

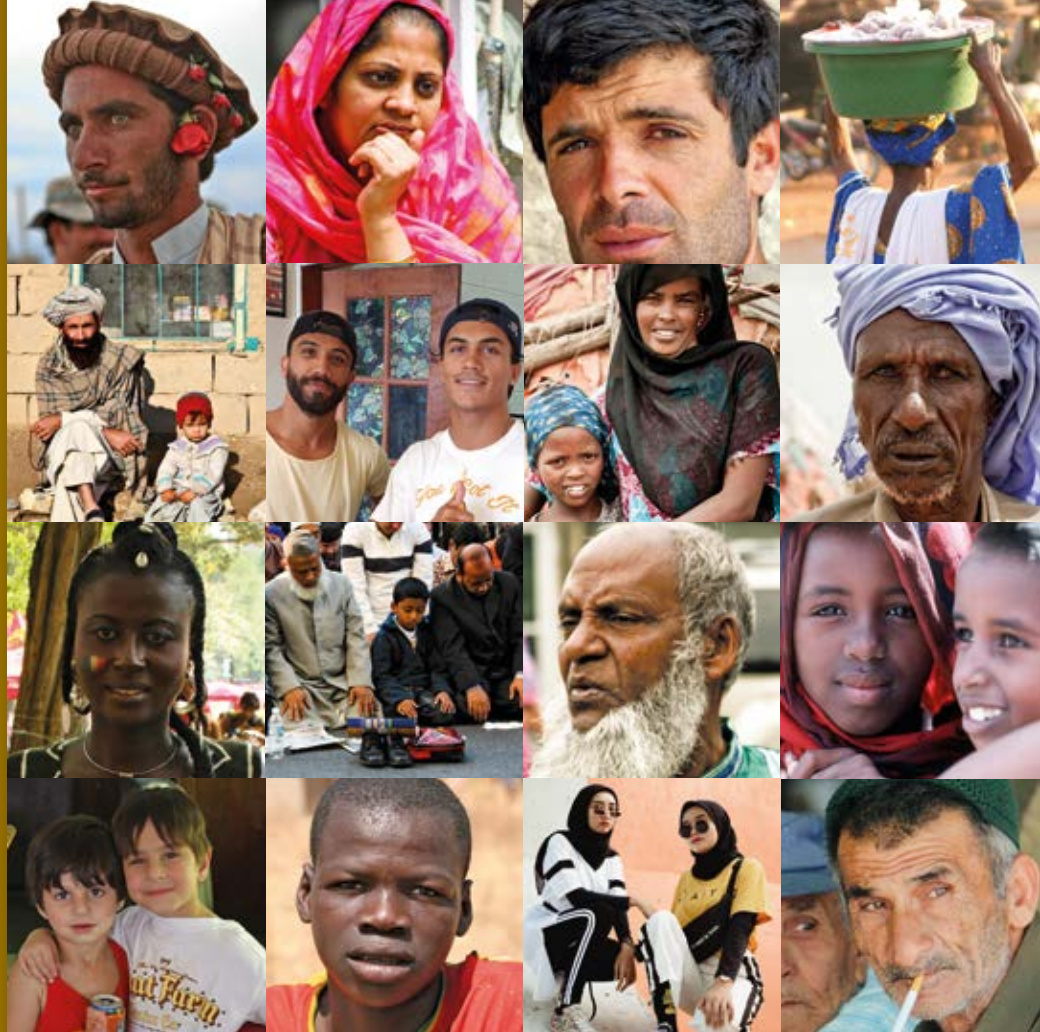
MUSLIM WORLD PRAYER GUIDE

30 DAYS OF PRAYER®

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ABOUT AND PRAYING FOR
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“Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand.”

Romans 15:21



Dear friend and prayer partner for the unreached

We have exciting news!

What we presumed to be a one-time project for North America when we volunteered to *run* with it in 1992, became an annual prayer mobilization ... that has now transitioned into the capable hands of a ministry called RUN (Reaching Unreached Nations).

Mary and I are very grateful to God for leading us into a 30-year ministry history of publishing and distributing hundreds of thousands of prayer guide booklets.

It all started with mobilizing Christians to *learn about* and *pray for* our world's Muslim neighbors during their annual 30 days of *Ramadan*. In subsequent years God also moved our hearts to focus similarly on Hindus and Buddhists.

The year 2023 marks the 30th anniversary since the first 30 Days of Prayer® for the Muslim world took place in 1993. In anticipation of this milestone (and our advancing age), we increasingly felt before God that He

would appoint others to continue running this race.

The handover took place in September 2022. We are more than excited as we recognize the same passion that is fueling the people at RUN, and we see the potential that their reach will far exceed ours.

It is our hope that you will join us in prayer that God would indeed bless and

multiply their impact on our world's as-yet unreached peoples.

May the ensuing prayers of their efforts, offered with faith, hope and love, result in Jesus being glorified and embraced by Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists.

Together in His service,

Paul and Mary
WorldChristian.com

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What is Ramadan?

4 things to know

As we pause to pray for Muslims during this month, here are four foundational components of this holy month.

Ramadan is Muslims' most sacred month of the year.

Muslims believe this is the holiest month of the year. According to the Prophet Muhammad, "When the month of Ramadan starts, the gates of heaven are opened and the gates of hell are closed."

It was also during this month that the Quran, Islam's sacred book, was revealed.

Ramadan is a time of celebration and spending time with family and loved ones. The end of Ramadan is marked with another holiday, *Eid al-Fitr*, also called the "Festival of Breaking of the Fast". Muslims share meals, give presents, and celebrate during this time.

Muslims fast from dawn to sunset during Ramadan.

Fasting during the day lasts for the entire 30 days of Ramadan. This is a time of prayer, charity, and reflecting on the Quran.

Every year all Muslims must take part in this occasion, with

the exception of young children, the elderly, pregnant or nursing women, sick people, or those who are traveling.

The purpose behind fasting is not just for spiritual reasons, but also for Muslims to be aware of those who are in need and then to help them. It is also a time for reflection on their relationship with God.

How do Muslims perform fasting?

From dawn to sunset Muslims abstain from eating any kind of food, drinking any liquids, chewing gum, smoking, or engaging in any kind of sexual activity. Even taking medication is prohibited.

If you do any of these things then that day of fasting is not considered valid, and you must start over the next day. For some days that you didn't fast due to unforeseen circumstances, you will need to make up for that day after Ramadan, or give a meal to someone in need for every day that you didn't fast.

Fasting doesn't only apply to eating. During Ramadan, Muslims are also expected to abstain from anger, jealousy, complaining, and other negative thoughts and actions. Limiting activities like listening to music or watching television must also be done.

What happens in a day during the holy month?

A typical day during Ramadan for most Muslims consists of the following:

- waking up before dawn to eat (*Suhoor*)
- performing the morning prayer
- fasting during daylight

- breaking the fast (*Iftar*)
- evening prayer
- special prayers during Ramadan (*Taraweeh*)

Muslims still go to work or school despite fasting. Most Muslim countries reduce working hours during the holy month as a consideration for those who are fasting.

At sunset a light meal (*Iftar*) is served to break the fast. Most Muslims go to the mosque for evening prayer, then recite another special Ramadan prayer.

Later in the evening they will eat a larger meal shared with family and friends.



The 5 pillars of Islam

The Islamic religion is lived out according to five main “pillars,” which are obligatory religious practices for all adult Muslims.

- 1. Reciting the creed (*shahada*)** “There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his prophet.” This is said at birth as the first words a baby hears, and Muslims aim for these to be the last words before their death.
A non-Muslim can convert to Islam by saying the *shahada* and meaning it sincerely.
- 2. Prayer (*salat*) five times each day.** Each time during the day has a unique name: Fajr, Zuhr (Dhuhr, Dhur), Asr, Maghrib, and Isha.
- 3. Almsgiving (*zakat*)** which is both obligatory and voluntary

giving to the poor. There is a formula for giving that is defined in the *Hanafi madhab* (a school of Islamic religious law). *Zakat* is 2.5% of wealth that has been in one’s possession for a lunar year. If that wealth amounts to less than a threshold figure, called “*nisab*”, then no *zakat* is payable.

- 4. Fasting (*saum*)** especially during the “holy” month of Ramadan.
- 5. Pilgrimage (*hajj*)** at least once in a lifetime to Mecca. This is known as “The Hajj”.

Here is where our prayers will take us this year.

Day Country

- 1 Beirut, Lebanon
- 2 Muscat, Oman
- 3 Baku, Azerbaijan
- 4 Almaty, Kazakhstan
- 5 Kazan, Russia
- 6 Tehran, Iran
- 7 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
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Day Country

- 16 Sana'a, Yemen
- 17 Djibouti, Djibouti
- 18 Damascus, Syria
- 19 Mosul, Iraq
- 20 Tripoli, Libya
- 21 Tunis, Tunisia
- 22 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 23 Amman, Jordan
- 24 Cairo, Egypt
- 25 Khartoum, Sudan
- 26 Niamey, Niger
- 27 Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 28 Rabat, Morocco
- 29 Islamabad, Pakistan
- 30 Mecca, Saudi Arabia





DAY 1 MARCH 18

Beirut, Lebanon

Beirut, having been inhabited for over 5,000 years, is one of the oldest cities in the world and the capital of Lebanon. Until a brutal civil war broke out in the 1970s, Beirut was the intellectual capital of the Arab world. After decades of reconstructing the nation and capital, the city regained its status as “the Paris of the East”. Despite such progress, an influx of 1.5 million Syrian refugees over the past ten years has put tremendous strain on the economy. This—coupled with the Covid pandemic, the devastating “Beirut blast” on August 4, 2020, a severe food crisis, gasoline shortages, and a worthless Lebanese pound—is leading many to identify the nation as a failed state. As things go from bad to worse in Beirut, the opportunity has never been greater for the church to rise up and let its light shine before others.

Beirut is one of the oldest cities
in the world

People Group Focus

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Syrian Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15152/LE

Palestinian Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14276/LE

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the Prince of Peace to saturate His love and mercy among thousands of Christ-exalting, multiplying house churches in the 18 languages spoken in this city.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to sweep over the house churches.*
- 3 *Pray for a move of God to break through the violence and destruction with hope and peace.*
- 4 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to advance through dreams and visions, as well as through evangelists sharing the Good News.*



DAY 2 MARCH 19

Muscat, Oman



Muscat, the capital of Oman, is located on the Gulf of Oman coast. The country's interior is a sandy, treeless, waterless desert, while the coast remains the center for culture and trade. Oman was originally named "Muscat and Oman", due to the importance of the capital in steering the nation's well-being. In recent years, the Omani government has intensified its monitoring of Jesus-followers and their activities. Due to the Sultan's edict, Omani Jesus-followers have faced harsh persecution. Nevertheless, as the country was renowned in ancient times for its metalworking and frankincense, Omani Jesus-followers will continue in this legacy as they stand firm, sharpen one another as iron sharpens iron, and bring a fragrant offering to the King of Kings.

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the Christ-exalting, multiplying house churches to multiply throughout all 29 languages spoken in Muscat, especially among the Omani Arabs and the Bedouin Arabs.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of healing and peace to come over mothers and children.*
- 3 *Pray for training bases to be equipped, for leaders to be multiplied, and for the revelation of Jesus to be spread over the city.*
- 4 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to come in signs, wonders, and power over the elite, the royal family, and the poor.*

People Group Focus

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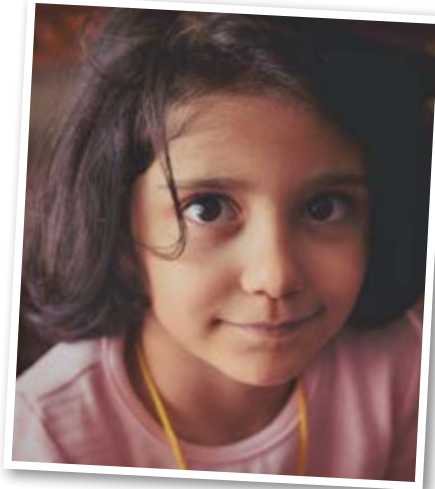
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DAY 3 MARCH 20

Baku, Azerbaijan

Old meets new in the city of Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan. As you walk along the cobblestone streets of the Old City, the Flame Towers—a trio of dazzling skyscrapers constructed to appear like a flame in the sky—soar above the weathered storefronts. As governmental persecution has sought to extinguish the fire of the underground church in the capital, may the “pillars of fire” symbolize the burning hearts for Jesus that will rise up and be the defining characteristic of Baku and the people of Azerbaijan.



Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for Scripture-based revelation over the underground house churches as they send teams in the 22 languages in Baku, especially the Azerbaijani, Tatar, and Southern Uzbek people groups.*
- 2 *Pray for the glory of God's presence and the power of the Spirit to equip new Jesus-followers.*
- 3 *Pray for the regional house church training center to be protected by God's warring angels, and to be resourced with tools and training.*
- 4 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to destroy the evil destructive work of the devil, and for the exaltation of the Prince of Peace.*

People Group Focus

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Tatar https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15284/AJ

Southern Uzbek https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15756/AJ



DAY 4 MARCH 21

Almaty, Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan is the largest country in Central Asia. It is a nation of great diversity, housing many ethnic minorities and abundant mineral resources. The population of Kazakhstan is young, with half of the residents aged under 30. The name “Kazakh” means “to wander”, while the suffix “stan” means “place of”. After being under the rule of the Soviet Union for more than 70 years, may the land of wanderers find a home not simply in their national freedom but in the arms of their heavenly Father.

Almaty, a major industrial center and the former capital, is in the southeast of the country and is its largest city.

It is a nation of
great diversity

People Group Focus

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Uyghur https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15755/KZ

Northern Uzbek https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14039/KZ

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the 21 languages of this city, especially among the Kazakhs, Uyghurs, and Northern Uzbeks.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Almaty that multiplies throughout the country.*
- 3 *Pray for followers of Jesus to walk in the power of the Spirit.*
- 4 *Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.*



DAY 5 MARCH 22

Kazan, Russia

Russia is a land of extremes. The world's largest country hosts many environments, landforms, and natural resources. However, a sprawling habitat has not translated into an easy life for most of the country's people. Much of Russia's history has been a grim tale of the wealthy and powerful few ruling over a great mass of the poor and powerless. Although the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 brought profound political and economic changes, Russians have had to endure a weak economy, high inflation, and the fury of social ills for much of the post-communist era.

Today, Russia and its tyrannical leader, Vladimir Putin, are involved in several proxy wars and recently invaded Ukraine despite significant global opposition. The Church must contend for Putin to be brought to his knees before the King of Kings. This is the hour of deliverance for God's children to be set free from communistic ideology through the truth of the Gospel.

Kazan, one of the oldest cities in Europe, is the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan in western Russia. The city is a major cultural and educational center; nearly half of its population are Tatar, a sizeable unreached people group predominantly found within Russia.

People Group Focus

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Northern Uzbek https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14039/RS

Turkmen https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15654/UZ



Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the languages of this city, especially among the UUPG* languages.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Kazan that multiplies throughout the country.*
- 3 *Pray for followers of Jesus to walk in the power of the Spirit.*
- 4 *Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.*

*UUPG—Unengaged Unreached People Group (a people group with no known active church-planting underway)



DAY 6 MARCH 23

Tehran, Iran



Following a botched 2015 nuclear deal with the U.S., firm sanctions on Iran have weakened its economy and further tainted public opinion about the only Islamic theocracy in the world. As access to basic necessities and governmental planning worsens, the people of Iran are further disillusioned with the Islamic utopia that the government promised. These are just a few of the many factors that are contributing to Iran hosting the fastest-growing church in the world.

Tehran, the capital of Iran and one of the most populous cities on the planet, is the country's gateway to the world.

People Group Focus

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Mazanderani https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/13610/IR

Persian https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14371/IR

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for strength and boldness in the launching of God-glorifying house churches in the Gilaki, Mazanderani, and Persian UUPGs.*
- 2 *Pray that believers in government, business, education, and the Arts would have influence for the Gospel.*
- 3 *Pray for the awakening and strengthening of believers who have been in hiding, and for them to have boldness in sharing their faith.*
- 4 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to come in signs, wonders, and power, and for the multiplication of outreach, disciple-making, and church-planting in the 31 provinces of Iran.*

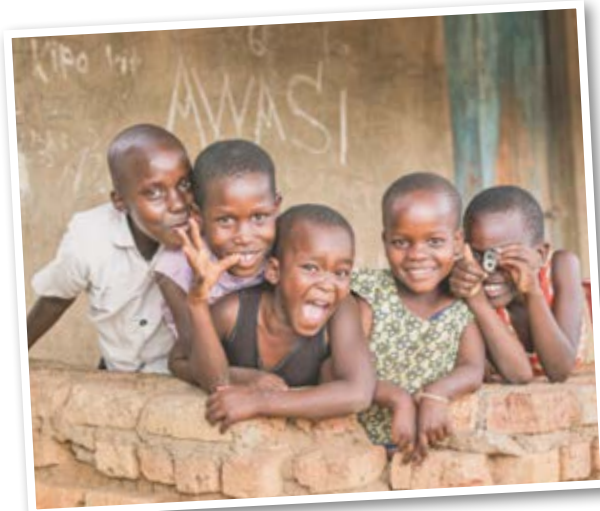


DAY 7 MARCH 24

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Dar es Salaam, meaning “Abode of Peace”, is Tanzania’s largest metropolitan area. Although Tanzania has a prominent Christian presence, the area in and around Dar es Salaam has many unreached people groups. As the historic church rises in prayer and stands in

the gap for their Muslim neighbors, Dar es Salaam will be a station for the true Shalom of God to reign.



People Group Focus

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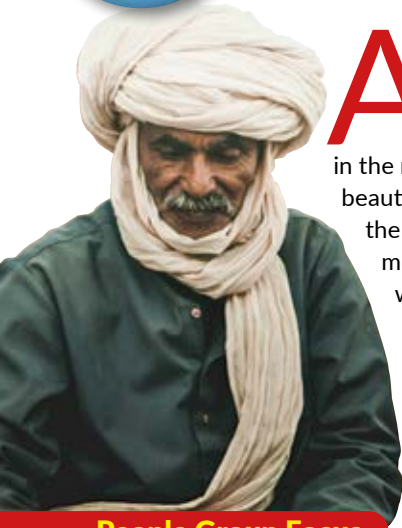
Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the spread of the Gospel and for multiplying house churches among the Gujarati, Eastern Punjabi, and Somali UUPGs.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to begin in the city and spread throughout the nation.*
- 3 *Pray for those from the historic church to reach beyond their walls and homes to impact their neighbors.*
- 4 *Pray for the glory of God to come in great power and holiness and bring conviction over human traffickers.*



DAY 8 MARCH 25

Algiers, Algeria



Algeria is the largest country in Africa. Despite the Sahara Desert constituting more than four-fifths of the country's landmass, Algiers, the nation's capital, is an oasis of culture and enterprise in the north. Nicknamed "Algiers the White" for its beautiful, whitewashed buildings lining the coast of the Mediterranean, this name has taken on a double meaning as great numbers of Algerians have been washed white as snow by the blood of Jesus over the past 20 years. Even with significant advancement, there is much work to be done, with 99.9% of the country still unreached by the Good News. The population of Algiers is 2,854,000 and the largest religion is Islam, with 96.5%.

People Group Focus

Algerian Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/10379/AG

Kabyle https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12399/AG

Central Shilha (Imazighen) https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12217/AG

Hamyani Bedouin <http://orvillejenkins.com/peoples/hamyaniphantom.html>

Tajakant Bedouin https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15199/AG

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for Spirit-led wisdom over the underground house churches as they send out teams, especially to the Algerian Arab people group.*
- 2 *Pray for the New Testament translation that is happening in the Chenua language.*
- 3 *Pray for the exaltation of Jesus and the healing of the minds and hearts of new Jesus-followers.*
- 4 *Pray for leadership schools to be established that enable new believers to grow in their faith and boldness.*
- 5 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to come through dreams and visions, freeing those trapped in darkness to see the Light of the World.*



DAY 9 MARCH 26

Mogadishu, Somalia

Mogadishu, the capital city and a major port of Somalia, is the largest metropolitan area in Somalia, located just north of the Equator on the Indian Ocean. Forty years of civil war and clan skirmishes have wreaked havoc on the nation and further weakened tribal relationships, keeping the people of Somalia divided. For decades, Mogadishu has been a refuge for Islamic militants who target Jesus-followers in Somalia and surrounding nations. Despite their claim of having a central government, most identify Somalia as a failed state. In the face of great challenges such as these, the Somali church is growing and Jesus-followers are sharing their faith with boldness to the people.



Prayer Emphasis

- 1 Pray for Christ-exalting, multiplying house churches of peace in every neighborhood and in all 21 languages of this city, especially among the Somalis, Omani Arabs, and Southern Balochs.
- 2 Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to protect and cover Jesus-followers.
- 3 Pray for the Prince of Peace to strengthen Jesus-followers with training and tools.
- 4 Pray for the Kingdom of God to come in signs, wonders, and power over religious, government, and university leaders.

People Group Focus

Somali https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14983/SO

Omani Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/10378/SO

Southern Baloch https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15034/SO

Jesus-followers are
sharing their faith
with boldness



DAY 10 MARCH 27

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan



Kyrgyzstan is a mountainous country in Central Asia. The Kyrgyz are a Muslim Turkic people, constituting three-fourths of the country's population, while the countryside is home to many unreached ethnic minorities. The church in Kyrgyzstan has faced increased persecution in recent years. After the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, Kyrgyzstan regained religious freedom and has since experienced a resurgence of Islamic thought throughout the land.

Bishkek, the largest metropolitan area in the nation, is also the capital city.

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the languages of this city, especially among the Uyghurs, Tatars, and Kyrgyz.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Bishkek that multiplies throughout the country.*
- 3 *Pray for followers of Jesus to walk in the power of the Spirit.*
- 4 *Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.*

People Group Focus

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Tatar https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/11434/KG

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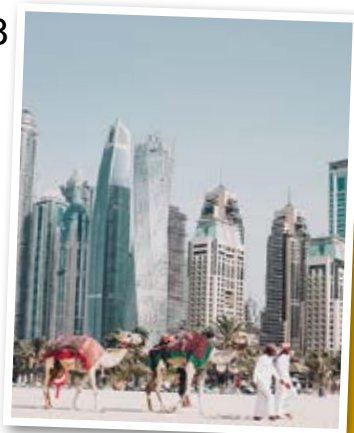


DAY 11 MARCH 28

Dubai, UAE

Dubai is the capital city of the emirate of Dubai, one of the wealthiest of the seven emirates that comprise the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Dubai has been compared to Hong Kong and is regarded as the Middle East's premier trading post. It's a city of skyscrapers, beaches, and big business. Due to its large expatriate population, there is religious diversity and tolerance within the city.

However, the government has been criticized for being authoritarian when the ruling sheikhs are brought into question. Converts from Islam are often pressurized by family and community members to renounce their faith. Due to this, many followers of Jesus don't exercise their faith publicly. This is the hour for those in the church in Dubai to stand boldly for their faith in Jesus and make disciples of the various peoples He has brought to this prospering land.



Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the 24 languages of this city.*
- 2 *Pray for the New Testament translation in Gulf Spoken Arabic.*
- 3 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Dubai that multiplies throughout the country.*
- 4 *Pray for followers of Jesus to walk in the power of the Spirit.*
- 5 *Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.*

People Group Focus

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Nawari (Halebi) Gypsy https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/11597/AE

Sinhalese https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14196/MU

Many followers of Jesus
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faith publicly



DAY 12 MARCH 29

Kabul, Afghanistan



Afghans in Kabul (the capital and largest city in Afghanistan) have been weathering a challenging season following the Taliban's rise to power in August 2021. Over 600,000 have fled the country since January 2021, contributing to the nearly 6 million Afghan refugees abroad. Despite such instability, believers in Kabul are standing firm, as the church in Afghanistan is the second-fastest-growing church in the world.

People Group Focus

Hazara https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12076/AF

Afghani Tajik https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14372/AF

Eastern (Northern) Pashtun https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14256/AF

Southern Pashtun https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14327/AF

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the exaltation of Jesus and the transformation of new believers to be freed from demonic strongholds and be made whole.*
- 2 *Pray for the rescue and protection of orphans of war and for the many children who lack sufficient food and care.*
- 3 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to come in signs, wonders, and power.*

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since January 2021



DAY 13 MARCH 30

Jerusalem, Israel

Jerusalem, a holy site of pilgrimage for the three Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, is a hotbed for religious and ethnic conflict, as well as geopolitical positioning. Jews are seen pressing up against the Wailing Wall in anticipation of the coming Messiah who will rebuild the Temple. Meanwhile, Muslims visit the site where they believe Muhammad ascended to heaven and was given requirements for prayer and pilgrimage. Simultaneously, Christians are found touring the sites of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. There is much that attracts in Jerusalem, and despite an average of over 3 million tourists visiting the city each year, the region has struggled to attain peace due to deep cultural and political rifts that have divided Israel from their neighboring countries. Add into the mix a rich diversity and 39 languages, and the stage is officially set for a movement of God that will not only heal and transform the city but turn the region on its head.

People Group Focus

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Israeli Jew https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12267/IS

Moroccan Jew https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12374/IS

Ethiopian Jew https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/11180/IS

Syrian Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15152/IS

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for unity among Jews and Arabs as they launch Christ-exalting, multiplying house churches among the listed people groups.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to sweep over the house churches.*
- 3 *Pray for peace among all ethnic groups, languages, and peoples through the declaration of Jesus the Messiah.*
- 4 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to come in signs, wonders, and power.*





DAY 14 MARCH 31

Baghdad, Iraq

Baghdad, formerly named “city of peace”, is the capital of Iraq and one of the largest urban agglomerations in the Middle East. Baghdad was revered by Muslims as the cosmopolitan center of the Arab world when Iraq was at the height of its stability and economic stature in the 1970s. After enduring seemingly constant war and conflict over the past 30 years, this emblem feels like a fading memory to its people. Today, most of Iraq’s traditional Christian minority groups can be found in Baghdad, numbering around 250,000 people. With unprecedented population growth and continued economic instability, a window of opportunity is opening for Jesus-followers in Iraq to heal their fractured nation through the peace of God found only in the Messiah.

People Group Focus

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North Iraqi Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/20327/IZ

Northern Kurd https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12877/IZ

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for multiplying house churches to launch Gospel movements among the Iraqi Arabs, North Iraqi Arabs, and Northern Kurds.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to sweep over the house churches.*
- 3 *Pray for the historic church to be filled with God’s grace and boldness as its members share their faith with others.*
- 4 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to advance through prayer and evangelism.*



DAY 15 APRIL 1

Medina, Saudi Arabia

Medina is a city in Saudi Arabia. It's where Islam originated approximately 1,400 years ago, when its founder, Muhammad, declared that no other religion should exist on the Arabian Peninsula and thus established the Muslim community. As a result, Medina is the second holiest city in Islam. Each year around 2 million Muslims pilgrimage to Medina and to Mecca, the holiest city in Islam. More and more Saudis are growing disillusioned with Islam, however, and coming to Jesus through digital media, traveling abroad, and faithful witness within the nation. With the Crown Prince's push for a modernized Saudi Arabia, an opportunity presents itself for the Saudi church to stand in opposition to Muhammad's declaration

1,400 years ago, and to capitalize on greater freedom within their nation in claiming their country for the King of Kings.

People Group Focus

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Bedouin Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/10758/SA

Southern Yemeni Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15198/SA

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for a Christ-honoring breakthrough and the launching of multiplying house churches in the 24 languages of Medina, especially among the listed people groups.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to sweep over the house churches, and for the church in Medina to become a house of prayer for all nations.*
- 3 *Pray for the revelation of Jesus as King to spread into every neighborhood.*
- 4 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to shatter the darkness and to bring hope to those trapped in darkness.*



DAY 16 APRIL 2

Sana'a, Yemen

Sana'a, the capital of Yemen, has for many centuries been the chief economic, political, and religious center of the country. According to legend, Yemen was founded by Shem, one of the three sons of Noah. Today, Yemen is home to the world's worst humanitarian crisis, after a brutal civil war started six years ago. Since then, over 4 million people have fled their homes and there have been 233,000 casualties from the war. There are currently over 20 million people in Yemen who rely on some form of humanitarian aid for their survival. The global Church must stand for Yemen in this hour and believe that the country can live into its legend and receive a flood-like baptism of God's mercy and grace, transforming the nation through the blood of Jesus.

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for Yemen in this hour

People Group Focus

Northern Yemeni Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14715/YM

Tihami Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15484/YM

Sudanese Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15104/YM

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for healing and restoration to come to the nation as churches are planted among the Northern Yemeni Arabs, Tihami Arabs, and Sudanese Arabs.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to sweep over Christians everywhere so that they lift up this war-torn city.*
- 3 *Pray that the Lord would have mercy on the city and bring an end to the civil war wracking the nation.*
- 4 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to come through mercy, giving gifts to the poor and opening hearts to His Kingdom.*



DAY 17 APRIL 3

Djibouti, Djibouti

The Republic of Djibouti is a small, strategically located, oil-rich country in the Horn of Africa. Under French rule, the nation was known as French Somaliland, until the country gained independence from European settlers in 1977. The nation of Djibouti features a rugged and extreme landscape, from arid desert plains in the south to lush green mountains in the north. The four largest ethnic majorities in the nation are Somali, Afar, Omani, and Yemeni—all of which are unreached people groups in the Horn of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. Hosting more stability and easier access than its neighboring countries to the northeast and southeast, Djibouti is a critical juncture for the Church to win East African and Arab unreached people groups. Djibouti is also the name of the capital city.

People Group Focus

Afar (Danakil) https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/11486/DJ

Yemeni Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15198/DJ

Somali https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14983/DJ

Prayer Emphasis

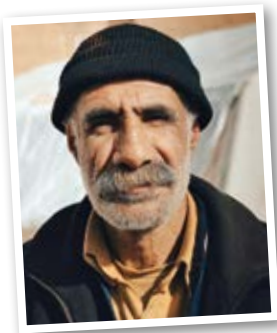
- 1 *Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the 11 languages of this city.*
- 2 *Pray for the New Testament translation in Ta'izzi-Adeni Arabic.*
- 3 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Djibouti that multiplies throughout the country.*
- 4 *Pray for followers of Jesus to walk in the power of the Spirit. Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.*



DAY 18 APRIL 4

Damascus, Syria

Damascus, the capital of Syria, and Homs, a main center of the Syrian uprising and catalyst for the civil war that began in 2011, are two of the most populous cities in the country. The capital was crowned for its beauty and has been called the “pearl of the East”. Both cities have suffered much loss and deterioration since the war started. With Bashar al-Assad still in power, the only true hope for the healing and transformation of Syria is the Good News of Jesus. Thankfully, many Syrians report that the Messiah revealed Himself to them in dreams and visions while fleeing the country. With the country under Assad’s oppressive control the conflict has diminished, and with increased stabilization an opportunity is presenting itself for Jesus-following Syrians to return to their homes and share with their people an unfading, imperishable Pearl of great price.



People Group Focus

Syrian Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15152/SY

Northern Kurd https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12877/SY

Northern Iraqi Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/20327/IZ

Alawite https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/18805/SY

Palestinian Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14276/SY

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the end of violence and for Christ-exalting, multiplying house churches in the 31 languages of Damascus and Homs, especially in the listed people groups.*
- 2 *Pray for refugees, the poor, and the broken to find hope and healing in Jesus's name.*
- 3 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to advance through signs, wonders, and power in military, business, and government leaders.*

Many Syrians report that the Messiah revealed Himself to them



DAY 19 APRIL 5

Mosul, Iraq



When Iraq was at the height of its stability and economic stature in the 1970s, Muslims revered the nation as the cosmopolitan center of the Arab world. However, after enduring seemingly constant war and conflict over the past 30 years, this emblem feels like a fading memory to its people. With unprecedented population growth and continued economic instability, a window of opportunity has opened for the existing Jesus-followers in Iraq to heal their fractured nation through the shalom of God found only in the Prince of Peace.

Mosul, the capital of Ninawa governorate, is Iraq's second-largest city. The population has traditionally consisted of Kurds and a significant minority of Christian Arabs. After much ethnic conflict, the city fell to the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL) in June 2014. In 2017, Iraqi and Kurdish forces finally pushed out the Sunni insurgents. Since then, efforts have been made to restore the war-torn region.

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the 14 languages of this city, particularly among the listed people groups.*
- 2 *Pray for the teams who have dedicated their lives to planting churches and sharing the Gospel in the nation; pray for their supernatural protection and for wisdom and courage.*
- 3 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Mosul that multiplies throughout the country.*
- 4 *Pray for followers of Jesus to walk in the power of the Spirit. Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.*

People Group Focus

Syrian Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15152/IZ

Northern Kurd (Behdini) https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12877/IZ



DAY 20 APRIL 6

Tripoli, Libya



Tripoli, Libya's capital city, is a large metropolitan area on the Mediterranean Sea just south of Sicily and north of the Sahara Desert. The country was under foreign rule intermittently for over 2,000 years prior to its independence in 1951. Due to its arid climate, Libya was almost completely dependent on foreign aid and imports for the stability of its economy—until petroleum was discovered in the late 1950s. Since the rise and fall of the socialist state under Muammar Gaddafi's leadership, the nation has been struggling to end the residual conflict and build state institutions. Of the existing church presence, many Jesus-followers are severely persecuted or killed and remain in hiding. Despite such affliction, an unrivaled opportunity in Libya's history presents itself in this hour for the church to stand in courage and claim the nation for Jesus.

Many Jesus-followers are severely persecuted or killed and remain in hiding

People Group Focus

Libyan (Tripolitanian) Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/13169/LY
Cyrenaican Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/11454/LY

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 Pray for thousands of Christ-exalting, multiplying house churches in the 27 languages spoken in this city.
- 2 Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to sweep over the house churches.
- 3 Pray for Tripoli to be a sending place, impacting the entire nation and the region with the delivering power of Jesus.
- 4 Pray for the Kingdom of God to destroy the works of the devil.



DAY 21 APRIL 7

Tunis, Tunisia



Tunis is the capital of Tunisia and the largest city in the country. Tunisia's accessible Mediterranean Sea coastline and strategic location have attracted conquerors and visitors throughout the ages. After gaining independence in 1956, the population of Tunisia doubled in a few decades. Despite the nation's recent prosperity, Islam continues to be a dominant presence, and believers are often persecuted harshly. It is time to stand with the people of Tunisia and proclaim the victory of Jesus that will bring true and lasting liberation to their land.

It is time to stand with the people of Tunisia and proclaim the victory of Jesus

People Group Focus

Tunisian Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15641/TS

Shawiya https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14899/AG

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the 11 languages of this city, especially among the Tunisian Arabs and the Shawiya.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Tunis that multiplies throughout the country.*
- 3 *Pray for followers of Jesus to walk in the power of the Spirit.*
- 4 *Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.*



DAY 22 APRIL 8

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Addis Ababa, the capital and largest city of Ethiopia, is located on a well-watered plateau surrounded by hills and mountains in the center of the nation. The metropolis is the educational and administrative center of Ethiopia and is also the manufacturing hub for much of East Africa. Ethiopia, one of the world's oldest countries, has experienced a mighty move of God in recent years. In 1970 the nation had about 900,000 self-identifying evangelicals, about 3% of its total population. Today, that number exceeds 21 million. As the most populous nation in the Horn of Africa, Ethiopia is well positioned to be a sending nation to its many unreached tribes and neighboring nations.

Ethiopia is well
positioned to be a
sending nation

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the 14 languages of this city.*
- 2 *Pray for the New Testament translation in the Harari language.*
- 3 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Addis Ababa that multiplies throughout the country.*
- 4 *Pray for followers of Jesus to walk in the power of the Spirit.*
- 5 *Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.*

People Group Focus

Arsi (Arusi) Oromo https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/19652/ET

Hararge Oromo (Ittu, Eastern Oromo) https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12286/ET

Selale (Tulema) Oromo https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15624/ET

Somali https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14983/ET



DAY 23 APRIL 9

Amman, Jordan

Jordan is a rocky desert country in Southwest Asia. The nation is a young state that occupies an ancient land that bears the traces of many civilizations. Separated from ancient Palestine by the Jordan River, the region played a prominent role in biblical history. The ancient biblical kingdoms of Moab, Gilead, and Edom lie within its borders. It is among the most politically liberal countries in the Arab world, although it shares in the region's troubles. The overwhelming majority of the people are Arabs.

Amman, the capital, is Jordan's chief commercial, financial, and international trade center. The city is built on rolling hills at the eastern boundary of the 'Ajlūn Mountains. Amman, the "royal city" of the Ammonites, was probably the acropolis on top of the plateau that King David's general Joab took. The Ammonite city was reduced to rubble under King David's lordship and rebuilt over centuries into today's contemporary city. Yet, despite being a harbor of peace in the Middle East, Jordan is a land living in spiritual darkness. Therefore, a new conquering is needed, one in which the Son of David will illuminate the nation of Jordan with the true light of God.

People Group Focus

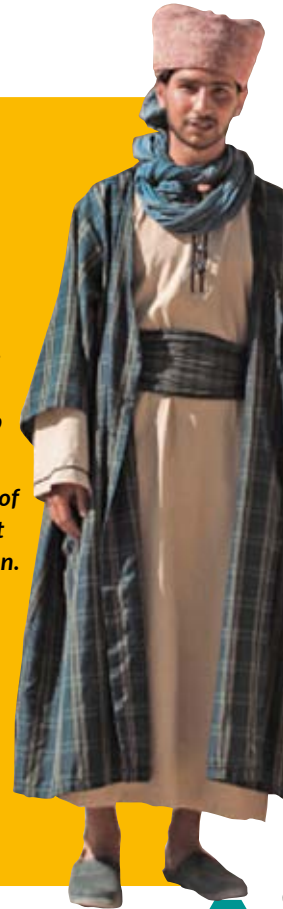
Palestinian Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14715/YM

Najdi Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15484/YM

North Iraqi Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15104/YM

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the spread of the Gospel and for multiplying house churches among the Palestinian Arab, Najdi Arab, and North Iraqi Arab peoples.*
- 2 *Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the 17 languages of Amman.*
- 3 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in the city that multiplies throughout the country.*
- 4 *Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.*





DAY 24 APRIL 10

Cairo, Egypt



Cairo, which in Arabic translates as “The Victorious”, is the capital of Egypt and the most populated metropolitan area in Africa. Cairo is a sprawling, ancient city that lies along the banks of the Nile, and is home to many world heritage sites, historic figures, peoples, and languages. Roughly 10% of all Egyptians identify as Coptic Christian, though religious intolerance from the Muslim majority and religious baggage holds the existing branch back from advancement. Egypt is also home to 1.7 million orphaned children, most of whom roam the streets of Cairo and resort to begging or petty theft to survive. These challenges provide

an incredible opportunity for the network of Jesus-followers in the victorious city to adopt a generation and raise an army of more than conquerors.

People Group Focus

Egyptian Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/11722/EG

Saidi (Upper Egyptian) Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14643/EG

Libyan Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/13169/EG

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for boldness and courage over the underground house churches as they send teams to the 31 languages spoken in this city, especially to the Egyptian Arabs, Saidi Arabs and Libyan Arabs.*
- 2 *Pray for unity among the church, and boldness for Christians from traditional and Orthodox backgrounds in sharing the Good News.*
- 3 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to penetrate universities, coffee shops, homes, and factories.*

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Egyptians identify as
Coptic Christian



DAY 25 APRIL 11

Khartoum, Sudan

Khartoum, the capital city of Sudan, is a large communications hub in Northeast Africa. Prior to the secession of the south in 2011, Sudan was the largest country in Africa. After decades of civil war, the country signed an agreement to separate the predominantly Christian south from the Muslim north, which had been seeking to become an Islamic state since the 1960s. Sudan is a ripe harvest field, home to hundreds of unreached people groups. As a major trade center, Khartoum is the seedbed for the nation.



People Group Focus

Sudanese Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15104/SU

Beja https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12026/SU

Fur https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/11779/SU

Gaaliin https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/11787/SU

Guhayna https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/11976/SU

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for a breakthrough in vision and leadership that will result in thousands of Christ-exalting, multiplying house churches in the 34 languages of this city, especially among the listed UUPGs.*
- 2 *Pray for the establishment of 24/7 prayer and for hearts to be opened for Jesus-followers to hear from heaven.*
- 3 *Pray for leadership schools to be developed, and for church planters to be sent out into every sector of society.*
- 4 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to come in signs, wonders, and power.*

Sudan is a ripe harvest field, home to hundreds of unreached people groups



DAY 26 APRIL 12

Niamey, Niger



Niger is a landlocked country in western Africa. Niger has one of the fastest birth and population growth rates globally, with over 75% of its inhabitants being under 29, and is also one of the poorest countries.

Niamey, located along the Niger River, is the nation's capital. There is some industry in the city, but most people work in the service sector. Niamey is home to the Grand Mosque and a predominantly Muslim population.

People Group Focus

Zarma https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/16100/NG

Wodaabe Fulani https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/20064/NG

North Hausa https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12070/NG

Sokoto (Nigeria) Fulani https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/10949/NG

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the UUPGs of this city.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Niamey that multiplies throughout the country.*
- 3 *Pray for followers of Jesus to walk in the power of the Spirit.*
- 5 *Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.*

Niger has one of the fastest birth and population growth rates globally



DAY 27 APRIL 13

Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan and the largest city in Central Asia, is the main economic and cultural center of the region. After falling to Arabs in the eighth century,

Uzbekistan was seized by the Mongols in the Middle Ages, and finally gained its independence after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. Since then, Uzbekistan has dramatically improved in most aspects of life, even being awarded the world's most improved economy in 2019. Despite such progress, the church has been largely oppressed in the nation and forced to register with the government, which is seeking to restrict and control the activities and expression of the worshiping community. As the government attempts to tighten its grip on the budding Protestant community, the Uzbek church has an opportunity to display the true worth of Jesus by obeying him at all costs.



Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the multiplication of Christ-exalting, multiplying house churches in the Northern Uzbek, Southern Uzbek, and Turkmen people groups.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of Spirit-empowered, Scripture-fed, anointed prayer to come forth from every believer.*
- 3 *Pray for workers to come from the harvest, for families to be reached and communities to be impacted by the Gospel.*
- 4 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to advance through dreams and visions, and for Jesus to be exalted in the hearts and minds of believers—and for them to find their security in Jesus.*

People Group Focus

Northern Uzbek https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14039/UZ

Southern Uzbek https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15201/UZ

Turkmen https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15654/UZ



DAY 28 APRIL 14

Rabat, Morocco

Rabat, Morocco's capital and one of the country's four imperial cities, is a large urban area lying along the Atlantic coast. Although the nation is quickly modernizing and experiencing a rising standard of living, Morocco is known for difficult living conditions, grinding poverty, child labor, and religious persecution. Yet, despite these challenges, today many Moroccans are coming to faith in Jesus through radio programs and praise music in the Berber language. These Jesus-followers are also assembling to form training centers to reach their nation.



People Group Focus

Central Shilha (Imazighen) https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12217/MO

Jebala https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12336/MO

Arabized Berber and Moroccan Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/13819/MO

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the 12 languages of this city, especially among the listed people groups.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Rabat that multiplies throughout the country.*
- 3 *Pray for followers of Jesus to walk in the power of the Spirit.*
- 4 *Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.*

Moroccans are coming
to faith in Jesus



DAY 29 APRIL 15

Islamabad, Pakistan

Islamabad is the capital city of Pakistan and is located near the border with India. The nation is historically and culturally related to Iran, Afghanistan, and India. Since gaining independence in 1947, Pakistan has struggled to attain political stability and to sustain social development. The country is estimated to be the home of 4 million orphaned children and 3.5 million Afghan refugees. Jesus-followers in Karachi are often severely persecuted. Since conversations between the Pakistani government and prominent terrorist groups dissolved in 2021, there has been a sharp increase in attacks targeting Jesus-followers. The time is now for the Bride of Christ to stand with the church in Pakistan and pray for the advancement of the Gospel in every unreached tribe in Islamabad.

People Group Focus

Western Punjabi <https://peoplegroups.org/explore/GroupDetails.aspx?peid=6420>

Southern Punjabi <https://peoplegroups.org/explore/GroupDetails.aspx?peid=6405>

Sindhi <https://peoplegroups.org/explore/GroupDetails.aspx?peid=6400>

Western Baloch <https://peoplegroups.org/explore/GroupDetails.aspx?peid=6419>

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom throughout the 18 languages of this city, especially among the languages of the listed people groups.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to be birthed in Islamabad that multiplies throughout the country.*
- 3 *Pray for followers of Jesus to walk in the power of the Spirit.*
- 4 *Pray for a resurrection of God's divine purpose for this city.*



DAY 30 APRIL 16

Mecca, Saudi Arabia

Mecca, the birthplace of Islam, and the religious center to which hundreds of millions of Muslims turn towards daily in prayer, is the holiest city in Islam. Islam originated approximately 1,400 years ago in the nation of Saudi Arabia when the founder, Muhammad, declared that no other religion should exist on the Arabian Peninsula. Each year around 2 million Muslims pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina, though more and more Saudis are growing disillusioned with Islam and coming to Jesus through digital media, traveling abroad, and faithful witness within the nation. With the Crown Prince's push for a modernized Saudi Arabia, an opportunity presents itself for the Saudi church to stand in opposition to Muhammad's declaration 1,400 years ago, and to capitalize on the greater freedom within their borders by claiming their country for the King of Kings.

Each year around
2 million Muslims
pilgrimage to Mecca

Prayer Emphasis

- 1 *Pray for Jesus to be glorified, and for Spirit-led, Christ-exalting, multiplying house churches to be born in the 24 languages of this city, especially among the Najdi Saudi Arabs, the Hijazi Saudi Arabs, and the Omani Arabs.*
- 2 *Pray for a mighty movement of prayer to rise up from the nations of the earth for this great city.*
- 3 *Pray for an outbreak of revelation and angelic visitation.*
- 4 *Pray for the Kingdom of God to advance through Saudi prayer warriors standing in the gap for their government officials.*

People Group Focus

Najdi Saudi Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/10759/SA

Hijazi Saudi Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/14784/SA

Omani Arab https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/10378/SA

The Night of Power APRIL 17

Laylat al-Qadr, the “Night of Power”, celebrates the revelation of the Quran’s first verses to the Islamic prophet Muhammad. It is an exceptionally significant event—prayers and good deeds done on this night are considered to be of greater value than all the prayers and good deeds done in a thousand months.

This night is also known as the “Night of Destiny”, when many believe their fate for the following year is determined. Therefore, it is especially important for Muslims to pray for forgiveness and blessings on this night, and many will pray throughout the night. Some even stay in the mosque throughout the last ten days of Ramadan so as not to miss this time.

There are different opinions about the date for *Laylat al-Qadr* but, in general, it is agreed that it is most likely to fall during the last ten nights of Ramadan, with the odd nights being more likely. Of the odd nights, the night of the 27th (which is the night before the 27th day of Ramadan, as the Islamic day starts with nightfall) is most likely, according to many Muslim scholars.

It is also believed that the angels spend this night in constant journey between heaven and earth, dispensing peace and blessings on believers as they pray.

How to pray on this night

- 1 *During Laylat al-Qadr, Muslims are seeking God with real focus. Pray that God will miraculously reveal Himself to them in dreams and visions.*
- 2 *Many Muslims are seeking forgiveness for their sins on this night. Pray that they will have a revelation of Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29).*
- 3 *Pray for this Night of Destiny to bring opportunities for followers of Jesus to share the Gospel with their family and friends.*

Pray for Muslims as they mark the end of Ramadan

Muslims around the world will celebrate the three-day Eid al-Fitr holiday starting this weekend. Though the exact start date depends on the sighting of the moon, Eid will likely begin on Friday, April 21.

Over the next few days Muslims will celebrate the end of Ramadan by attending prayers at a local mosque or other gathering place, and break the fast with a special feast. Most will usually dress in their best new clothes as they visit friends and family, wishing them a happy Eid.

In many countries Muslims have a tradition of giving money and food to the poor at this time. Many will give gifts of candy or money to children. This is why this holiday is sometimes known as Sweet Eid. It is a happy, joyous occasion somewhat similar to celebrating Christmas.

If you have a Muslim friend, neighbor, or co-worker, make sure to greet them with a warm “Eid Mubarak” (“Blessed Eid”), and ask them how they are celebrating. Or pay them a short visit to their home—a common expression of friendship and celebration during this season.

Finally, please remember that your prayers are vital to the transformation of lives. Not just during this time, but throughout the year.

Thank you for praying.



Now what?

Christians often ask, “How can I participate in the unprecedented movements of God among Muslims today?” The answer is simple, “Love Muslims.”



Simple, yet difficult to achieve, because Islam has made itself among the most feared religions on earth. This reputation stems from a long history of conquests, forced conversions, discrimination, and terrorist atrocities that stream across our news media every day.

This perspective is not limited to Christians. It's a view held by Hindus, Chinese, Socialists,

and Buddhists. Islam, with its stark assessment of “others”, separates itself from every non-Muslim people on earth.

However, Muslims are not Islam. Muslims are individuals, men and women, boys and girls. For centuries, Muslims in many

parts of the world have isolated themselves in communities that reinforce the stereotype that Christians are ignorant, worldly, and slaves to the hedonism that the world so readily offers. This stereotype needs to be challenged.

When we pray, we take on the very heart of God.

It can be tempting for us to fear, flee, and even fight Muslims. But when we do so we follow a script that Islam has used for centuries to depict Christians as “others” who must be contested or avoided.

The most direct path to loving Muslims is to pray for them. When we pray, we take on the very heart of God. God loves Muslims so much that He sent His only Son into the world to love them, forgive them, and save them.

As we pray for Muslims we find that our hearts begin to change. We begin to see them as God sees them. They are not the unknown purveyors of a dangerous and threatening ideology. They are men and women, boys and girls, who are lost—as we once were—and in need of a Savior.





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