



Welcome to the 17th worldwide 30 days Prayer Focus on Muslims. This call to prayer originated during a meeting of Christian leaders in the Middle East in 1992. These men and women sensed God's desire to call as many Christians as possible to pray for the world of Islam. This ongoing prayer emphasis coincides with the month of Ramadan, the month Muslims engage in prayer and fasting. The dates for Ramadan follow the shorter lunar calendar. In 2008, Ramadan begins approximately on September 1 and ends on September 30. This will vary from country to country because the fasting period begins and ends with the sighting of the crescent moon. This is the year 1429 of the Muslim lunar calendar.

By praying during Ramadan, we are not conforming ourselves to the Muslim practices of fasting and prayer. Rather, we are identifying with them by praying for them during a significant period in their spiritual lives when they are more open to being touched by God.

September 1 Tajikistan

- ◆ Pray for increasingly healthy and Biblically-oriented families among the followers of Jesus in Tajikistan.
- ◆ Pray for the many Tajik men in surrounding countries to be reached with the Good News.
- ◆ Pray that Tajikistan believers can develop more and more their own style of worship in their own language.

September 2 The Shahrhan Tribe in Saudi Arabia

- ◆ There are very few followers of Jesus, if any at all, in the Shahrhan tribe at the present time.
- ◆ Pray for opportunities for some of the Shahrhan to hear the Gospel through their travels abroad, through radio, internet and possibly satellite broadcasts.
- ◆ The vast majority of this tribe are very much cut off from any significant access to the Gospel. It is illegal to proclaim the Gospel in Saudi Arabia. Many Christian internet sites are blocked and very few followers

September 27 SAT 7 Network (Arabic Satellite TV Channel)

- ◆ Pray for the children of the Arab world, that they may be blessed through watching SAT-7 KIDS (a 24-hour Arabic satellite television channel for children).
- ◆ Pray for inspiration and creativity for those actively working to make SAT-7 KIDS an attractive and helpful channel for followers of Jesus and Muslims alike.
- ◆ Pray for additional funding for SAT-7.

September 28 Comoros Islands

- ◆ Pray that the Gospel would be made available to all the families of the Comoros Islands (Genesis 12:1-3).
- ◆ Pray that Christian music, Bible stories, and other radio broadcasts will gain an audience and touch many lives for Jesus.
- ◆ Pray against fear, witchcraft, curses, and interaction with *jinn* (evil spirits). The Comorans are bound by these practices. Only the stronger power of Jesus Christ can set them free (1 Peter 5:8, Matthew 10:28-30).

September 29 Suriname

- ◆ There are several Christian denominations active in the country, but the Gospel has been slow to take root among the Javanese and Hindustani Muslims. Pray that the "Jesus Film" and other media efforts can reach the Muslim population. The "Jesus Film" has been extensively used in film showings and on television.
- ◆ Roughly a third of the population moved to the Netherlands after independence. One of the first mosques in Netherlands was built in 1981 by Muslim immigrants from Suriname. Pray for the Surinamese Muslims in Holland to be touched by the Gospel.

September 30 Ahmedabad, India

- ◆ Pray that Muslims will realize their inability to meet the demands of God's perfect laws.
- ◆ May a true and healthy fear of God come upon the Muslims who live in Ahmedabad (population of over five million people)
- ◆ Ask God to increasingly establish faithful followers of Jesus among the Muslims so they may be examples of godliness and bearers of hope in difficult situations.



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September 22 Central Indian City of Nagpur, India

- ◆ Pray for local believers to enter into their role as those who are part of God's plan to bless all nations, tribes and tongues (Genesis 22:18 and Galatians 3:16,29).
- ◆ Pray for effective distribution of the new translations of the Bible.
- ◆ Pray for the local believers who face real persecution due to prejudices and misunderstandings.
- ◆ Pray for believers to be trained in how to proclaim the Messiah with wisdom and understanding in the Muslim community.

September 23 Somalia

- ◆ Pray that the bondage of *khat* (an evergreen shrub that has a stimulating, narcotic effect - addictive when consumed) be broken. Social pressure encouraging men to chew is huge. Strength, wisdom, and courage are needed to break this national addiction.
- ◆ Pray for wives and children to know how to cope with the absence of husbands and fathers.
- ◆ Pray that Somali society will experience God's healing of families and come to know the true fatherhood at home and know their heavenly Father.

September 24 Somalia

- ◆ Pray that Somalis could see the true value of the kingdom (Matthew 13:44-46). God's forgiveness and abundant life in the Messiah are present realities of that kingdom.
- ◆ Pray that the Somalis who come to faith in the Messiah would not be seen as rebels by their families. May they have opportunities to demonstrate that they can be culturally Somali and followers of Jesus at the same time.

September 25 The Rangai of Tanzania

- ◆ Pray for the unity among the believers that Jesus prayed for in John 17:20-26 to become reality in the city of Kondoa and the surrounding areas where more and more Rangai have turned to Islam.
- ◆ Pray for courage, creativity, and wisdom for the Rangai Christians as they proclaim the Messiah to their Muslim neighbors.
- ◆ Pray for positive economical development and that the Rangai will not forget God as they seek better economic conditions.

September 26 The Hindko Speakers of Pakistan

- ◆ Pray that Hindko believers would overcome their fear of persecution.
- ◆ Pray for additional believers willing to lovingly serve Hindko speakers through practical means. Possibly five million people in northern Pakistan are Hindko speakers.
- ◆ Pray that God would reveal Himself through various means including dreams and visions among Hindko speakers.
- ◆ Pray that Hindko speakers would have access to God's Word in their own language through print, audio recordings, radio, and the internet.

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September 3 The Bakhtiari of Iran

◆ May God soften the hearts of the Bakhtiari people towards believers so that they will be receptive to the Gospel.

◆ Pray for the development of suitable ministry materials and means in the Bakhtiari language including: scripture translations, radio broadcasts and the "Jesus Film".

◆ Pray that Bakhtiari speakers who are already believers will develop strong ministry skills and become effective in reaching out to their people.

September 4 Spain

◆ Committed Spanish believers are relatively few in number, however, there are increasing opportunities for them to reach out to Muslims living in Spain. Pray for greater wisdom, zeal and mobilization of Spanish Christians for ministry among Muslims.

◆ Pray for the distribution of Gospel literature and DVDs in areas where there are Muslims.

◆ Pray for North African young people who come to study in Spanish Bible schools.

◆ Pray for the radio and TV programs being produced in Spain for North Africa.

September 5 The Bugis of Indonesia

◆ Pray that the barriers of Islam and occult practices among the Bugis will be overcome by the Holy Spirit.

◆ Pray that the Good News will spread powerfully and that Jesus will be honored among the Bugis people

◆ Pray for more Indonesian workers who demonstrate great sacrificial faith to build God's kingdom. May financial matters not become a distraction to their ministries.

September 6 Turkmenistan

◆ The Turkmen are disillusioned and are looking for the truth. There is a huge need for people who can disciple believers and help form strong, multiplying communities of faith that speak Turkmen and are accepted as part of the culture.

September 7 New Believers from Muslim Backgrounds

◆ Pray for cultural sensitivity, awareness, and respect among believers as they interact with new believers from Muslim backgrounds.

◆ Pray for wisdom, creativity, and confidence for new believers and new communities of faith as they explore culturally appropriate ways to serve and worship Christ in the context of Muslim societies.

◆ Pray for spiritual and physical protection for the new believers as family and culture as they seek to follow Christ. Others have died.

September 8 Ghana

◆ Pray for the Ghanaians who are seeking to make Christ known to Muslims. They need encouragement and support in order to continue the work.

◆ Pray for the people of Wa (a stronghold of Islam in Ghana) to become open to the Gospel. Pray for the new believers to have courage and grow in their faith so others may be reached.

◆ May believers in Wa and other regions grow in God's strength and

wisdom, develop good relationships and encourage one another.

September 9 Hong Kong

◆ Pray that Chinese believers in Hong Kong will make even more friends for Christ among Muslims. Pray that more Chinese believers will be willing to learn Indonesian languages in order to proclaim Christ. There are about 110,000 Indonesian migrant workers in Hong Kong.

◆ Pray that many Christians who have hired Muslims to work in their homes will treat them fairly and proclaim Christ through their daily life. It would be good for Christians to understand the rights of foreign laborers and help them fulfill their contracts well.

◆ May God open Muslims' hearts in Hong Kong to the Gospel, so they are willing to listen to the Word and be obedient.

September 10 Beijing, China

◆ May God open doors for Chinese believers in the Messiah to proclaim the Gospel to Muslims.

◆ May God cause the Muslim Hui people in the Beijing area to seek the true God.

◆ Pray that Chinese believers can be agents of blessing and positive change for the city and the Muslim population.

September 11 The Ismailis

◆ Pray for a spiritual hunger for the Ismailis that they will discover life in Christ. There are 18 million Ismailis in more than 25 countries, stretching from Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and North America.

◆ Pray for culturally sensitive outreach toward the Ismailis, wherever they are, through friendship with believers.

◆ Pray for boldness and sensitivity for the few Ismailis believers who have mostly been ostracized from the community and sometimes from their families.

September 12 Kairouan, Tunisia

◆ Some believers in Kairouan (the oldest Islamic city in Northwest Africa) are convinced that God has asked them to raise a banner of praise over this city, just as He called the worshippers to lead the march around Jericho. By His grace, they claim the promises of Isaiah 62 for their city. Pray through this text with Kairouan in mind.

September 13 The Almaq of Afghanistan

◆ Almost everything needs to be done to reach the Almaq people of Afghanistan with the Gospel. Pray for qualified believers to take the message, various media tools and open doors (Luke 10:2; 2 Thessalonians 3:1).

September 14 Bangkok, Thailand

◆ Pray that many Muslims in Bangkok will realize that life is not about religion; it is about having a relationship with God through the living and reigning Messiah (John 17:3).

◆ Pray that Thai believers will be able to build positive and beneficial friendships with Muslims.

September 15 The Kanuri in Nigeria, Niger and Chad

◆ Ask God to call more people to proclaim the love of Jesus among the Kanuri.

◆ Ask the Lord to raise up strong local churches among the Kanuri and increasingly use the small number of Kanuri believers to share the Gospel with others.

◆ Pray that God will raise up people to translate the Bible into each

of the Kanuri dialects.

September 16 The Massalit People in Darfur, Sudan and Chad

◆ Please pray for an end to the horror of Darfur (200,000 people have been killed since 2003).

◆ Pray that the positive aspects of Massalit culture would not be changed due to the crisis in Darfur, and that they will be able to truly differentiate between good and evil influences in their lives.

◆ Pray that God will open the hearts of hurting Massalit to receive His Word and healing, creating vibrant new communities of faith from which Massalit believers can preach in their own language to those around them.

September 17 The Mazandarani of Iran

◆ Pray for receptive hearts toward the Gospel.

◆ Pray for the few Mazandarani believers to grow in faith and develop ministry skills, becoming active and effective in witnessing discreetly within their hostile environment.

◆ Pray for spiritual and physical protection of the believers (several have endured persecution).

◆ Pray for the Mazandarani Scripture translation team and their work.

September 18 Aleppo, Syria

◆ Pray for peace and stability between conservative and less religious Muslims in Aleppo, second largest city in Syria.

◆ Pray for Muslims dissatisfied with Islam to be drawn toward the Messiah, the King of all the earth.

◆ Pray for the different Syrian believers, for love, unity and a passion to explain their faith in Jesus to all.

◆ Pray for at least one extended family of Muslims in Aleppo to follow Jesus and share the Good News with their Muslim relatives, friends and neighbors.

September 19 The Minangkabau of Indonesia

◆ Pray that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts of the Minangkabau to the truth that only Jesus can bring salvation and that He can free them from a life of fear.

◆ Pray that Minangkabau people will no longer look to the *dukuns* (a traditional healer) to solve their problems but rather they will look to Jesus for help and healing.

◆ Pray that whole families of the Minangkabau will come to a trusting reliance on Jesus.

September 20 Murshidabad, India - Land of the Nawabs

◆ Pray that God will reveal Himself to the young and old Bengali Muslims in Murshidabad. There are approximately six million people in the Murshidabad district - 64% (3.8 million) are Muslims.

◆ Pray that Muslim background believers will be called, equipped, and motivated to witness and teach the Way of Christ in unity with other believers (Matthew 28:20).

◆ May the Messiah's glory be revealed in the land of the Nawab dynasties.

September 21 Dearborn, Michigan, USA

◆ Pray that the Muslims in Dearborn will respond to the Gospel message they have heard (Acts 28:26-28).

◆ Pray for the Arabic speaking, Muslim background believers who live in the area. May they have God's grace in the Yemeni, Iraqi and