



Just for Kids 2011

30 Days

August 1st
through 30th

*of Prayer for the
Muslim World*



A Fun Prayer Guide for Christian Children and Families

Welcome!

Welcome to another adventure in prayer that could change the world! Over the next 30 days, we will again travel through many nations and learn new things about people in the Muslim world. We will visit fascinating countries and cities and look at areas where there is much need. We will pray for Muslim children, refugees and leaders. We will also pray for local Christians and missionaries.

This prayer event takes place during the Islamic month of Ramadan. Muslims use a calendar which is linked to the moon and not the sun. Each month begins with the sighting of the new crescent moon in the early evening. This year Ramadan starts on August 1st and it will finish on August 29th or 30th. You can use this prayer booklet anytime but it was specifically made for the time of Ramadan.



Muslims are normal people, just like you and me, and God loves each one of us.

? Did You Know

- Worldwide, there are about 500 million Muslim children under the age of 15.
- Around the world there are about 1.5 billion Muslims.
- Muslims can be found in almost every country, but mostly in North Africa, the Middle East and Asia (Indonesia has the most Muslims of any country).
- Muslims are normal people, just like you and me, and God loves each of them.

What is Islam?

Islam means submission to God. A Muslim is someone who follows the teaching of Islam. They worship one God, whom they call Allah, and believe that Mohammed is their prophet. (Mohammed was a man who lived from AD 570 - 632.) Muslims believe that God will judge each person by how many good things and how many bad things they have done. There are five things that they must do to be good Muslims, but even doing these does not mean they automatically go to heaven.

1. Recite the creed: "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet."
2. Pray five times a day at certain times.
3. Give to the poor.
4. Fast during the holy month of Ramadan.
5. Make the pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

What is Ramadan?

Ramadan is a special month of prayer and fasting for Muslims. Muslims are not supposed to eat or drink from sunrise to sunset. We chose Ramadan for the 30 Days Prayer Focus because during that month many people who are normally not so devout will become much more serious about their faith. It is a month when Muslims hope that Allah will hear their prayers more than usual.

As we pray together with other Christians around the world during these 30 days, we hope that God will give us all a heart full of faith and love for Muslim people. Let's believe that God will indeed show Himself to Muslims during these days!



PS. Participants in "30 Days" should not criticize Muslims. We are told by God to love all men, women and children.

Why Pray for Muslims ?

Most Muslims do not know very much about Jesus

- Muslims do not realize that Jesus has suffered on the cross to bring us back to God and that he was raised from the dead.
- They do not really realize that Jesus is the true King of all creation and that he is to be obeyed.

All Muslims talk about an Arab man named Mohammed

- Mohammed lived 1,400 years ago.
- Mohammed believed he was a prophet.
- Mohammed said that all people should obey the creator God.
- Mohammed thought Jesus was only a prophet.

Mohammed taught people to be Muslims

- Muslims generally believe that they can earn God's approval through religious activities (prayers, fasting, giving money).

Muslims do not know:

- ... that Jesus has the ability to forgive sins.
- ... that Jesus has conquered death through his resurrection.
- ... that Jesus has power over evil spirits.

Muslims do not think they can know God.
(They only think that they can know about Him).

**We want them to discover God's forgiveness for sins.
We want them to discover God's kingdom of light,
peace, joy and goodness.**

We are
praying so
that Muslims
can discover
God's love
through
Jesus



? Did You Know

- *There is the Holy Spirit, but there are also evil spirits.*
- *Evil spirits are the servants of Satan.*
- *Both Muslims and Christians think that evil spirits exist.*

Spiritual Realities

Christians and Muslims both try to resist evil spirits and evil attitudes. Jesus has shown us how we can overcome the evil one. Jesus taught us to overcome evil with good. For example, this means to love when other people hate us or others. Maybe you know people who hate Muslims but we as Christians are to love all people. Praying for Muslims is part of loving them. When we live and do things differently people will see what God is like. God is love.

"Do not let evil defeat you; instead, conquer evil with good."
(Rom. 21,21)



PRAYER POINTS:

- *Today and tomorrow we want to pray about the opposites, both for us and for the Muslims we know or who live in our area and all around the world.*
- *We pray for:*
- *Humility instead of pride: Lord, help me not to be proud when I meet Muslims and help them not to be proud about what they believe.*
- *Relationships instead of being religious: Lord, help me to live so that others see that I love you and so that Muslims will get to know you.*
- *Freedom instead of being legalistic (too concerned with rules and details): Lord, help me to be free in your Spirit and to help Muslims get to know you.*

Let's go!

Discuss with your family the idea of doing good instead of evil and find something that you could do together as a family to show this principle. Do it today or in the coming week.

Spiritual Realities 2



Above: God is love in Arabic.

Today and throughout the next 29 days – and afterwards too – we will continue to do things in a different way with good attitudes. This is not always easy and we have to learn and remind each other about it again and again. It is good to continue to talk about it with your family and to find ways together to act the opposite way and bring love to people where there is hate, and create friendship where people feel lonely.

PRAYER POINTS:

- *Gentleness instead of bitterness: Lord, help me not to be bitter and angry with Muslims but to be gentle. Help Muslims who have bitterness in their hearts.*
- *Love instead of fear: Lord, help me not to be afraid of Muslims but instead to have a lot of love for them.*
- *Peace instead of violence: Lord, help us as Christians and also Muslims to see that violence is not helpful. Help us all to discover God's way of making peace.*



Let's go!

Take the prayers below and give each one to a family member who can pray and also add their own prayers to it.



? Did You Know

- *It is still important to remember that being a Christian means to love all people.*
- *"All people" includes Muslims, as well as those who sit in your class or live next door to you!*

? Did You Know

- Mecca is the most important place for Muslims.
- Many Muslims travel at least once to Mecca; that is called Haj, or Pilgrimage.
- Muslims all over the world turn towards Mecca five times a day to say their prayers.

Mecca's Workers

Because each year many Muslims travel to Mecca, many people are needed to work there. Thousands of people work in the hotels, clean the rooms, cook, sell food, work as travel guides or sell jewellery and souvenirs. Others are driving buses and taxis or are doctors and nurses who look after the health and well being of the pilgrims, the people who come to pray in Mecca. There are only a few people in Mecca who have become believers in Jesus.

Words in puzzle below:

MISWAK (a tree branch to clean teeth)

COMPASS (to locate Mecca from everywhere in the world)

GOLD

PRAYER CARPET

PERFUMES

QURAN

PRAYER HATS

VEILS

TOYS

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Let's go!

Because we want to pray for the people who are working in Mecca, you can pray while working together. Why doesn't the whole family help to clean the table and do the dishes while praying for the workers in Mecca? At the end hold hands as a family for a final prayer.



PRAYER POINTS:

- Read Revelation 4:11 and then pray that Jesus is worthy to be worshipped.
- Pray that all people who work in Mecca, no matter if they are cleaning dishes or if they are Saudi princes, will start to see that and also worship Jesus.

Saudi Arabian Tribes

PRAYER POINTS:

- *Psalm 72:9: The peoples of the desert will bow down before him; his enemies will throw themselves to the ground.*
- *God is also the God of the desert. Pray that the tribe of Udaybah, who are people who live in the desert, get to know the true God and will bow before him alone.*
- *Here are some names of the clans and families: Alasa'adah, Alhufah, Alsumarah, Alhanateesh, Altheebah, Thoi Zarrag, Alghad-habeen, Thoi A'ali, Albatnain, Allessah, Thoi Thubait and Alsurairat. Pray for them by name and pray that members of those clans will come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.*

This year we are praying for the tribe of the Utaybah. For a long time the Utaybah have lived in the desert not far from the capital Riyadh. The tribal leader of the Utaybah lives in Afff, a small town near the highway to Riyadh. The Utaybah have had an important role in the Saudi army; many have been warriors. There are three branches of the tribe: The Barga, which is the largest branch, the Rwoq, and the Banu Saad, which means Sons of Saad. These branches are again divided into many clans and families

These are things you would find in a desert:

NETTS (A place to live, sleep, eat)

LEMCA (An animal in desert)

DNSA (The soil in the desert)

SIOSA (Place to get water in the desert)

ORCSK (These are often found in a desert with the soil - above)



Let's go!

Make little cards and write the names of the different clans on it, one on each card. Then you can distribute the cards among the members of your family and each can pray for the clan on their card or cards. Afterwards, put your card in your pocket and continue to pray for the tribe throughout the day.

? Did You Know

- *There are 150 major Tribes in Saudi Arabia.*
- *Most of Saudi Arabia is uninhabited desert and there are many sand and dust storms.*
- *Almost all native Saudi Arabians are Muslim.*

? Did You Know

- The Muslim countries in North Africa and the Middle East are seeking freedom
- Many of the presidents and leaders in those countries have ruled for many years

Seeking Freedom

Much of this prayer guide was written in the Spring of 2011. While the booklet was being written and printed many things were happening in the Arab countries in North Africa and the Middle East. It all started in Tunisia, where people wanted to be free from their corrupt leader, then it continued in Egypt, Libya and many other countries where people showed that they were not happy with their governments. Nobody knows how it will all end. It is a scary situation.

Happily there is one who is the ruler of all, he is God Almighty. Only he can give us real freedom, you can read about that in Psalms 2 where it says, that God has placed his king, Jesus, in the heavens and He rules over all. One day He will be revealed for all to see.



Above: Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt where there have been major demonstrations for change.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the Middle East and for the countries in North Africa
- Pray that many Muslims will realise that only Jesus can give them true freedom, because it is freedom from sin.
- Pray that believers will be protected in this difficult time but pray also that they can be witnesses of the freedom Jesus can give them.

Let's go!

Today we want to proclaim that God is king over the whole earth. One way to do that is to worship him in songs. Find some songs to sing or listen to a worship CD and mix the songs and the prayers.

Kolai People of Pakistan

PRAYER POINTS:

- *Not many people have prayed for the Kolai, you are among the first to do so!*
- *Sing a song of worship together to proclaim that God is the only one who can heal and deliver and that he is all-powerful.*
- *Pray that Christians will be willing to go to the Kolai to help them with their need for good drinking water, toilets for all, and enough food. Pray that they can share the good news of Jesus with the Kolai while they are helping practically.*
- *Pray that the Kolai will receive the Christians and let them stay in their villages.*

Between these mountains in a very beautiful place live the Kolai people. Those who live in the north are especially isolated because of the mountains that stand between them and the rest of Pakistan. The Kolai are farmers and shepherds. Many of them have problems with their health because their drinking water is not good and they do not have enough to eat. Only eight per cent of them have good water to drink and have toilet facilities. Many of them still believe in spirits and even fairies and when they are sick they go to a shaman (something like a witch doctor) to get healing.

Let's go!

Have you ever thought how good it is to be able to turn on a water tap and have clean water come out of it? Today fill a glass of water for everyone praying in your family. Then pray for the Kolai. Everyone who has prayed can drink some of their water. At the end, thank Jesus that he will be for the Kolai like water for somebody who is thirsty.



? Did You Know

- *Five of the world's highest mountains are in North Pakistan.*
- *The countries bordering North Pakistan are India, China and Afghanistan.*
- *There are about 410,000 Kolai people.*

? Did You Know

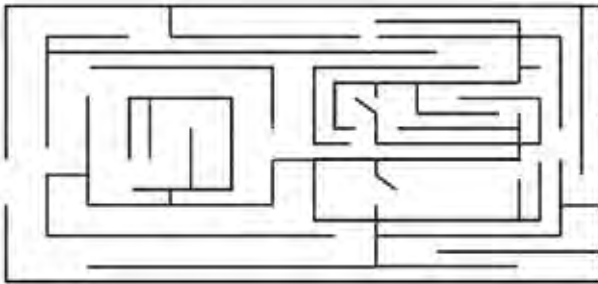
- Over 600,000 Muslims are living in New York.
- There are over 100 mosques in New York City.
- New York has many tall buildings.
- Some buildings were destroyed by terrorists ten years ago.

Muslims in New York City

When Muslims planned to build a large mosque in New York last year many people discovered that many Muslims live there. Some people were very angry because some terrorists who were Muslims had destroyed some big buildings called the World Trade Center and killed many people 10 years ago. Many people did not want the mosque to be built at the same place because of the past events. God loves the Muslims who live in New York and wants them to come to know him too.



Living in a city can be very confusing. Can you find your way from the school to the house?



Let's go!

If you look at a picture of New York you will see many skyscrapers, which are very high buildings. Take some paper and pencils and everybody can draw some skyscrapers. Many Muslims live in these buildings. Pray whenever you finish drawing a skyscraper. Glue them together and make your own New York skyline. It will remind you to love Muslims in New York and to pray for them.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Have you heard bad things about Muslims? Do you believe them? Are you angry with Muslims?
- People who lost friends or family members when the World Trade Center was attacked are often angry and bitter. Pray for them, that they will not be angry, but understand God's love for them.
- Pray for the Muslims in New York who have suffered because people are angry and mean to them simply because they are Muslims.
- Pray that New York Muslims become friends with Christians and so get to know Jesus through them.

Al Jadida Morocco



PRAYER POINTS:

- Many Moroccans in Al Jadida have heard the good news of Jesus over the years. Pray that they will follow him only.
- The believers in Al Jadida are scattered and don't meet often for church because they are afraid. Pray that they will not be afraid and will want to meet together to encourage each other.
- Pray that the Moroccans who come for holidays will meet believers and get to know Jesus through them.

Today when you visit Al Jadida the first things you see are the thick walls of the Portuguese fortress, which form the walls of the city. There is also a beautiful old church from that time. Many farming products such as beans, almonds, chickpeas, wool, hides, wax and eggs are exported from Al Jadida's port. There is not only a port in Al Jadida, but also many nice beaches nearby where Moroccan people come to spend their holidays and to enjoy the sea and the sun.

Let's go!

Get some Lego or some other building blocks. Build the foundation for a wall with them. Every time somebody prays they can add a block to the wall. At the end you will have nice, high wall.



? Did You Know

- Al Jadida means 'New' in Arabic.
- The Portuguese built the city as a fortress in 1502.
- There are 150,000 people living in Al Jadida.

? Did You Know

- The Awan in India speak the Urdu language.
- There are about 600,000 Awan living in North India and more in Pakistan.

اعوان Awan of India

The Awan say that they are descended from Qutb Shah, who was a general in a mighty army many centuries ago. The leader of that army was a relative of the Islamic Prophet Mohamed himself. The Awan themselves became very good and brave soldiers and many of them have fought in different armies, including the British Army during the First and Second World Wars. Many of the Awan are landowners and farmers.



Can you put this verse in order ?

My with praise heart Lord I all the! Been forget never has kind he will how I. Sins Lord forgives the our, are when us sick we heals.

PRAYER POINTS:

- *Pray the verse above that you have found out for the Awan; pray that they will start praising the Lord.*
- *Pray that they get to know God in dreams and visions.*
- *Pray for missionaries to go to the Awan and share the good news of Jesus with them.*

Let's go!

Do you know how soldiers march? Today you can march around the room in one file as a family and all together you can pray out loud for the Awan.

Balrampur, North India



Most of the people who live in the Balrampur district are poor. They have small farms on small plots of land and some don't even own any land but work on the bigger farms in the area. Most people cannot read and write. About 40 per cent are Muslims, and 60 per cent are Hindus. Only a few living in the district are believers in Jesus. There is a mosque in every village, but hardly any churches. Every year there is a Muslim festival called Muharam, and many families who moved away from Balrampur come back to celebrate together with their relatives.

Let's go!

Today you can have a little celebration. Get something nice to drink (soft drinks or tea, etc.) and some cookies or snacks and put them on a towel or table cloth on the floor. Sit around it like the people would do in Balrampur and pray together, starting from the oldest to the youngest and then enjoy your little feast.

PRAYER POINTS:

- *Some people from the Balrampur district are enrolled in a Bible correspondence course. Pray for the students who are ready to follow Jesus.*
- *Pray for the few believers who live there and also for all those who will become believers.*
- *Pray for believers who can speak the local language to go and share the good news with the Balrampur people.*
- *Pray that the people living in the towns mentioned in the text have open hearts to receive Jesus.*



? Did You Know

• *Balrampur district is in North India along the Nepal border.*
• *The main towns are Balrampur, Utraula and Tulsipur.*
• *The river that flows through the area is called Rapti, a river that brings flooding to the area every year.*

? Did You Know

- The Palestinian territories are to the left (Gaza Strip) and the right (West Bank) side of the country of Israel, check it out on a map.
- There are about 4 million Palestinians in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
- Many Palestinian Arabs live in refugee camps

Palestinian Territories

To live in the Palestinian territories is hard. Families, and especially older people and the handicapped suffer. Because of the wars and protests that have been going on for 65 years, many families have lost relatives. The Palestinians not only fight with Israel, but they also fight among themselves. Many Palestinians have become very bitter and angry hating each other and the Israelis. Only by understanding God's love will the situation change. There are few Palestinian believers in Jesus yet some of them try to bring help to those who are suffering. But the believers feel very lonely and need prayer.

This is a Palestinian Woman in her best dress. Can you find the 5 differences?



Let's go!

Today everyone in your family will pray alone in a different room or corner of the your home for the lonely believers. Then you can come together, join hands in a circle and all together pray for the Palestinians who are bitter and angry to come to know God's love.

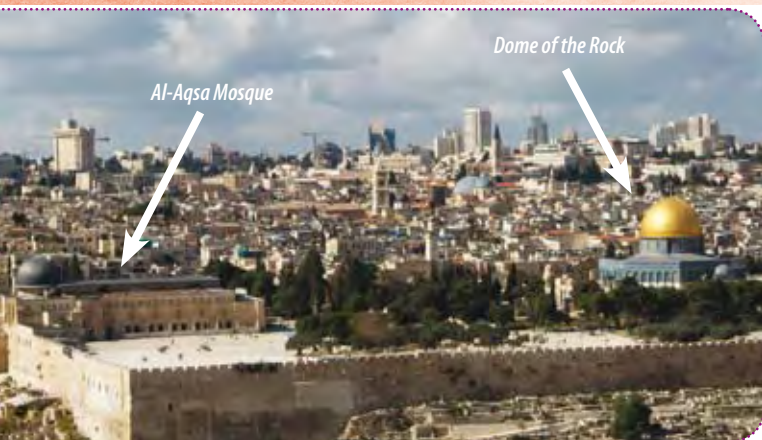
PRAYER POINTS:

- Thank God that he is faithful to his promises and that he has given promises both to the Jews in Israel as well as to the Arabs. God wants for the Palestinians to hear the Good News. Thank God for the few believers among the Palestinians and pray that more will get to know God.
- Pray that those Palestinians who are angry, bitter and full of hatred can get to know the love of God and receive his healing.

Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa

Let's go!

When Muslims are praying they stand, sit, kneel and put their head to the ground and then they stand again. Imagine thousands of them doing that at the same time in Al-Aqsa. Today you can all kneel down for your prayer and at the end when you pray for the families you can stand in a circle and hold hands.



PRAYER POINTS:

- For security reasons only old men who have families are allowed today to pray at the Al-Aqsa mosque. Pray for those older men who come for the Friday prayer. Pray that they have revelations of Jesus and that they will give their lives to him.
- Pray also for their families who have to stay home that they will also get to know Jesus.

The Muslims tell the following story about Mohammed: One night the prophet Mohammed had a vision or something similar, where he flew through the air to Jerusalem on a strange horse with a human face with the name Buraq. With him was the angel Gabriel. The story says that in Jerusalem he met with Moses, Jesus and Adam for prayer. After prayer he travelled on Buraq to the heaven to meet with God and asked him if he would allow them to pray only 5 times a day. Then he returned to Mecca. When he told other people this story they did not believe him. Christians do not believe this story is true. Near the Al-Aqsa Mosque is the “Dome of the Rock” with his golden dome. It stands at the place from where Mohammed said he went to heaven with the horse Buraq.

? Did
You
Know

- The Al-Aqsa mosque is in Jerusalem. Al-Aqsa means “the farthest mosque”.
- It is the third holiest place for the Muslims and stands near the place where there was once the biblical temple.
- In and outside Al-Aqsa thousands of Muslims can pray together

? Did
You
Know

- Hezbollah means “the party of God”.
- The Hezbollah is a Muslim organisation in Lebanon.
- Many countries think that Hezbollah is a terrorist organisation.

Hezbollah

Some Arab countries think that Hezbollah is an organisation who is only fighting against Israel because they think Israel should not be there. Some countries like Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan say that the Hezbollah is not acting in a good and responsible way. They don't really like what Hezbollah is doing. Hezbollah has received a lot of weapons from Iran and Syria and many volunteers in Lebanon are ready for a war with Israel.



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(see the key at the end of the booklet).

(2 Peter 3:13)

Use this verse in your prayer for the Hezbollah volunteers!

PRAYER POINTS:

- *Pray for the Hezbollah leaders: Sheikh Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah, Hassan Nasrallah, Naim Qassem that they may come to know Jesus. Pray that they will understand God's plan to bless all the nations through Abraham and his children.*
- *Pray for the 7,000 to 10,000 Hezbollah volunteers to better understand and appreciate God, who is love. Pray for them to understand that God is the only one who can bring real justice to the world.*

Let's go!

Jesus died on the cross so that we can have peace. Take paper, draw a big cross on it and cut it out. Because of the cross of Jesus we do not need to fight with each other any more. Everyone in the family can hold onto the cross while you pray all together for the Hezbollah.



Pakistan floods

- Today Pakistanis are celebrating their Independence Day.



Let's go!

Some people in Pakistan had after the flood only a little carpet or blanket to make a shelter for themselves and their children. Take a blanket or big towel and make a little shelter for yourselves and your family and sit in it while you pray for the Pakistanis.

PRAYER POINTS:

- *Pray for all the Pakistanis who have lost all their belongings and houses and some have lost family members. Pray that they will get what they need. Pray especially for the children who have lost everything.*
- *Pray for the Christians who are often very poor and do not get help.*
- *Pray for all those Pakistanis who started to believe in Jesus because of the help they got from Christians.*
- *Pray for the Christians who bring help that they can be a good witness to the people*

Many people in Pakistan still suffer because of the big flood last year. They still don't have what they need, they lack a proper house, enough food and animals for their farms. Many Christians have helped the suffering people. One organisation is buying animals for those who have lost every thing. Through these people many Pakistanis came in touch with Christians for the first time. One man said to a Christian helper: "You are the first Christian I meet and you don't look different from me. Others realised, that only Isa Masih (Jesus) can really help them." But in some places, Christians who needed help did not get the help and were told to go away again.

Puzzle: Look for these words: Houses, cows, shoes, clothes, sheep, medicine, food, water. Some are words backwards, some diagonal.

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? Did You Know

- *During the flood last year 5 Million Pakistanis saw their homes flooded, damaged and destroyed.*
- *One fifth of the country was covered with water. That is almost as if the whole of UK would have been covered with water.*

? Did You Know

- Worldwide there is about 1 Million Dawoodi Bohra Muslims.
- They live in countries like Singapore, India, Pakistan and West Africa
- Surat in Gujarat, India is known as the main home of the Dawoodi Bohra Muslims

Surat in Gujarat, India



The Bohra Muslims can be easily recognised because the men wear beards and white gold-rimmed caps and white kurtas (long shirts). The women are wearing two piece burkhas with a skirt and a cape in all different colours and always very nicely decorated with ribbons and laces. Most Bohra Muslims are merchants. The city of Surat is very important for them because many of their religious leaders have been trained there. But Surat has also suffered a lot during the earthquake and the flood that has destroyed big parts of Gujarat. There are great tensions between Hindus and Muslims living in Surat and there are often riots and people die. Only a few people have tried to reach

out to the Bohras and share the Good News with them. The city of Surat needs Jesus!



- Today the Indians are celebrating their Independence Day.

PRAYER POINTS:

- *May God speak through dreams and visions to the Bohras all over the world so they may know him.*
- *Pray that they will not depend on their wealth and be greedy but that they understand that God is the perfect provider.*
- *Pray for believers to come and live among the Bohras in Surat, so that they can share the Good News with them.*
- *Jesus is the Prince of Peace. The people in Surat need to experience the peace that only God can give. Pray for that peace between Hindus and Muslims.*

Let's go!

On India's Independence Day children will come to the cars who stop at red lights to sell little Indian flags. Make your own Indian flag today and then use the flag to pray. Pass the flag on and whoever holds the flag will pray. Afterwards you can stick the flag to your bathroom mirror and every time you see the flag you can continue to pray for India.

Questions in Libya

As this booklet goes to print there is a war going on in Libya. The article was written before the war started.

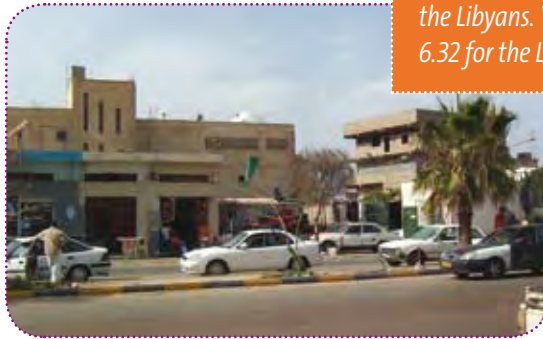
PRAYER POINTS:

- *Pray for Libya. There has been a lot of pain, death and heartache in the country these last months.*
- *Pray for people like Rashid, that when they travel to other countries they can meet Christians who will tell them about the Messiah.*
- *Pray that Christians will be able to get jobs and work in Libya so that they can share about Jesus with their work mates.*
- *Pray that many Libyans will find the TV stations that talk about Jesus and that they can understand it.*

Rashid is a man who lives in Libya. He has a business and has recently travelled to Europe to learn more about running a business. He saw many things that they did not have in Libya and everything looked so nice and clean. Rashid was worried about his business in Libya, but something else got his attention. While he was in Europe one of his teachers had been different from what Rashid thought he would be. One day they talked together over a cup of tea and the teacher told Rashid that he believed in the Messiah. This was really new for Rashid and he wanted to know more about it. His teacher told him about an Arab TV channel, where he could learn more. One night when everybody else was in bed Rashid turned the TV on, just for a few minutes and he was even more interested in what he heard. But how could he believe what the people on TV and his teacher had said. He had always thought that it was best to be a Muslim.

Let's go!

It is important that the Libyans really understand what is written in the Bible. Get your Bibles, stack them on the table as you pray for the Libyans. You can read John 6.32 for the Libyans.



? Did You Know

- *The country of Libya in North Africa is mostly a vast desert.*
- *Most Libyans live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea*
- *Libya is about three times the size of France but it has only 6.5 million people.*

? Did You Know

- The Kangean people live on Kangean Island, an Indonesian Island
- There are about 135 000 Kangean people
- The Komodo Dragon is the largest lizard that exists

The Kangean people

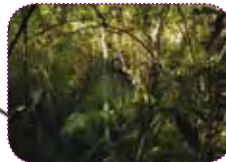
Today is Indonesia's Independence Day



The Kangean Island is beautiful. There are great beaches and jungles full of interesting animals. Did you ever hear about the Komodo Dragon? He lives on Kangean island too and can be spotted in the jungle along with monkeys and lots of different snakes. Many outdoor adventurers come here for holidays. But the Kangean people are also part of those Muslim group where nobody has really tried to share the Good News of Jesus with them and there is no church for the Kangeans where they could get to know Jesus. Are you willing to pray for them?



Help the Komodo dragon to find his way back to the jungle?



Let's go!

There are nice beaches on Kangean. So today put your beach towels on the floor and sit on them, pretend to be on a holiday on the island and then pray for the people there.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the Kangean get to know God.
- Pray this verse: Psa 97:1 The LORD is king! Earth, be glad! Rejoice, you islands of the seas! Pray that the Kangean start to praise God as their King on their island.
- Pray for people to go and share with the Kangeans and for them also to be able to read about God, see films and find other ways to hear about the God who loves them.

Kerinci of Indonesia

Most of the Kerinci are farmers and they harvest things like rice, potatoes, coffee and cinnamon. They also gather rattan, that can be used to make furniture from the jungle and resin that comes from the trees and can be used for incense. Some Kerinci live along the lakes and are fishermen. For a long time the Kerinci have lived alone on their mountains but now many other people have come to their place to work there and even a national park is being build in their area. The Kerinci are Muslims but many still believe in spirits like their ancestors did and they use magic to bless their crops.

Let's go!

Get some uncooked rice. Put it on a tray or big plate. Make a little mountain. Every time somebody prayed he can take some rice and start a new mountain. Pray till the old mountain is gone and there is a new rice mountain. Imagine that every rice grain stands for a Kerinci who has become a believer in Jesus.



PRAYER POINTS:

- *Pray that believers will go to the Kerinci to share the Good News with them. May God help them to know the right way to do it.*
- *Pray that believers will be able to tell the Kerinci how to get help from the Holy Spirit. He is much more trust worthy than the other spirits.*

? Did You Know

- *The Kerinci live on the Bukit Barisan Mountains*
- *They came to this mountains many years ago because of a war.*
- *The 260,000 Kerinci speak Kerinci and Bahasa Indonesia*

? Did You Know

- Touba is a city in Senegal in Africa
- The Mourides are a Muslims group and their leader is called the Grand Marabout

Touba and the Mourides

The Mourides belong to a group of Muslims called Sufis. The Sufis believe that they can have a spiritual experience and that it is important to purify one's inner self. The founder of the Mouride brotherhood did tell his followers, that it was not good to get involved in holy war (jihad) but that they should do what is right. They should learn more about the Muslim God and fear him.

Many Mourides are involved in politics and do business in Senegal. Even the president of Senegal asked the grand Marabout from Touba to give him a blessing.



PRAYER POINTS:

- *The Mourides leaders are the spiritual guides for over three million people in Senegal and they are also the main leaders of the city of Touba. Pray that this leaders will meet the one true God and worship him alone.*
- *A beautiful big mosque stands in Touba where the founder of the Mouride brotherhood is buried. Today is Friday and many will come to pray in this mosque. Pray for all those men to come to know God.*

Let's go!

Today, after you have prayed for the Mourides, the father or the mother can pray for the children and bless them, like the Grand Marabout did for the president.



Let's go!

Because Malays cannot really meet with other Christians in churches because it could be difficult for them, we will whisper our prayers today, so that nobody can hear. Then, because we are bold like the Malay believers, we all shout the last prayer together.

Malaysia

Many different people live in Malaysia. There are Chinese, Indian, Malays and other groups. About 60% of the people who live in Malaysia are Malays and almost all of the Malays are Muslims. The last two Prime Ministers have declared that Malaysia is a Muslim nation and it is forbidden to talk about the Good News with a Muslim or for a Muslim to change his faith. Because of that there are only a few Malay believers and when they meet they are meeting in different houses because they are afraid to publicly show that they believe in Jesus. Many of them continue to dress in the Muslim way and the girls and women are continuing to wear scarves. Some have met Jesus through visions and revelations and they are courageously sharing about Jesus with others.



PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that Christians in Malaysia will be a witness for their Muslim neighbours in the way they live and what they do.
- Pray that the Christians will have the courage to invite new believers to join them. It can be very risky to do that.
- Pray that more Malays will have visions and dreams of Jesus.

This are the countries that surround Malaysia.

Can you find out their real names?

LATHNDAI, MANIETV, PORSINEGA, SIANODEIN, UNRBEI, PPILNEIPSIH

**? Did
You
Know**

- Malaysia is separated into two parts which you can see on a map: the peninsula and the island of Borneo.
- The king of Malaysia, has a title: Yang di-Pertuan Agong
- The Capital of Malaysia is Kuala Lumpur

? Did You Know

- Russia is the biggest country in the world. It stretches across two continents (Europe and Asia) and nine time zones!
- Moscow is the capital of Russia and has 10 million people.
- Moscow has over 400,000 Muslims living in it.

Muslims In Moscow



Many Muslims from countries in Central Asia like Tajikistan or Uzbekistan came to look for work in Moscow because there is no work in their home towns and everyone is poor. Those men working in Moscow are sending most of their money home and they live together in small apartments. Some, but happily not all of their bosses and some people in Moscow do not treat them well. Many are lonely and homesick. A small number of Christians are reaching out to them, showing them the Jesus film and giving them a Bible in their language.

PRAYER POINTS:

- *Pray for many more Christians to reach out to the Muslims in Moscow by loving them and sharing the Good News with them.*
- *Pray that God will open the hearts of these men to Jesus*
- *Pray for more literature for the Muslims to read and understand and grow as new believers.*

Let's go!

Hold hands with one other person in your family as you pray for the men who need Christian friends. When you pray for the leaders you can stand on a chair and when you pray for literature, hold a book in your hand.



Tajikistan



Zeba is 18 years old and she has a dream. Her family are very poor and have always struggled—even to have enough to eat. But Zeba dreams of learning English, getting a job with a foreign company and helping her family to have a good life.

Reality for Zeba, however, is hard. Her Dad, like many Tajik men, is away working in Moscow, and Zeba misses him terribly. What's more, Zeba's parents have told her it is time for her to get married. She is afraid that if that happens nothing will ever change. They will all remain poor. Zeba wonders whether there is really nothing she can do. Is there really no hope?

Many young Tajiks are like Zeba, looking for something better in life. Should they leave home to look for work in Russia, or can they find hope somewhere else?



PRAYER POINTS:

- *Pray for the young people of Tajikistan like Zeba - that they will find their future and their hope in God who loves them and cares for them*
- *Pray for the people who have started to follow Jesus that they will be strong and able to help others to find hope in Jesus too.*
- *Pray for God to send more workers to share the Good News with Tajiks.*

Let's go!

Write out "HOPE for Tajikistan" on a piece of paper in bright colours. Now write up the words of Jeremiah 29:11 around the map. Pin it somewhere you can all see it to remind you to pray for Tajikistan today.

? Did You Know

- *Tajikistan has 7 million inhabitants and 90% are Muslims*
- *The country is in Central Asia has no access to any sea.*
- *It is the poorest country in Central Asia.*

? Did You Know

- The north of Chad is in the Sahara Desert, but the south is grassland and woodland.
- In the wet season, the Shuwa live as nomads, travelling around with their animals to find good grazing.
- There are no Christians among the Shuwa.

The Shuwa Arabs of Chad



Can you imagine being all alone and having to care for yourself at the age of six? Many Shuwa boys attend Islamic school far away from their families. They have to beg on the streets to get food for themselves and money to pay their teachers.

Shuwa girls often have to marry when they are only 12 to 14 years old. They become mothers early and have lots of children. Many of their children do not survive.

One of the great strengths of the Shuwa is their wonderful hospitality. Though they are often wary of strangers, when they get to know somebody they will share whatever they have with them.

This is what the Shuwa need to know:

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20/8/5 19/8/5/5/16 (John 10.11)

Let's go!

Would you be willing to swap places with Shuwa boys and girls? Why?/Why not? Make a list of the blessings you have that Shuwa kids don't. Read Matthew 19:14 together.



PRAYER POINTS:

- *Pray for the Shuwa children who live a hard and difficult life.*
- *Pray that the Shuwa shepherds can come to know Jesus who is the Good Shepherd.*
- *Thank God for Christians who have been befriended by the Shuwa. Ask God to help them show their Shuwa friends what it means to believe in Jesus.*
- *Ask God to use Bibles, gospel tapes and the Jesus film in Shuwa to help any Shuwa understand his love for them.*

The Back to Jerusalem Movement



Christians have often been brutally persecuted in China. Even so, in the last hundred years more people became Christians in China than have ever done so in any country in just one century. Today there are perhaps as many as 100 million Christians in China. Many of them want to tell others about Jesus.

In the 1940's a young man called Simon Zhao had a vision to preach the Good News to the Muslim peoples in western China. When Simon and some like-minded friends were obedient to this vision they were imprisoned by the authorities for their preaching. Even though Simon spent over thirty years in prison, he did not give up his vision. In fact, the vision had grown. Many Chinese believers now share his dream of taking the Good News not just to Western China, but all the way to Jerusalem—and to every country on the way there. Most of these places—such as Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq and Syria—are Muslim countries. Several thousand Chinese have indicated their desire to go.

Let's go!

Have a Back to Jerusalem Prayer Time! First get out an atlas or find a map of Asia online. Find China and Jerusalem. The oldest person can pray for Western China. Then the next person should pray for the next country on the route. Take it in turns to pray for each country on the way until you get back to Jerusalem. There are at least six countries but don't worry if you pray for more!

PRAYER POINTS:

- *Rezad Isaiah 66:18-20. This speaks of a time when God will gather all nations to worship him.*
- *Ask God to prepare the way for the missionaries to go to the nations.*
- *God will prepare the people's hearts.*
- *The Holy Spirit would lead people to Jesus.*
- *The church will grow quickly.*

? Did You Know

- *China has the biggest population in the world—1,300,000,000 people.*
- *China is the fourth largest country in the world. It is slightly smaller than the United States.*

? Did You Know

- 12.8 million people live in Istanbul. That's like all the people from Norway and Switzerland together living in one place!
- Istanbul is the only city in the world that lies on two continents, Europe and Asia.
- It is a very old city and was first called Byzantium and later Constantinople

Istanbul, Turkey

The people of Istanbul believe that it is important to save face, that means to do only those things that do not bring shame to the family. Some Muslims think that becoming a believer in Jesus could bring shame to the family and they could be kicked out of the family. Jesus told us to follow Him no matter what may happen.

Many Istanbulites also believe in superstitions. Women are wearing blue beads because they think they will keep away curses and make them able to have more children. They also believe that whatever happens to them is destiny, they cannot do anything or change anything about it. They call it kismet. Many people have a lot of fear and anger because of what they believe.

For Istanbulites who want to believe in Jesus it is difficult to give up on all those old superstitions, but they know, that it is necessary if they want to follow Jesus with their whole heart.

This beautiful building was first a HCCRUH and then became a QSOUEM. What is it? Can you find out?



Let's go!

Take an umbrella, and if you are a big family, use two. Umbrellas protect us from rain. Istanbulites with all their fears need a protector. Stand together under the umbrella to pray for them.

PRAYER POINTS:

- *Pray for the people of Istanbul that they understand that Jesus came to take away the shame from us and to make us free to follow him.*
- *Pray for the believers that they are able to give up the superstitions and to trust Jesus alone.*
- *Pray also for the young people in Istanbul who are looking for jobs and seem to have no future.*

The Night of Power



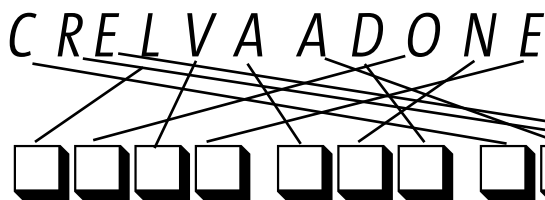
PRAYER POINTS:

- *Pray for the believers in Turkey who reach out to the disabled. Pray that many more will do it.*
- *Pray that Muslims the world over will understand that to be disabled or sick is not a curse from God.*
- *Pray that sick and disabled people will have many opportunities to see the Good News through films and recordings.*
- *Pray for all the Muslims who will possibly spend this whole night in prayer. Pray that they will meet Jesus, the Lord.*

Murat from Turkey was suffering of cerebral palsy, a disorder from the brain that affects the muscles. When he was a little boy his father left him at an orphanage. After he had lived there for fifteen years a Christian went to visit him. Murat was in a small crib, that was too tight for him. He shared the room with many other handicapped children, some of them were also mentally handicapped. But Murat was not mentally handicapped and he was able to speak. The Christian told him, that God loved him very much. Murat could not believe it and said: "I know that God does not love me, otherwise I would not be so badly handicapped." Murat did receive prayer and when the Christian went back to see him again he was changed. Murat had understood that Jesus loved him a lot and now he was full of joy. Like Murat many children and adults suffer because their Muslim family believes that they are cursed from God and they often don't want other people to know that they have a child who is handicapped.

Let's go!

How long can you stand on one leg? Today as you pray for disabled you can do that standing on one leg only. Pray again before you go to bed for all those who will pray through the night.



? Did You Know

- *The Night of Power is a special night during Ramadan when Muslims believe that Mohammed received the Qur'an.*
- *Some Muslims pray the whole night for special things like their marriage, or to get a job or to have a child.*
- *The handicapped need to see a miracles in their lives.*

? Did You Know

- The Central Asian countries are Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan, but parts of China, Azerbaijan and Afghanistan are also part of it.
- Many people groups in this countries speak Turkic languages
- The famous Silk road where Marco Polo travelled went through Central Asia

Changes in Central Asia

In 1991 when the Soviet Union collapsed and all the Central Asian countries became independent there were only about 2,000 known local believers. Most people in the region are Muslims. Today there are many churches and at least 80,000 new believers. The churches have even started to send out believers to take the Good News to unreached places in the area. Something really wonderful has happened in the first 15 years of independence. But there is also opposition and persecution. In many countries it has become difficult to be a believer in Jesus. Some people have had to pay fines for going to church, some pastors have been send to prison. However, the believers have not stopped meeting together to worship God.



Let's go!

Get an atlas or a world map, find the countries in Central Asia and hold your hands over the countries as you pray.



PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the believers in Central Asia that they will continue to be bold and share the Good News with others.
- Pray for protection for the believers, the pastors and other leaders.

Turks in Berlin



PRAYER POINTS:

- *Pray that the Christians in Berlin will have opportunities to get in touch with Turks and to tell them the Good News and give their testimony, so that the Turks can hear about God's love..*
- *Pray that the Christians who are in touch with Turks can be wise about how to share the Good News and that they can especially reach out to the young Turks who have been living in Germany all their lives.*

For many people from Turkey and also Turks from Bulgaria it is a huge shock to live in Berlin. Many of them come from villages and have never lived in such a large city. Life is so very different from the way they used to live back home and to get a job is much harder than they thought it would be. Many of the Turks live together in the same areas of Berlin.

Some only know enough German to survive. However, because they all live together it can be difficult to reach them with the Gospel. If one of them gets a Christian book from a book stand in the street, another one will stop him and tell him not to take it. Only a few churches have been reaching out to the Turks in Berlin and about 50 Turks have started to follow Jesus. They are meeting together in home groups where they can speak in their own language.

Let's go!

Get some uncooked rice or beans or something similar. Count out 50 grains or beans which make us think of the small group of 50 Turks who follow Jesus. After each prayer you can add a few more grains or beans, believing that through the prayer more Turks will be added to the group of believers.

? Did You Know

- *Sometimes Berlin is called the biggest Turkish city outside Turkey*
- *Turks have lived in Berlin for the past 40 years*
- *Many Turks in Berlin are unemployed*

? Did You Know

- Qizilbash means 'Red Heads' in Turkish.
- They speak Dari, a Persian language.
- There are no known believers among the Qizilbash.

Qizilbash of Afghanistan

The Qizilbash came from Persia as soldiers in the army of Nadir Shah. They stayed in Afghanistan and became tradesmen or craftsmen. They belong to the Shi'ite Muslims and are very influential in the politics in Afghanistan. But most of the people there are Sunni Muslims and they don't like the Shi'ite and persecute them.



Let's go!

This is a Qizilbash soldier. You can see his red head gear which gave them the name Qizilbash. Do you have a red hat or cap? Or any other colour? Today you can pass the cap to the person who is supposed to pray. The youngest can start, and then choose the next person who will pray for the Qizilbash by passing on the hat.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Psalm 72:12-14: Do this because the king rescues the homeless when they cry out, and he helps everyone who is poor and in need. (13) The king has pity on the weak and the helpless and protects those in need. (14) He cares when they hurt, and he saves them from cruel and violent deaths.
- Sing songs to Jesus that worship him as the king. He is king over Afghanistan and he cares for all the poor people in Afghanistan and for all those who suffer because there is so much violence going on.
- Pray out the Psalm above, that Jesus the King will do what is written here.
- Pray for Afghani believers to go to the Qizilbash to share about Jesus with them and for the Qizilbash to receive them.
- Pray for Gospel translations into Dari. Pray that people who understand and study Dari will be able to communicate the message of God in the Dari language.

The Tablighi Jamaat

Let's go!

The TJ members are travelling all over the world. Today you could go for a walk and while you are walking you can pray for the TJ and Bangladesh.

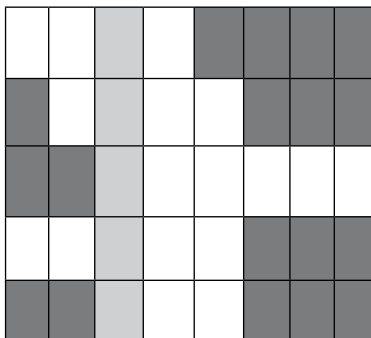
Or
This is the last of the prayer days during Ramadan this year. After Ramadan is over Muslims celebrate together, putting on nice new clothes and having a nice meal. Why don't you do the same and pray before or after the meal for the TJ.



In the past several years 3 to 5 million Muslims from about 80 nations came to Bangladesh for a gathering they call the Ijtema. During this gathering the Muslims pray together and meditate. The gathering is organised by the Tablighi Jamaat (abbreviated: TJ). The TJ is a group of Muslims who want to teach other Muslims how to live their lives as good Muslims. They tell people not to mix with non-Muslims, as well as, to gather in groups to learn more about Islam and to tell others about it. They are basically Muslim missionaries. They also help the poor people in Bangladesh who have lost everything through floods and cyclones. The people in Bangladesh love them and say that they are some of the only ones helping the poor.

PRAYER POINT:

- Pray for the members of the TJ that when they travel all over the world they will meet real Christians who show them with their lives the Messiah, Jesus.
- Pray for the country of Bangladesh which is one of the poorest in the world. Pray that many people will have open hearts to receive the Good News.



Puzzle:

1. One of the crops, used for making bags etc.
 2. Favourite food in Bangladesh
 3. The biggest river in Bangladesh
 4. Main colour of the flag
 5. Second colour of the flag
- Read from top down you will find the national animal of Bangladesh
(Words: RICE, JUTE, TIGER, GREEN, RED, GANGES)

Did You Know

- Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries in the world and often suffers because of floods, cyclones and famines.
- Bangladesh is surrounded by India on three sides.
- Most of Bangladesh is flat and many rivers run through it.

Day 5:

NETTS – Tents / LEMCA – Camel / DNSA – Sand / SIOSA – Oasis / OCKSR - Rocks

Day 9: Psa 103:2+3 With all my heart I praise the LORD! I will never forget how kind he has been. The LORD forgives our sins, heals us when we are sick.

Day 13 and 23:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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Day 19: Act 17:27 God has done all this, so that we will look for him and reach out and find him. He isn't far from any of us

Day 20: Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Philippines, Vietnam, and Brunei.

Day 26: Love and Care

Day 3:

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Day 14:

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(just off the map in N. America)

The yellow area
of this map is the
10 / 40 Window
where most of
the unreached
peoples of the
world still live
(between the
10th and 40th
latitudes).



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