* began to explore Christianity, he felt a distinct peace that continued to draw him in. However, it wasn't until he met Christians in person through the BCC that he understood the essence of believing in Jesus.

As Hakan compared the Bible to what he knew of the Qur'an, he asked, "So what things do Christians have to do in their faith?" The BCC workers shared their testimony with Hakan, explaining what entering a real relationship

with God means. Now, Hakan is connected to a local family leading a house church.

Many seeking the truth are often curious to meet a Christian, and the experience can be powerful. The story of Hakan is not uncommon in Türkiye, as God continues to draw people to Himself through the BCC.

"Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him."

ACT 8:30-31 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for the thousands of seekers that engage with the BCC and order New Testaments. Pray for these seeds to find good soil, grow and bear much fruit.*
- *Pray that Muslims in Türkiye will experience a personal encounter with Jesus through the BCC and the testimonies of Christians. Ask God to break down barriers and lead many to a deeper understanding of who Christ is, drawing them into His love and truth.*
- *Pray for the BCC volunteer network, for perseverance, wisdom and encouragement. Not every meet-up is as successful as with Hakan, and it can be discouraging when people lose interest or contact.*

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25 MARCH



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## Empowering women in Senegal

Senegal, located on the westernmost tip of Africa, is a country of vibrant culture, rich history, and religious devotion. With a population of approximately 18 million, Senegal is one of Africa's most stable democracies. It is predominantly Muslim, with about 91 per cent of its people adhering to Islam, primarily the Sufi tradition. Despite being a Muslim-majority nation, Senegal is known for its relative religious tolerance, though cultural and social pressures make it challenging for Muslims to embrace Christianity.

In Senegal, Islam is deeply woven into everyday life. Mosques are prominent in communities, and Islamic practices influence social norms, politics and education. Women play a significant role in Senegalese society and are often the primary caregivers and community organizers. Muslim women, however, face unique challenges, including limited access to education and economic opportunities. Many women also bear the weight of societal expectations to uphold Islamic traditions and family honor.

Despite these challenges, Muslim women in Senegal are increasingly seeking opportunities for education and empowerment. This presents an opening for Christians to support and minister to women through literacy programs, healthcare initiatives and vocational training, demonstrating Christ's love in practical ways. OM activities in Senegal were initiated by a partner ministry, Women of Impact in Africa, who have trained women to start

Discovery Bible Study groups in their communities and given them small business opportunities.

"I thank God for this opportunity, I feel that I have been empowered to go and make a difference in my family and my community. I don't know how to read and write but I was recording the lessons, and I'm requesting if you have Scriptures and Bible stories that I can start with because my husband will be reading for me and now I know how to learn a story and ask some questions" shared a Discovery Bible Study participant.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

LUKE 4:18-19 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- Give thanks for initiatives that provide education, vocational training and healthcare for women, opening doors for them to hear the gospel and experience the transformative love of Jesus.
- Give thanks for the relative religious freedom in Senegal and ask the Lord for new opportunities for Jesus followers to share their faith with their Muslim neighbors.

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## Night of Power

Lailat Al Qadr (Night of Power) is one of the most significant nights in the Islamic calendar, believed to be the night when the Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad.

Falling during the last ten days of Ramadan (the 26 or 27 of March this year), Lailat Al Qadr, is also known as the Night of Destiny. Many Muslims believe that the Night of Power is a time when prayers are especially powerful, and that Allah's mercy, forgiveness and blessings are abundant.

For Christians, Lailat Al Qadr offers a unique opportunity to pray for Muslims, as it is a time when they are particularly seeking God's presence and blessings. It is a moment to intercede on behalf of those who may be seeking truth and a deeper understanding of God's love.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

MATTHEW 7:7 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- Many Muslims have had dreams or visions of Jesus on the Night of Power. Pray that through Jesus many will come to have that revelation of God that they desire.
- Pray for opportunities for Muslims who are seeking revelation to have encounters with believers who can help them to understand the revelation we have of God through Jesus.
- Pray that on this night of heightened expectation, many will find what they are seeking.



DAY 28  
27 MARCH



JIM STILL-PEPPER

## Burkina Faso: Praying for peace and transformation amidst crisis

Burkina Faso, located in the Sahel, has a population of approximately 23 million people, with Muslims making up around 52 per cent of the population, particularly in the northern and eastern regions. Islam has deep historical roots in the country, with many ethnic groups embracing the faith, including the Mossi, Fulani and Tuareg communities. Christianity is a minority religion in Burkina Faso, comprising about 20 per cent of the population, mostly concentrated in the southern and western regions.

In recent years, Burkina Faso has experienced significant political instability and violence, particularly from extremist groups operating in the Sahel region. These groups target both Muslim and Christian communities, creating an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty. While the majority of Muslims in Burkina Faso remain dedicated to their faith, there is an increasing openness to exploring other spiritual beliefs, including Christianity. However, Christian workers in the country face many challenges, including hostility, limited access to rural areas, and strict social norms that make open conversations about faith difficult.

Gnoumou\* is an elder in a tribal community in Burkina Faso. Over the years, he has allowed followers of Jesus to share the good news with his community, but he never personally made a commitment to follow Christ. Recently, one of his sons became seriously ill. Despite Gnoumou practicing his traditional rituals and making sacrifices, his son still passed

away. This heart-wrenching experience led Gnoumou to search for answers, and he began seeking to understand more about Jesus. After learning more, he made the decision to follow Jesus for himself.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

PSALM 34:18 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- Ask God to bring peace and stability to Burkina Faso, especially to areas affected by violence and extremism.
- Pray that Muslims and those from ethnic backgrounds will be open to hearing the gospel and encountering the love of Jesus.
- Pray for the protection of Christians in Burkina Faso, particularly those in areas of high risk, and for the strength to share the gospel boldly.

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## Mali: A land of faith and challenges

**Mali is a predominantly Muslim country, with around 87 per cent of the population of approximately 24 million people following Islam. Sunni Islam is the most practiced variation, with a significant number also practicing Sufism. Islam has a deep historical presence in Mali, and it plays a central role in the culture and daily life of most Malians, particularly in the northern and central regions.**

Christianity in Mali is a minority religion, comprising about 3 per cent of the population, with a small but growing number of believers, mostly concentrated in the southern regions of the country.

The country has been under military rule since the 2020 coup, with ongoing instability and conflict. Mali is also grappling with escalating insurgency from al-Qaeda-linked groups, leading to frequent attacks and deteriorating security. Economically the country has experienced a slow recovery since the COVID-19 pandemic, and it still faces high poverty rates and economic vulnerabilities.

These challenges have affected both the Muslim and Christian communities, with Christians often facing persecution and restrictions in certain regions.

Despite these difficulties, the church in Mali continues to grow, with more people coming to faith, especially through personal relationships and through humanitarian work. OM ministries in Mali focus on medical clinics for vulnerable communities and providing women in these communities with business training so they can provide for the needs of

their families. The good news of Jesus is shared through initiatives such as Audio Bibles which allow those who cannot read to listen to the Bible in their own language. This initiative has seen many people come to know Jesus as their Saviour. New Jesus followers are disciplined through Discovery Bible Study groups.

"The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 4:7 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for peace and stability in Mali, particularly in areas affected by political unrest and extremist violence. Ask God to bring an end to the conflict and to restore security across the nation.*
- *Pray for the Muslim population in Mali, that many will have open hearts to the gospel and encounter Jesus in personal, transformative ways. Ask God to reveal His love through dreams, visions and the faithful witness of Christians.*
- *Give thanks for the ministry of OM teams to least reached communities and ask the Lord to continue to provide resources for these ministries.*



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29 MARCH



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## Praying for Niger

**Niger is one of the largest countries in the Sahel and is the largest country in West Africa with a population of 28 million, 97 per cent of whom follow Islam. Sunni traditions shape nearly every aspect of life in Niger, with many Muslims practicing their faith devoutly and following local cultural practices intertwined with Islamic teachings.**

Niger is currently ruled by a military regime following the coup in July 2023. Parts of the country have been infiltrated by Jihadist groups. Several villages are totally empty, with populations being forced by armed groups to abandon the little they have to move to the next city. Inflation and food insecurity remain pressing issues that affect the livelihood of the people. This situation was worsened by the excessive rains of 2024 when the Niger river flooded low lying areas.

Jesus followers in Niger are reaching out to their neighbors using sports, business and farming training as initiatives to open doors into communities. Discovery Bible Study groups are growing in number, with many people accepting Jesus as their Saviour. New Jesus followers receive training and encouragement to continue to share their faith with others.

"The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."

ISAIAH 58:11 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray for an end to violence and extremism in the Sahel, asking God to bring peace and security to Niger.*
- *Pray for Christians in Niger, asking God to provide opportunities for them to share the love of Christ with their Muslim neighbors.*
- *Give thanks for initiatives such as farming and business training that enable communities to become self-sufficient. Pray that through godly example and conversations, many more will come to accept Jesus as their Saviour.*

DAY 31  
30 MARCH



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## Eid al-Fitr: A time to connect with your Muslim neighbors

**Today is one of the largest holidays of the year for most Muslims – Eid al-Fitr. The word Eid is an Arabic term that means ‘festival’ or ‘celebration’. It is derived from the Arabic root word aada, meaning ‘to return’ or ‘to recur’, symbolizing the recurring joy and celebration associated with the holiday.**

Eid al-Fitr is known as the ‘Festival of Breaking the Fast’, and marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting. It is a time for thanksgiving, generosity and joy.

The day usually begins with community-wide prayers at daybreak and the giving of zakat (money to the poor), which is one of the five pillars of Islam. In much of Central Asia, children celebrate by wishing neighbors “Eid Mubarak” and receiving candy or boiled eggs in return.

For many Muslim families, Eid al-Fitr is a time of cooking, cleaning, hosting countless guests, and visiting friends and family.

Think about taking time this year to learn more about Eid al-Fitr by reading articles, watching videos or asking your Muslim friends and neighbors what it means to them. You can greet Muslim friends during this time by wishing them, “Eid Mubarak”, which means ‘Blessed Eid!’ Consider inviting them over for a meal, give them a gift, or simply say hello and wish them a happy Eid. Together, we can work to build bridges of friendship and understanding. Some may even lead to fruitful conversations about Jesus.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”

MATTHEW 5:14–15 (NIV)

### Join us in prayer

- *Pray that as Muslims reflect and celebrate during Eid, their hearts will be open to seeking deeper spiritual truths. Ask God to reveal Himself to them through dreams, conversations and the witness of Christians in their lives.*
- *Pray for peace and understanding between Muslims and Christians.*
- *Ask God to continue to give you His heart for Muslims, to see them as He does, and to be a friend who points them to Jesus.*