



30 DAYS

OF PRAYER

FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

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Welcome to the 2021 Edition of the 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World

This year, the prayer focus for the 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World looks at yet another way of exploring the Muslim world – by cities.

Many missions organisations with a focus on Muslims have been directing their discipleship and evangelism efforts towards the populations in cities. In nations with a Muslim majority the strategies for reaching people in cities can be very different than in rural areas. In nations with more diverse populations, cities offer opportunities to reach Muslims, both native and immigrant, in new ways with the gospel. Whether a city is large or small, with a minority or a majority Muslim population, it is strategic for the Church to be active there.

Cities are influential centres for culture, arts, and economic development. Muslims in cities often have social networks that reach far and wide, to places the gospel has not yet been, and where it is hard to go. Focusing ministry resources on urban centres helps more people to be reached, and so focusing our prayers on Muslims in urban centres during this Ramadan will also be a valuable effort.

The goal of this year's guide is to give you a glimpse into the lives of Muslims living in urban centres all over the world, so that you can pray for them more effectively as they fast and pray over the next 30 days. It will also help you to pray for Christian workers in cities, that their efforts among Muslims will be fruitful. Some cities have many churches and Christian groups serving in them, others have few or none, but all need prayer. This guide will help you see how God is working among Muslims in cities and join Him through your prayers.

Thank you for praying,
The Editors
30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World and World Prayer Guides

A note about the population numbers: *the Muslim populations listed in each city are the most accurate we could find documented and are based on the city proper or the metro area, whichever is most relevant to the article.*

All names in articles have been changed for privacy.

Frequently asked questions about 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World

How did 30 Days get started?

A group of mission leaders were praying at a meeting in the Middle East in 1992. They were convicted about their attitude toward the Muslim world and they committed to be more proactive at demonstrating God's love for Muslim people. The 30 Days prayer guide for Muslims during Ramadan was one way they responded, to mobilise Christians to learn about and engage with Muslims in their communities and in the world.

How many people participate in 30 Days of Prayer?

30 Days is translated into about 30 languages and distributed in 40 nations. Each day during Ramadan, we know that hundreds of thousands of believers are joining in prayer, making it one of the largest prayer events in the world.

Who writes the articles and produces the guide?

The team that produces 30 Days is a diverse group of Christians from all over the world. Most of them have lived among, worked with, and loved Muslim people for many years. Some contribute articles, others volunteer each year to translate, design or distribute the guide. 30 Days International has recently partnered with a new ministry called World Prayer Guides, to enable us to continue producing 30 Day of Prayer for the Muslim World more efficiently and to mobilise prayer for other groups and issues.

Visit World Prayer Guides at:

www.worldprayerguides.org to find other prayer guides that might interest you.

How do you decide who to pray for?

Each year, we seek inspiration for a theme for the guide, which helps keep the articles connected and focused and introduces our regular readers to new information about Muslims. 30 Days receives submissions from all over the world, so our selection is partly based on what is submitted, but we also request contributions to represent a wide variety of cultures and beliefs.

We produce a writing guide each year for anyone who is interested in mobilising prayer for a particular need – contact us if you'd like to write for 30 Days at: info@pray30days.org



How should we pray?

30 Days was created by a group of people who are committed to sharing the love of Christ with Muslims. We believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world and the only way to reconciliation with God (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19). However, we also believe that every human being is made in the image of God (Imago Dei) according to Genesis 1:26-28, and thus has inestimable worth and dignity.

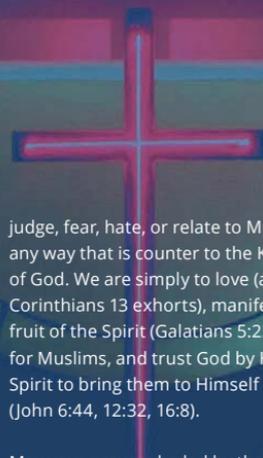
We believe that God loves Muslims, as He does every human (John 3:16) and does not want any to perish (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). As followers of Christ, we take Jesus' strong exhortation to "love God and love neighbor" (Matthew 22:37-39) very seriously. Muslims are our neighbors, and one way we love them is by praying blessings on them, their families, and communities.

Jesus commands us to love everyone – even those who hurt us - and to pray for them (Matthew 5:44). Paul showed honor to the people he shared the gospel with by presenting it in a way they could relate to and living in a way they could accept. (1 Corinthians 9:20-22). There are many Scriptures that exhort us to follow Jesus' example of humility and self-sacrificial and pure love for everyone (Philippians 2:1-11). That is part of what it means to, "pick up our cross and follow Him" (Matthew 16:24).

Our intercession for Muslims needs to be motivated by love. Our model is Jesus – who, while we were yet sinners, loved us and died for us (Romans 5:8). As we receive God's love for us, He gives us His love for all others and enables us to fulfill the great commandment to love God and love our neighbour. We are not called to

judge, fear, hate, or relate to Muslims in any way that is counter to the Kingdom of God. We are simply to love (as 1 Corinthians 13 exhorts), manifest the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), pray for Muslims, and trust God by His Holy Spirit to bring them to Himself in Christ (John 6:44, 12:32, 16:8).

May your prayers be led by the love of Christ, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, as you participate in this year's 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World.





Where are our prayers taking us?

- 1. Mecca, Saudi Arabia
- 2. Cairo, Egypt
- 3. Birmingham, UK
- 4. New York, USA
- 5. N'Djaména, Chad
- 6. Athens, Greece
- 7. Kolkata, India
- 8. Houston, USA
- 9. Multan, Pakistan
- 10. Dhaka, Bangladesh

- 11. Jakarta, Indonesia
- 12. Kampala, Uganda
- 13. Paris, France
- 14. Yangon, Myanmar
- 15. Samarkand, Uzbekistan
- 16. Doha, Qatar
- 17. Toronto, Canada
- 18. Berlin, Germany
- 19. Karachi, Pakistan
- 20. Nairobi, Kenya

- 21. Basel, Switzerland
- 22. Sydney, Australia
- 23. Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 24. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 25. Sana'a, Yemen
- 26. Hamburg, Germany
- 27. Accra, Ghana
- 28. Banjarmasin, Indonesia
- 29. Tripoli, Libya
- 30. Damascus, Syria