



## PRAYING FOR COMMUNITIES WHERE CHRIST IS LEAST KNOWN

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Ramadan can be a time of God working in unexpected ways and opening new doors. This may be through planned meetings, or it may be through sudden phone calls, or unexpected opportunities where meaningful conversations about Jesus takes place.

A worker in Central Asia writes, 'A friend I used to work with in a government setting called me unexpectedly this week. He was very emotional, even shouting at first as he asked, "Why do you believe in Jesus?" We ended up talking for about two and a half hours. I was able to read Scripture with him and share why I believe Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. I am grateful for each open door and for your partnership in prayer.'

### CENTRAL ASIA

- Ask the Lord for His protection and strength for believers in a challenging spiritual climate.
- Throughout Ramadan pray Christians will engage their neighbours in conversation and prayer. May God open hearts to the truth that is found in the gospel of Jesus and the free gift of salvation he offers. Pray they find the truth God promises for all who seek Him wholeheartedly!
- Pray believers shine like a light to others. As they faithfully sow gospel seeds, may their words and lives be fruitful, bringing a mighty harvest of souls. Ask both wisdom and boldness for believers. Pray for more openness from the government, allowing churches to be registered.
- Ask good health and protection of workers and their families. Pray for scheduled eye surgery to take place and be successful, with full recovery. Ask mental strength and God's renewal, protection, and enabling for ministry. May God go ahead, preparing hearts, as resources for training and teaching are created.
- Pray for various preaching and teaching engagements—the goal is recruitment of workers for this region and beyond. May the Lord of the harvest sends forth more workers into these two hundred unreached people groups—many of these nations have no known Christians. Pray that the gospel reaches the remote areas of the region.

### EAST AFRICA

As the people of East Africa fast throughout Ramadan, pray they discover the words of eternal life in Jesus, the Bread of Life, who gave his life that all may live. Rather than being offended by Jesus, pray Muslim people will be drawn to him, seek him and believe in the Anointed One, the Son of the living God (John 6:27-69).

Ask protection of God's people amidst local conflict and regional insecurity and fighting—may the peace of our Lord God reign.

### MIDDLE EAST

- As people fast and seek God daily throughout Ramadan, pray they will be open to seeking Jesus and open to the Holy Spirit's working. Pray for dreams and visions for those seriously seeking God.
- Pray that the young adults in the seekers group hunger for the word of God and have a desire to read it for themselves, especially at the moment as they are not meeting together in-person. May they encounter Jesus in such a way that they are willing to repent and follow him, whatever the cost.
- Pray for believers in Jesus from the majority faith who often face a lot of pressure to conform to fasting and other religious practises during Ramadan. Pray they will be bold and sensitive to share what they believe. Ask protection from spiritual attack. Local believers have been fearful of being very public in their faith and distrustful of others as it seems there have been informants sharing with authorities the activities of believers, causing a spike in fear and mistrust between them. May God build his church.
- Give thanks that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:4). Pray for unity between the various small local churches in the city. May they become a growing, Christ-centred, missional community that is active in sharing their faith in the city and beyond.
- Give thanks for the few international workers currently in my city. Pray for those out-of-country to be able to return as soon as possible. May workers be encouraged and strengthened. Ask God to draw new workers, people who will be salt and light and model Christ's love in a region that desperately needs God's mercy and grace.

## **NORTH AFRICA**

- Ask God to draw Muslims to himself during Ramadan. May whole families choose to follow Christ.
- Ask safekeeping and blessing as we travel to encourage isolated believers and families.
- As we run on-line coaching and discipleship training of future house church leaders, a group of 15 people, may they remain committed to learning and putting into practice the information we share with them during our sessions. Ask courage for believers to be light in their communities. May their good deeds cause the people of North Africa to praise God (Matthew 5:14-16).
- Pray for more workers to come to this region; those who have a passion for the unreached and are willing to serve in unconventional ministry roles.
- Give thanks for an appointment with visa officials—ask approval allowing workers to attend a conference in March. Pray for the renewal of residency permits which are still being processed, and are very important for the continuation of ministry in this country.
- Pray for the team leaders as they make time for an intensive language course to build and improve understanding and communication skills. May workers have strength, grace, wisdom, and wise time management. Ask strength, protection, and spiritual growth for workers' children, and diligence and success in their schooling. Pray for provision of suitable work for older children. Ask for good recovery for mother and newborn twin babies, and good family adjustments. Give thanks the Lord is with us, for his presence at our side every day.

## **MALI**

- Give praise for seeds that have been sown, and for signs and wonders that have confirmed the preaching of the gospel. Despite local insecurity and many difficulties in life, pray the Hassiniya people experience the kindness of God and that this will lead many to repentance.
- As Muslims earnestly seek God throughout the 'Night of Power', March 16, may families have a special awareness of the presence of God. As people long for sins to be forgiven, for powerful answers to prayers, and closeness to God may this key night be a time of encounter with Jesus.
- Pray for a meaningful Home Assignment time as workers engage with local church ministries. Ask opportunity to study and prepare for their next placement. Ask for supportive networks—robust support that will send workers into new locations as God leads them forward and opens doors. May each worker enjoy an ever-closer relationship with God during this time of reflection and recovery. May they know joy and hope in their unique journeys with God.

## **NORTHERN NIGERIA**

- Pray God's daily protection over the team as they serve where security remains fragile. Ask for peace, safety, and strengthened resilience for all team members and the communities we serve.
- As the Fulani seek God's favour during Ramadan, may our prayers tear down spiritual strongholds. Ask for healings, miracles, and power encounters that reveal God's love and power. Pray that Fulani find their identity in Christ as sons and daughters of the One True God.
- Pray for God's guidance and provision as the team prepares to build a small school for Fulani children across several villages. Ask for open doors, community acceptance, and needed resources.
- Pray for breakthrough in complex immigration processes that are delaying the arrival of new workers. May God grant favour, clarity, and timely approvals.
- As our team expands pray for wisdom, unity, and God's direction so we may deepen our impact and faithfully serve in all he has called us to do.

## **EASTERN CHAD**

- It is hot session, may God give workers endurance and good health. Pray that God strengthens our hearts and helps us to always walk by his Spirit, in wisdom and love. Ask encouragement for workers, and that God daily shows them how to walk closely with him, the one who is the way, truth, and life.
- As communities fast this month, pray for dreams and visions of Jesus. May God open up opportunities for good conversations with our neighbours and friends.
- Give praise for a Muslim friend who is interested in the gospel. Last month he began reading the Bible. Pray his mind is opened to understand the truth.
- Pray for an end to the US visa ban that is preventing the return of many of our colleagues who were working in various places across Chad. There are also workers of other nationalities who are out of the country and are unsure if/when they'll be able to return, due to various personal reasons. Pray difficulties would be removed and doors opened. May God bring more workers to Chad.

## SOUTH ASIA

- In this region where less than 0.1% of people are Christians, may our prayers break down barriers preventing people hearing good news—barriers such as tradition, pluralistic religious beliefs, lack of religious freedom, laws and surveillance curtailing the work of churches, persecution of believers, and physical barriers like extreme heat.
- May God continue to open doors for conversations about who God is and the truth of the Scriptures.
- Ask protection and strength for the persecuted Christians of this region as we stand with the local church. There is no freedom for believers to meet together and worship. Pray for spiritual breakthrough asking that the good news of Jesus will be heard within the community and region. Pray from Romans 8:35-39 that nothing separates people from the love of God.
- Last month we asked for prayer concerning the missional business application for international recruitment registration. There are more requirements to meet—pray for godly wisdom and unified decision-making. May we truly rely on God for all the needs of the company.
- The business has been hard at work finding good candidates for different positions—ask the blessing of a candidate being hired on by a company.
- Pray workers keep their eyes fixed on Christ. Pray for good health and ask for protection against discouragement.

## AYUTTHAYA, THAILAND

- It is hot season. Smog builds with the heat and can impact health causing headaches, fatigue and breathing difficulties. Many of the team's ministry activities are run outdoors. Ask God's protection of health, and enabling for workers and their families.
- It is now school holidays in Thailand. Pray for the students, their families, and also for the teachers—may they get some rest. As we continue to run activities, pray we create opportunities among these Buddhist communities for people to see and experience God.
- This month we will make time for individual reflection and team reflection as we review our ministries. Ask God to bless this time and to guide us as we evaluate and as we plan.
- Pray for a family preparing to conclude their service later this year as they continue to invest deeply in the life of their community here and also look forward and plan for their next ministry calling.