

Just for Kids

30 Days of Prayer
for the Muslim World

2009



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 22nd and it will finish on September 20th. You can use this prayer booklet anytime but it was specifically made for Ramadan.

? 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.*



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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!

-The Editors

PS. Participants in the "30 Days of Prayer" should never 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 are praying so that Muslims can discover God's love through Jesus

We want them to discover God's forgiveness for sins.

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

Muslims

? Did You Know

- *It is often easy to spot Muslims because they dress differently.*
- *As we become friends with Muslims we can also tell them about Jesus, our King.*
- *Not many Muslims have good Christian friends.*

Sometimes people will say that it is very hard to tell a Muslim about Jesus. But why is that so? Do you know a Muslim? Are there any in your class, in your school? Do they look different? Can you find out if somebody in your school is a Muslim because of his or her name? Are there children whose names are Arif, Abdul, Walid, Omar, Musa, Fatima, or names that sound like that? Are you friends with any of those kids? Maybe not yet! Try to be a friend to them and get to know them better. For many of them it is not easy to live where most people are not Muslims. They may not understand your way of living and sometimes you will not understand their way, but even so try to be friends!

Let's Go!

The following verse is very important if we want to love the Muslims. Find out what it is! (See the "key" at the end of the booklet)

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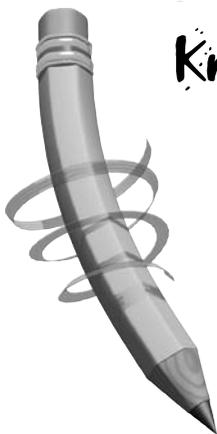
PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for Muslims in your school and neighborhood to become friends with Christians.
- Pray that Christians will become friends with Muslims.
- Pray that your family can become friends with a Muslim family.

What Muslims Think

? Did You Know

- There are 38 countries in the world where most of the people are Muslims.
- Most Muslims live in Asia: Indonesia, Pakistan, and India have the largest groups of Muslims.
- Muslims like it best when they are with other Muslim friends.



For many years Muslims lived only with other Muslims, and they liked that a lot. But in recent years more and more Muslims have come to live in Western countries (Europe, USA, Australia, etc.). When they come to live in the West, they think that all Westerners are Christians and believe in Jesus. But through the Internet and TV they can see that many people don't live the way they think Christians should live. They see that many Westerners drink alcohol, listen to music, and watch movies that Muslims think are not good. So they are very disappointed about the people they think are Christians, and they don't want to listen when real Christians tell them about Jesus. Many have never met a real Christian in their life.

1. What is the Muslim perception of the West?
2. What are Islam, Buddhism, Christianity, etc.?
3. What is one way Muslims get information about the West?
4. Name one continent where Muslims are now living.
5. To meet a true Christian is a real . . . for a Muslim to believe!
6. What do Muslims think that Christians in the West do too much of? (think alcohol!)

Let's Go!

In your family, share how a Christian should live in order to show a Muslim what it means to believe in Jesus. Write a note to remind yourself of it. If you want, you can make a drawing of a Christian and a Muslim together who are friends. (Many Muslim girls wear scarves.)

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that many Muslims will meet Christians who will show them what it means to follow Jesus.
- Pray that Muslims will understand that not all people living in the West are followers of Jesus.

The Guhayna People

? Did You Know

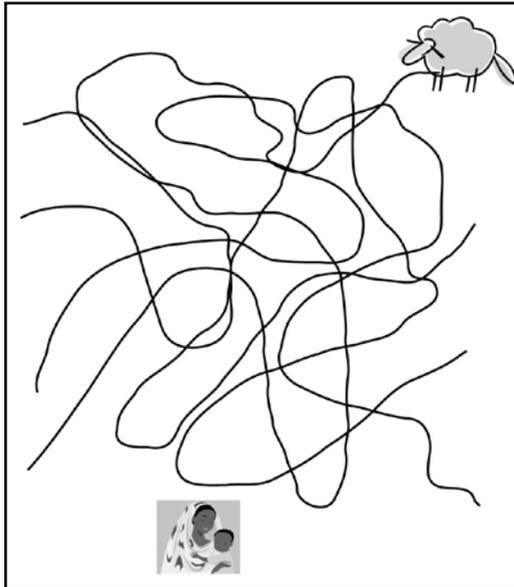
- There are about 1.3 million Guhayna people.
- They live in the center of Sudan (check on a map).
- Not much is known about the Guhayna people.

The Guhayna people are nomads. This means that they are always moving around with their animals and the tents they live in. They are Sudanese Arabs, and all of them are Muslims. Nobody has gone to share the Good News with them, and nobody knows if any of the Guhayna have become Christians. The Guhayna love to have guests, and if somebody visits them they will serve him coffee in a special way.



Let's Go!

Today we will look out for missionaries to go to the Guhayna people. Take a chair, and the person praying can stand on the chair to look out, then the next person to pray will stand on the chair to look out!



*This little family has lost their sheep.
Can you help find it?*

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that people will go to the Guhayna people so that more will be known about them and more people can pray for them.
- Pray that missionaries will go to the Guhayna and tell them about Jesus.
- Pray that those Guhayna who want to hear about Jesus are not hindered by their families.

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AUGUST 25

Secret Believers

? Did
You
Know

- *In many Muslim countries it is forbidden to change religions.*
- *It is often the believer's own family who tries to kill him.*
- *In some countries the laws forbidding children to follow Jesus are even more strict than those for adults.*



Can you imagine this scene? Just because you believe in Jesus, your whole family (mother, father, grandparents, etc.) kicked you out of the house, will not talk to you anymore, and might even threaten to kill you. Your friends don't want anything to do with you, and you are even kicked out of your school. All that just because you are following Jesus! Many new believers are very lonely, and some have to go live in a different place. Many of them have become Secret Believers. They do believe in Jesus, but they have to pray and read the Bible in secret.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the Secret Believers who have been threatened with death.
- Pray that their families will come to know Jesus as well.
- Pray that more people know about the situation of the Secret Believers. (You can share about it with your friends).

Let's Go!

We want to feel a little bit of the loneliness of many Secret Believers today. For your prayer time each one of you should go to a different room of the house and pray there "in secret" for the Secret Believers. With that lonely prayer, we have tried to walk in a Secret Believer's shoes. To remember the suffering of the Secret Believers you can tie a shoestring around your wrist.

Pray again when you see it!

Abdullah & Amina

? Did You Know

- Mohammed's parents were Abdullah and Amina
- Muslims believe that Mohammed's great-great-great ... grandfather is possibly Abraham.
- Mohammed's grandfather was the guardian of the Kaaba in Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

Mohammed's father was Abdullah, which means "servant of God," but he died before Mohammed was born. His mother, Amina, which means "trustworthy," died when Mohammed was only six years old. He was an orphan and went to live with his grandfather and then his uncle.

This is not a foreign language. Find out what the verse says:

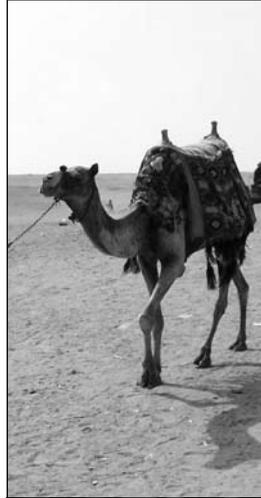
Uoy llahs pihsrow eht drol ruoy dog,
dna mih ylno uoy llahs evres. Matt. 4:10.

عبدالله

Abdullah in Arabic

أمنة

Amina in Arabic



PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for all the Muslim men whose names are Abdullah to become real servants of God.
- Pray for all the women who are named Amina to get to know Jesus so that they can teach their children about Jesus too.

Let's Go!

Do you know what your name means? Maybe your parents know. Talk about the meaning of your names together.

The Karanga People

? Did You Know

- The Karanga have their own Karanga language which is also called Koniere.
- They belong to the Bantu people in Chad.
- There are about 117,000 Karanaga (about the size of a small city).



The Karanga are farmers, and they live mainly on what they are able to harvest every year. But there are some serious problems, and they do not have a good harvest every year. Sometimes there is simply not enough rain to plant and harvest, and sometimes the birds steal much of their harvest. Nobody is sharing the Good News with the Karanga.

Find what the Karanga are planting: grain, sesame, wheat and peanuts

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Let's Go!

Bring some water in a glass to the table.

Remember that the Karanga need rain and lots of water!

You can drink the water after prayer and thank the Lord for good water.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for missionaries to go to the Karanga.
- Pray that they can hear the Good News in different ways like radio, films, etc.
- Pray for enough rain for their farming.

The Kaili Unde

? Did You Know

- *The Kaili Unde are only a small people group of 22,000.*
- *They live in Central Sulawesi in Indonesia.*
- *They are Muslims, but they also believe in spirits.*

The Kaili Unde believe that it is very important how you live your life and do many good things. Even though they are Muslims, they go to a Dukun, who is something like a priest who worships spirits. The Kaili Unde believe that they have to give gifts to the spirits, the good ones and the evil ones, especially when they build a new house. If they build a big house, they have to give really big gifts. There are only a few Kaili Unde who have come to know Jesus, and there is no Bible available in their language.



Let's Go!

The Kaili Unde live on an island. To reach them you need a boat. Take a towel or a sheet, put it on the floor, and sit on it as a family to reach the Kaili Unde. Sitting in your "boat" you can pray for them.



PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that many more Kaili Unde will get to know Jesus and follow Him.
- Pray that they can hear about Jesus on Indonesian Christian radio and TV.
- Pray that they will understand that the spirits cannot help them.

Mohammed

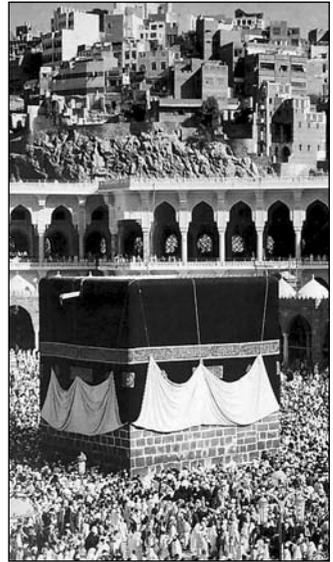
? Did You Know

- Mohammed was born in AD 570 (years after Jesus was born) in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.
- When he was born, Arabs were worshipping lots of idols.
- Mohammed means “the praised one.”

محمد

The name Mohammed in Arabic.

Even when Mohammed was a boy he did not like to worship all the idols in his country. When he was 40 years old he began to have revelations (maybe dreams), and he thought that it was the angel Gabriel who gave them to him. He told people that this was the last and best message from God. The revelations were written down in the Qur’an. He also met many Jews and Christians in his life, and some of what he learned from them is also written in the Qur’an. Mohammed told the people in the cities of Mecca and Medina that they were not allowed to worship all those idols anymore, and he gave them new laws.



PRAYER POINTS:

- Do you know a boy whose name is Mohamed, Muhammad, Mahommed, Mehmed, Mehmet, Mahomet, Magomed, or even Maxamed? All these names are forms of Mohammed. Pray for the boys you know with these names. Also pray for all the men and boys worldwide who have similar names to get to know Jesus, who is the only one we should praise.

Many words we need today start with an M. How many M words can you find in this text? Who can find the most?

Let's Go!

Today the boys in the family will pray. As a family, hold hands to show that even if only the boys pray, you are unified and agree with the prayer.

Mashhad in Iran

? Did You Know

- *Mashhad is a very old city.*
- *2.5 million people live in Mashhad, and it is the second largest city in Iran.*
- *There is a tomb there where people come to pray, and every year over 10 million come.*

Mashhad has grown into a big city in the past few years with many shopping malls and super markets being built. But not many Christians live in Mashhad. Nobody knows how many there are. A few years ago a pastor died because he believed in Jesus. Many who believe in Jesus are suffering because of persecution, but more and more people are starting to believe in Jesus all over Iran.



The city of Mashhad lies near the border of two other countries. Check it out on a map and find out which ones.

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Let's Go!

How would you feel if you could not openly be a Christian? Today sit close together and whisper your prayers so that nobody else can hear you, only your family.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the people in Mashhad and all over Iran to get to know Jesus and understand that He loves them and wants to forgive them.
- Pray that they will meet Christians who will tell them about Jesus.
- Pray for the Christians in Iran who are persecuted.

The Khorasani Turks

? Did You Know

- Khorasan is Persian and means “Land of the Rising Sun.”
- Khorasan is a province in Iran.
- The Khorasani Turks live in the northern part of the Khorasan province.



The Khorasani Turks are good farmers who grow many different crops and have cows, sheep, and goats for milk and butter. They are also very good craftsmen, making jewelry, glassware, and dolls. Some of them weave beautiful carpets with special designs. They live in a very remote part of the world. None of them have become believers in Jesus, and nobody has gone to tell them about Jesus.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that Christian businessmen can go and share about Jesus with the Khorasani Turks while they do business.
- Pray that some people who are good with languages would translate the Bible for the Khorasani Turks.
- Pray for missionaries to go and live with the Khorasani Turks.



Let's Go!

Because the Khorasani Turks are such good craftsmen, today you can show what you can do. Make a nice drawing of something the Khorasani are making (carpets, jewelry, dolls, etc.). Cut it out and keep it somewhere you can see it to remind you to continuously pray for them. Now start praying for the Khorasani!

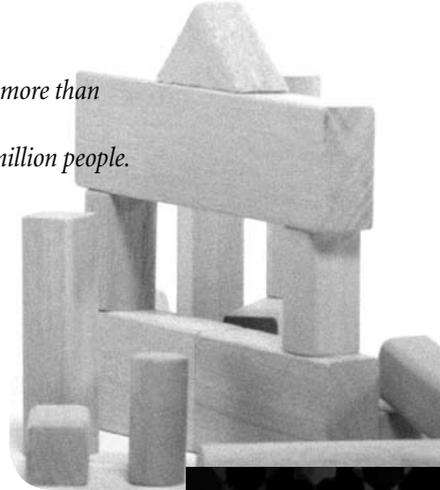
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The Western Baluch

? Did You Know

- *Baluchistan has a long and great history — even Alexander the Great was there.*
- *There are about 8 million Baluch people, more than the population of Switzerland.*
- *The Western Baluch people group is 1.2 million people.*



Can you imagine building your own house only with the things that you find in the area? Making your own bricks from dirt, and using stones and wood? That's what the Baluch are doing. They also make their own tools to build the houses. Baluchistan, where the Baluch live, lies at the border of Pakistan. It is very dry, making living circumstances difficult.

The Western Baluch are wheat farmers, but they also move around with their sheep, goats, and cows to find enough grass for them.

Pray that this will become true for the Baluch!
(See the “key” at the end of the booklet)

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Let's Go!

Do you have building blocks or anything that you could use to build a house? Bring those things, and while you build a house together, pray for the Western Baluch. Imagine that the house you are building is a church for them!

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the leaders of the Baluch to become followers of Jesus.
- Because of their hard life, they need help in different areas. Pray that teams will go there and help them and share the Good News.
- Pray for Baluch who know Jesus to share Him with other Baluch.
- They need a Bible in their own language. Pray that they get one soon.

September 2nd

In Remembrance of Me

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- In many places in the world, church meetings look very different than what you are used to.
- In Indonesia and many other places, people sit on the floor during their meetings.
- Believers in Jesus from a Muslim background will never touch the Bible with their foot, but always treat it with respect and put it on a special stand.

Every Friday night Jasmine meets with other people who have come to know Jesus. They sit on the floor on tikars (woven mats), and together they read scriptures from papers they have photocopied. Some of them cannot read, so it is important for the others to read it several times, so all can hear and understand. Together they talk about it and then pray and praise God. At the end they have some snacks and enjoy talking together. Many people in Indonesia meet together like this. It is their way of worshiping together.



PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that followers of Jesus who have been Muslims will find ways to come together to pray and learn from the Bible in a way they can understand.
- Pray that Christians will understand their culture and help them to find their own ways of worship.

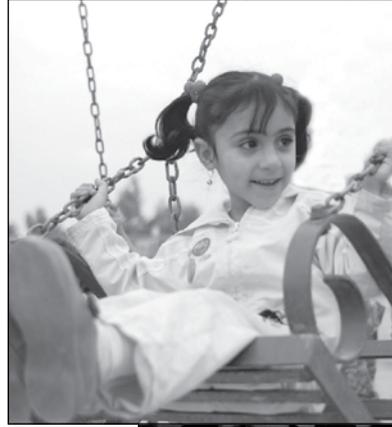
Let's Go!

Sit on the floor in a circle. One of you can be Jasmine and read the prayer points to the others loud and clear. Then one by one in the circle pray for the new followers of Jesus.

The Iraqi Tribes

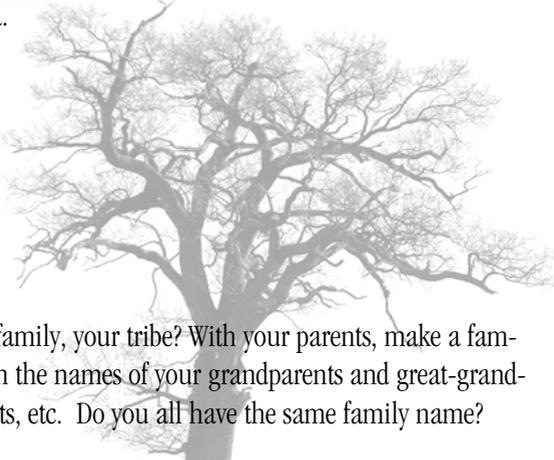
? Did You Know

- A tribe is a group of people who all come from the same ancestors and often have the same family name.
- In a state you can often find many different tribes.
- In Iraq a tribe is made up of many families and clans.



Are you related to all the Millers and Smiths that live in your country? Probably not, but if you searched a few generations back, you might find that you're related to people you never knew who are aunts and uncles of yours. In Iraq most people belong to a tribe, and they know who their relatives are and how they are related. They all have the same tribal name, and they are organized into federations, clans, houses, and families.

These are some of the Iraqi tribal names: the Muntafiq, the Zubayd, the Dulaym, the Al Bu Muhammed, the Bani Tamim, the Zafir, the Jubour and the Azza.



Let's Go!

Who is part of your family, your tribe? With your parents, make a family tree, writing down the names of your grandparents and great-grandparents, uncles, aunts, etc. Do you all have the same family name?

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the different tribes mentioned above, speaking out their names.
- Pray for the leaders of the tribes, clans, and families to be the first ones to get to know Jesus and lead the rest to become followers of Jesus as well.
- It is very difficult and dangerous to be a believer in Iraq. Pray for the Christians who are still there and for those who want to start following Jesus.

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SEPTEMBER 4

Somalis in the USA

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- *Somalia is a country in East Africa.*
- *Many Somalis have had to leave their country because of civil war.*
- *Many thousands live in cities like London, Rome, Stockholm, or Seattle.*



A large community of Somalis live in Minnesota, USA. Most of them are working to earn money and are trying hard to learn English. Many of them live together and spend a lot of time together in order to live their lives as Muslims. They don't want to hear about other religions, but they love to have guests and are very friendly. The older Somalis dream about returning to their home country once peace has been restored. It is hard for them to live so far away from home, but some Christians have started to show the Somalis that they are loved.

What do these things mean and what do they have to do with Somalia? Maybe your parents know!

Pirates
Horn of Africa
Mogadishu

Let's Go!

One person starts to pray, then holds hands with the next person who prays, then the next and so on, until the whole family is holding hands as a sign of love and friendship for the Somalis.

PRAYER POINTS:

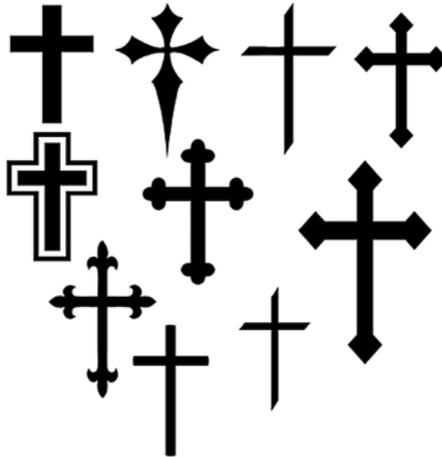
- Pray that the civil war in Somalia ends and people can return.
- Pray for the Christians in the USA who are becoming friends with the Somalis.
- Pray that the Somalis will understand that Jesus loves them.

The Cross

? Did You Know

- *There is a place in India that some people say is the grave of Jesus, who according to them did not die on the cross.*
- *Only people who had done something terribly wrong had to die on a cross when the Romans ruled in Israel.*
- *Most Muslims do not believe that Jesus died on the cross.*

Many Muslims don't believe that Jesus really died on the cross. They think if Jesus really was the Son of God (and for Muslims an important prophet), God would never have let Him die on the cross. Some think that Judas, because he betrayed Jesus, had to die on the cross. Others think that Jesus did go to the cross but survived and later just went to heaven to be with God without dying. Because of all that, it is complicated for Muslims to understand why Jesus had to die on the cross, and Christians need to know what they can say to Muslims so they will believe it.



Let's Go!

Cut a cross out of paper and decorate it nicely. Keep it in your pocket to remember to pray for the Muslims today. Put all your crosses in front of you on the table and then pray!

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that Christians will know how to talk about the cross with Muslims.
- Pray that Muslims will understand why God had to send Jesus to die on the cross.
- Pray for the Muslims who live in your town.

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SEPTEMBER 6

Northwest Africa

? Did
You
Know

- *The countries of northwest Africa are Muslim countries.*
- *Out of 78 million people, only about 50,000 believe in Jesus.*
- *In Tunisia only about 1,000 people are Christians.*



Many people like to go on vacation to Tunisia and Morocco, but not many go to tell the North Africans about Jesus. In Algeria, a new law exists that makes it harder for Algerians to become Christians because they will be persecuted if they do. But many of the believers in Algeria came to know Jesus because they had dreams of Him at night while they were sleeping. Because of that, nobody knows exactly how many people in Algeria know Jesus.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the Algerian believers will continue to tell others about Jesus and will not be afraid of persecution.
- Pray for the many Tunisians who only want to make a lot of money in their lives and have not thought about God at all.
- Pray for the family of the Moroccan King Mohammed VI and his son, Hassan, who is 6 years old.

Let's Go!

Important people often wear hats, and kings wear crowns. Get a hat or make a crown. The youngest in the family wears the hat/crown and starts praying. Then he can pass on the hat to another person and so on until all have prayed.



The Gayo People

? Did You Know

- *The Gayo live in Aceh Province on the island of Sumatra.*
- *Aceh Province is part of Indonesia and is known worldwide since the tsunami a few years ago.*
- *There are about 300,000 Gayo people in Aceh.*

The Gayo people live in the center of the island of Sumatra, and there are some high mountains in their area. They speak two different dialects, but they can't read or write their language. They love to tell each other stories and old tales in the form of poems. By telling each other these stories they will remember them. The Gayo are farmers and fishermen. They plant coffee, and they also make beautiful embroideries with gold thread. They need people to come and help teach them health care and give them medicine. No missionary has gone to the Gayo people to tell them the Good News.



*The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength
of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?*

Let's Go!

Are you good at writing poems? Try to make one together as a family, and in it say what the Gayo need. Make it like a prayer. The Psalms are also poems. If you cannot write your own, why don't you read a Psalm for the Gayo? (Ex. Ps. 2:8, Ps. 27).

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for missionaries to go to the Gayo and share the Good News with them.
- Pray that the Gayo will understand and follow Jesus.
- Pray for doctors and nurses to go and help the Gayo.

The Uyghur People

? Did
You
Know

- Uyghur is pronounced “ooy-goor.”
- There are about 11 million Uyghur, but only about 100 to 200 followers of Jesus.
- They live in the northwest part of China (check it out on a map!).



In old times, the Uyghur had a big empire in areas of what is now China. But now they are part of China. It is very difficult for them to continue to live as Uyghurs with their Muslim beliefs and their old traditions. All around the Uyghur areas, many Muslims have become followers of Jesus, but it is still very difficult for the Uyghur to join them. There is no strong church, and many of the Uyghur who have started to follow Jesus are afraid to talk about Him to their friends and families. Three of the believers have been sent to prison, and they feel very much alone and afraid.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the men who are in prison.
- Pray that the Uyghur who know Jesus will have courage to tell others about Him.
- Pray for missionaries to go to the Uyghur.
- Pray that the Chinese government would let the Uyghur live in their own traditional ways.

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Let's Go!

Stand in a circle and face out. Once you have prayed you can turn and look inside. At the end when all have prayed you will see each other. Do it for the Uyghur who are alone and afraid.

If you want to know more about the Uyghur you can check out these websites:
www.uyghurensemble.co.uk (music of the Uyghurs)
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uyghur_people
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taklamakan_Desert

The Burig People

? Did You Know

- *The Burig people live in Pakistan.*
- *They live very high up in the mountains.*

Have you ever seen pictures of the Himalayas? That's where the Burig live. India and Pakistan have been fighting for many years about the area the Burig live in, and so it has not been possible for foreigners to go to their area. Before the Burig became Muslims they believed in Tibetan Buddhism. Today they still wear Tibetan clothing, eat Tibetan food, and their language is a Tibetan language. In the past few years some of them have been struggling with being Muslim and at the same time being Tibetan. While they are thinking about who they really are, we need to pray that they can get to know Jesus.



Do you know what the following verse says? Ps.121:1. Pray that the Burig will get help!

Let's Go!

Do you have a staircase in your house? Start at the bottom of it and pray for the Burig while you climb it. Imagine yourself climbing the high Himalayas!

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the Burig will understand that only Jesus can be their Lord and give them what they are searching for.
- Pray for people to go to the Burig and share about Jesus with them.

Central Asia

? Did You Know

- More than 100 million people live in Central Asia.
- Many of them are Muslims.
- Languages like Dari, Kyrgyz, Mongolian, Tatar, and Bukhori are spoken there.



In the 1990s, many Christians went to live in Central Asia to tell people there about Jesus. Many of those people had to be atheists, not believing in anything, while the Russian Communists ruled there. After the countries became independent, however, they remembered their old culture and religion, and many of them became Muslims again. Many also became Christians, though, by listening to the missionaries who had come to live with them.

But now many of the governments in these new countries have started to persecute Christians and have told the foreigners to leave. Followers of Jesus are not allowed to come together anymore, and it is forbidden to tell children about Jesus. And many have not yet heard about Jesus at all!

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that many more Central Asians will get to know Jesus.
- Pray for those who have started to follow Jesus and are now suffering because of it.
- Pray for the Christians who are in prison or will have to go to prison because they believe.
- Pray for the governments in Central Asia to allow people to become followers of Jesus.

All the countries in Central Asia end with ... -stan. (Check it out on a map or ask your parents to help you.) Find out what they are called:

Af _____

Ta _____

Uz _____

Tu _____

Ka _____

Ky _____

Let's Go!

Hide under the table or wherever you can, because you are living in Central Asia and are not allowed to meet publicly! Then pray there together.

Badakshan

? Did You Know

- *Badakshan is situated in three countries: North East Afghanistan, Eastern Tajikistan, and Northern Pakistan.*
- *The Pamir Mountains are in Badakshan. Pamir means "Roof of the World."*
- *The Badakshani speak Eastern Persian mountain languages.*

The Badakshani think that they are very different from the other people living in the same countries. Their skin is lighter and they look different. But what really makes them different is what they believe. The Badakshani believe that the Agha Khan, who is their spiritual leader, is a god for them. He is the one who tells them how they should live their lives. The other Muslims think that what the Badakshani believe is wrong.



Let's Go!

To change and worship Jesus instead of the Agha Khan is difficult, like climbing high mountains. Take some paper and pens and draw high mountains. Cut them out and write your prayers on it while you pray. You can make one big mountain range if you glue together all the mountains your family made, so you have your own roof of the world!

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the Badakshani will stop worshipping the Agha Khan. Pray that they will understand that he is a man, not a god, and that they should start to worship Jesus.
- Pray for the few followers of Jesus among the Badakshani to tell others about Jesus.
- Some Badakshani live in cities away from Badakshan. Pray that they will get to know Jesus in those cities.

Jesus

? Did You Know

- *In the Qur'an there are passages saying that Jesus was the Word of God.*
- *The Qur'an talks about Mary, the Mother of Jesus.*
- *It is also written that Jesus is the Messiah, which means that he is a good king who is coming to save us.*

Many Muslims have read these passages in the Qur'an, but they don't really understand what they mean. They also don't know that the Bible says the same things. Some believers have used the verse about Jesus being the Word of God to start telling Muslims about Jesus and who he is.

Can you find out which verse this is?

20 8 5 23 15 18 4 23 1 19 23 9 20 8 7 15 4 1 14 4 20 8 5
23 15 18 4 23 1 19 7 15 4

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that Muslims who read the passage about the Word of God will start to ask questions about it.
- Pray for Christians who tell Muslims about Jesus to be able to explain these verses clearly.
- Pray that Muslims understand that Jesus really is the Messiah, the king who came to save us.

Let's Go!

The Bible is also God's word, where we read and understand who Jesus is. Get your Bibles. How many do you have in your house? Put them all on a pile, put your hands on them, and pray that the Muslims will understand the Word of God.



God's Message by Radio

? Did You Know

- Many Muslims who live in places where no Christians live can hear the Good News on the radio.
- They can write and ask for Bibles or the "Jesus" video.
- Sometimes the packages with the Bibles do not arrive, so it is better if they can go and pick them up at the radio station.

A man who works at the radio station was calling a Muslim who wanted to have a Bible. He was not able to visit the Muslim, so he told the man to come and visit him. The Muslim came at night so that nobody could see him. He rode his bike for four hours to get to the radio station. He was so happy about all the things he had heard on the radio, he wanted to know more and really study the Christian faith. He went home with a Bible, study materials, and many different Gospel videos. Hopefully, he will be able to return to the radio station and tell the man there if he now follows Jesus.



What do the Muslims seekers need to understand more about Jesus?

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Let's Go!

Pretend to be the man who came to visit the radio station at night. Close the curtains and turn off the lights in the room. Walk through your living room or apartment as you pray. You can go two by two.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the Bibles sent by mail will arrive at the houses of the people who want them.
- Pray that whole families will listen to the radio messages and that they will not stop a family member who wants to hear it.
- Pray for the people who work at the radio stations to know what to say when they call Muslims who have been listening to the radio.

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SEPTEMBER 14

Muslims in Malegaon

? Did
You
Know

- Malegaon is a city in India.
- There are about 200 mosques in Malegaon.
- More than 500,000 Muslims live there.



Imagine that you are walking through a very narrow street. There are little open shops and stands everywhere. Men, women wearing veils, children, animals, and vehicles are all trying to pass through the market. Women are grocery shopping. Boys are on their way to Qur'an schools. Men sit in tea shops and drink Chai tea and talk. All these people are Muslims. Many of them work in dark, hot factories where they make cloth out of cotton that is used to make Indian clothing. Most of them have never heard of Jesus and don't know how much He loves them and wants to forgive their sins. Would you like to go there?

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that the leaders hear about Jesus and start to follow Him.
- Pray for the boys who learn to read from the Qur'an, that Jesus will be revealed to them.
- Pray that they will start to follow Jesus.
- Pray for the few Christians in Malegaon to have courage to share about Jesus with the Muslims.

Let's Go!

Because the Muslims in Malegaon are making cloth, today take a nice cloth or shawl and wrap it around you while you are praying. Pass it on to the next person who prays. In India men also wear shawls when it is cold.



Khalid finds Jesus

? Did You Know

- Many Muslims have dreams about Jesus.
- It is difficult for a Muslim to follow Jesus and meet with Christians.
- Some churches do not want former Muslims to come to them.

Khalid really wanted to know more about God, so he was asking people who knew the Qur'an well. He had many questions, but nobody was really able to help him. One day he visited a friend, and while he was there he started reading a book. He thought it was explaining the Qur'an, but suddenly he was finding many answers to his questions about God. That night he had a strange dream. He saw the words: "I am the God you are looking for. I am the truth." He did not understand what that meant. So he asked his friend, who explained it to him. He told Khalid that his dream was the God of the Bible talking to him. Khalid started to pray to God, and he was also invited to visit a group of Christian believers.

What do people like Khalid need?

- NDEFIRS _____
 LEWFOPSIH _____
 TSSIRES _____
 TROBHRES _____
 KOBOS _____
 LIBSEB _____

Let's Go!

Pick one of you to play "Khalid," then stand in the middle of a circle. "Khalid" can pray for the Muslims who are searching for God. The others can pray for the churches.



PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for people like Khalid to find God and understand.
- Pray for the churches to be willing to welcome people like Khalid and to have protection and courage.
- Pray for the leaders of these churches.

The Night of Power

? Did You Know

- *This is the night to remember when Mohammed had his first revelation about the Qur'an.*
- *It happened in a cave near Mecca in the year 610 AD.*

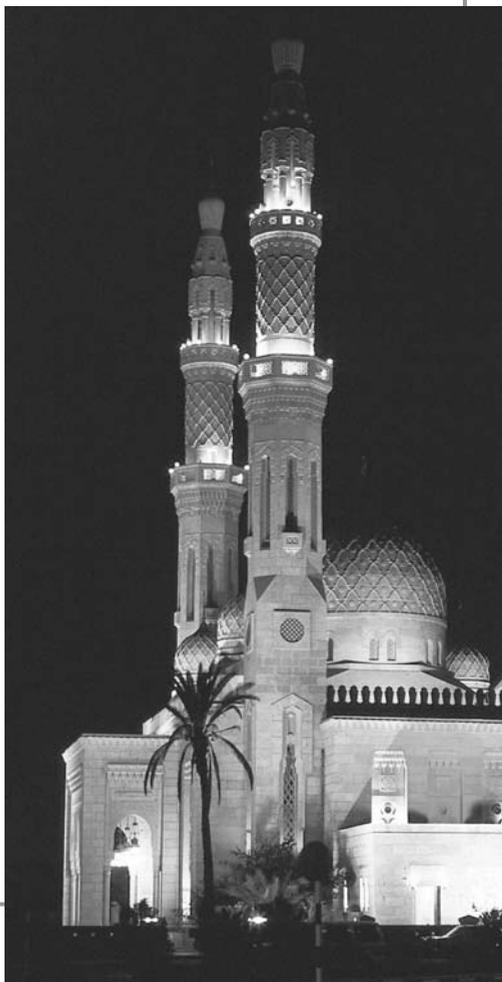
Tonight many Muslims will stay up and spend the night in prayer. They believe that this is a special night when their prayers will be answered. Some believe that angels will come or that miracles will happen. It is important to pray this night that the Muslims will hear God in their prayers and have visions of Jesus.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that many more Christians will pray for Muslims this night.
- Pray for those who are really seeking God tonight to understand that only Jesus can help them.
- Pray that many will have visions of God tonight.

Let's Go!

Because this is the night the Muslims are praying all night, ask your parents if you can stay up longer and pray with them before you go to bed.



Malaysia

? Did You Know

- There are four main people groups in Malaysia: Indians, Chinese, Tribals, and Malays.
- The Malays are mainly Muslim, and they make up 60% of the population of Malaysia.
- About 24 million people live in Malaysia.

For a long time not many people went to the Malays to share the Good News with them. But in the past few years, more and more Christians from the Chinese, Indians, and Tribal people living in Malaysia have started to share about Jesus with the Malays. Today there are some churches for the Malay followers of Jesus. Christians need wisdom to tell their Muslim neighbors about Jesus in a way they can understand.



Do you remember the people groups living in Malaysia?

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S	M	A	L	A	Y	A	D
M	R	E	B	N	H	G	F
T	Z	I	U	S	O	P	I
W	R	X	S	C	R	F	N
T	H	F	U	O	S	Q	P

Let's Go!

How would you tell somebody about Jesus? Practice with each other. Tell your family members why you are following Jesus and why they should follow Him too. Pray that the Malays will also want to follow Jesus.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for leaders among the Malay Muslims who can share the Gospel with them and teach the Bible.
- Pray that the Malays will be able to read and understand the Bible scriptures that are available in their language.
- Pray that other Christians in Malaysia are able to share the Good News with the Malays.

DAY
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SEPTEMBER 18

Muslims who Speak on TV

? Did
You
Know

- There are Muslims who have TV shows and websites that teach other Muslims how to live good lives.
- These TV channels and websites come from the Middle East.



Sometimes we think that all Muslims only want to fight in wars or be terrorists. That is not true. Many Muslims want to have a good life with their family and raise their children. They love to watch good Islamic programs on their TV or on websites. There are many men who are teachers on these programs. One of them is Amr Khaled, who teaches Muslims about the Qur'an and how they can apply it today. He also helps them to understand what is going on in the world around them.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that people like Amr Khaled will come to know Jesus.
- Pray that they can continue to bring change to Muslims in a good way.
- Pray for Christians in the Middle East to be able to share the Good News with Muslims who are searching for the truth of God.

Let's Go!

One of you sit at a table and pretend to be a TV announcer, maybe even with a microphone. Read the prayer points as you would announce the news on TV. Those who are “watching TV” will pray the prayer points.



Loving Jews and Muslims

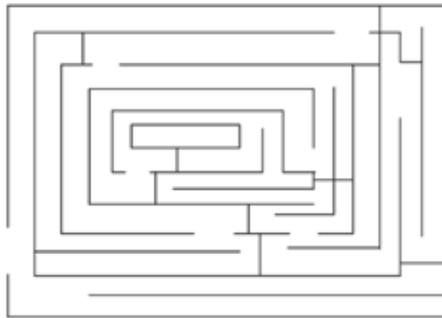
? Did You Know

- *In January 2009 there was a war in Israel between the Israelis and the Palestinians.*
- *Palestinians are Arabs, and most of them are Muslims.*
- *Israelis are Jews; they only believe in the Old Testament.*
- *Muslims and Jews don't like each other.*

A Palestinian man who grew up in Israel had to flee to Nazareth with his family when he was still a child. He found out that Jews lived in his old apartment. He thought that God only loved some people and others had to flee. This was very hard for him to understand. When he grew up to be an adult, he got to know Jesus and became a believer. Some years later an old Jewish man asked him for forgiveness for all the bad things that he had done to him as a Palestinian. The Palestinian man started to love the Jews. There are some Jews and some Palestinians who believe in Jesus. They have come together to pray and ask for forgiveness from each other. It is a long and difficult way for Jews and Palestinians to come together. Can you show them the way?

Let's Go!

Imagine that some of you are Jews and some are Muslims. Hold hands as you pray, to show that forgiveness is possible. After the prayer, give each other a big hug!



PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that Palestinians and Jews who know Jesus will come together to pray and be an example to others.
- Jesus said that he is the Prince of Peace. Only if we know Jesus can there be real peace. Pray that more people in Israel and Palestine will get to know Jesus.
- Pray that there will be no more war in Israel, and that real peace will come.

The Afar

- *The Afar live near the hottest area on earth, the Danakil desert.*
- *Their diet consists mainly of camel milk and corn bread. If there is not enough milk, the parents drink tea made from the coffee tree.*
- *They love to write funny songs and poems even about famines and surviving famines.*



The Afar have a very hard life. Many of them breed camels to make money. Only a few know how to read and write. They live in a very hot and dry climate. The Afar are known as warrior people, but they also love to have guests and have fun together. They enjoy life. Only a few of them have become Christians, and some of them have been persecuted. But some missionaries, together with the Christian Afar, have started a radio program so that many Afar can now hear the Good News.

The Danakil desert is spread out over three countries at the Horn of Africa. Match each part of the words properly. Find the countries and check on a map where the Horn of Africa is.

Eri – bouti
Dji - opia
Ethi - trea

Let's Go!

Get some milk or tea, and get some bread. After you have prayed for the Afar you can eat and drink together. If you want, you can also sing songs together like the Afar do.



PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for Christian radio programs and for the people who are making them.
- Pray that many Afar will get to know Jesus through these radio programs.
- Pray that families will get to know Jesus together.

Solutions

DAY 1, 11 & 22 Use the chart to the right

DAY 2: FALSE, RELIGION, INTERNET, EUROPE, NEED, DRINKING

DAY 3: You shall worship the Lord your God, and him alone shall you serve.

DAY 6:

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11	K	24	X
10	J	23	W
9	I	22	V
8	H	21	U
7	G	20	T
6	F	19	S
5	E	18	R
4	D	17	Q
3	C	16	P
2	B	15	O
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DAY 9

Afghanistan, Turkmenistan

DAY 11

Acts 16:31

DAY 14

It is in the news because of Pirates that are attacking big ships out in the ocean.

The country is situated at the Horn of Africa and it looks like a "Horn."

Mogadishu is the capital of Somalia.

DAY 18

Taklamakan Desert

DAY 20

Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan,

Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan,

Afghanistan

DAY 22

John 1:1 second part of the verse

DAY 23

Bibles, Gospel Videos, Study Material,

Radio, Christian Books

DAY 25

Friends, Fellowship, Sisters,

Brothers, Books, Bibles

DAY 30

Eritrea, Djibouti, Ethiopia

DAY 27

E	V	B	Z	I	N	Q	S
X	C	H	I	N	E	S	E
Y	R	T	F	D	A	V	B
M	W	P	O	I	L	T	I
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