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Praying for the Muslim World

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Tip for reaching out to your Muslim connection: Here's a secure website that you can encourage your Muslim friend to visit and to ask their questions or share their dreams of Jesus-- <https://dreamsaboutjesus.com>

February 1-7 – PRAISE & THANKSGIVING	
Week 1	<i>How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation. Daniel 4:3</i>
Mon 1	Praise GOD for the safe arrival of 22 students from South Sudan and northern Kenya to begin 3 months of biblical training at Middle Eastern Reformed Fellowship (MERF) Center. Covid safety measures are in place. Pray for the Lord's blessing on their studies.
Tue 2	Praise GOD for indigenous church leaders in Ethiopia who prepare gospel radio broadcasts, translate, print and distribute Christian literatures in the local language. They travel long distances to train other church leaders. Pray for their protection and encouragement as they disciple and multiply local church leaders.
Wed 3	Praise God for answered prayers! A worker and his teammates have been praying for years for God to awaken the hearts of their Muslim friends. "One night, M just started pouring his heart out to me. After being friends with him for several years, I finally had an opportunity to share Jesus. Now, M can't get enough of the Word!"
Thu 4	Praise GOD for Christians who have been welcomed into the lives and homes of Muslim families where seeds of the Gospel can be sown and bear fruit. Pray that the witness of Christians will open Muslims' eyes to see Jesus and soften their hearts to the Gospel.
Fri 5	Praise GOD for the opportunity to hear God's word from Arabic-speaking pastors who share the Gospel online as well as the Jesus films that reach many Muslim countries. Pray for those who watch these films, that they will believe in Jesus. Pray as well that many more Muslims countries will be reached by these films.
Sat-Sun 6-7	Praise GOD for the team at TWR Canada as they will start airing evangelism programming in Afghanistan, Nepal and Pakistan. Pray for those who hear TWR's programming in their heart language and hear about the good news of Christ for the first time. Pray that they would understand the truth and seek salvation.
February 8-14 – PRAY FOR MUSLIM PEOPLE	
Week 2	<i>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. Romans 10:11-12</i>
Mon 8	Around 750 people were killed in an attack on an Orthodox Church in Ethiopia which said to contain the Ark of the Covenant. Of the 1,000 who tried to hide in the church to protect the Ark, around 750 were brought out and shot to death. Pray for the fighting to stop and for the protection of Tigray people and culture.
Tue 9	Over 630 have been injured, dozens killed and more than 15,000 displaced in the recent earthquake in Sulawesi, Indonesia. Pray for the Indonesian Red Cross and all those who are working to help injured survivors, keep them safe from COVID-19 and provide relief to the thousands who have been displaced from their homes. People are also still grieving for the tragic plane crash last January 9 th that killed 62 people.
Wed 10	In Karachi, severe monsoon rains not seen in 80 years are causing serious flooding, forcing some people to be stranded in their cars. A couple of field workers went out in the middle of the night bringing food and Urdu Bibles to the people who were stranded. Pray that this gesture of love will impact people for the gospel.
Thu 11	In Mozambique, COVID-19 and Islamic extremism continues to cause fear and confusion among families in northern Mozambique. More than 1,000 innocent people have been killed and 500,000 more displaced. Pray for peace in Mozambique and for local Christians to step out in faith and impact their nation for Christ.
Fri 12	In Afghanistan, ISIS has claimed responsibility for multiple attacks in the capital of Kabul in recent months, including the killings of 50 people in educational institutions, most of them students. This is hampering efforts to improve education in a country with one of the worst literacy rates in the world. Lift this country in prayer!
Sat-Sun 13-14	"I lost connection with all my relatives. Right now I don't know if they're okay or not, alive or not. They just disappeared." Continue to intercede for the Uyghurs whose basic freedom, survival, and even their roots and cultural existence are inhumanely snatched away by an oppressive regime.

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February 15-21 – PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE LABOURERS <i>May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done. Ruth 2:12</i>	
Week 3	
Mon 15	“Last Christmas, we had an unexpected visitor. F was heavily pregnant and looking for a local charity, instead she came to our door. We knew God sent her so we took her in and shared with her the story of an unplanned pregnancy and the birth of a much-loved baby boy. F later on gave birth to a baby boy and named him Isa.” Pray for the Frontier workers who are now discipling her, that they will see the seed grow and multiply.
Tue 16	Ever since a field worker studied the Bible with her, R’s heart was filled with gratitude and thanksgiving to God for the opportunity to study the Bible. No one has ever offered her such a precious gift. Now, R hosts Bible studies in her home and invites her Muslim friends, family and neighbours. Pray for this precious sister-in-Christ
Wed 17	Imagine not being able to use the name “God” or “Allah” in your Bibles and books. For South Asians, particularly Malaysian Christians, who have used the word “Allah” to mean “God” or “Lord”, this will be devastating. Court ruling to approve or disapprove the <u>Jill Ireland Lawrence Bill</u> has been postponed. Pray!
Thu 18	Field workers who are in the ME wrote: “We praise the Lord for His faithfulness and goodness in every way despite the pandemic.” One-on-one English classes are still ongoing and they continue to meet with new believers regularly. Pray for the believers and that the Lord to guide us to those who are open and seeking Him.
Fri 19	“I’ve spent my whole learning how to be an independent woman in the western world. The women here walk slowly, head hanging low with eyes looking down. Her work is at home. She is not meant to be seen or heard in the outside world.” Pray for this brave worker who is now adjusting to a different way of life because this is the place where God sent her. Pray for courage and wisdom as she builds relationship with the women.
Sat-Sun 20-21	A passionate Kenyan evangelist to the Middle East is trying to raise local disciple-makers. He partners with a church to disciple Asian house church members. Because of these efforts, Jesus is transforming lives! Pray that the Lord will continue to bring the increase and raise more local disciple-makers.
February 22-28 – PRAY FOR A MUSLIM REGION Nine rooms in the House of Islam: Western South Asia	
Week 4	
Mon 22	In India, some two hundred million Muslims make up the predominantly Hindu country’s largest minority group. For decades, Muslims have faced systematic discrimination, despite constitutional protections. They are disproportionately the victims of communal violence. Pray that many Indian Muslims be reached by the gospel.
Tue 23	Despite the growing persecution of Christians and a strict lockdown in India, the Church is growing there. Because of the lockdown, Christians and local churches started praying for unsaved people they know, and they followed up these prayers by phone or Whatsapp. As soon as restrictions lifted, some started going into regions with no known church. An estimated 100,000 conversions happened during the lockdown. Lift them in prayer!
Wed 24	Afghanistan has been at war for over four decades. But God...“Twenty years ago, we talked about just a handful of Christian believers in the whole country, and today we talk about believers in every single province.” Pray for God’s protection among the few believers in Afghanistan. Pray as well that house churches will flourish.
Thu 25	Christians account for less than half a percent of Bangladesh’s Muslim majority nation of 160 million people. But they have been held in high regard for decades for vital contributions to education, healthcare and the economy. As the country suffers from the pandemic, Christians have shown selfless love and dedication in fighting the battle head on. Pray that the seeds planted will grow and multiply and result to transformed lives.
Fri 26	N loved singing church hymns. But at the age of 14, she was forcibly converted from Christianity to Islam and married to a 45-year-old man with children twice her age. N is one of nearly 1,000 girls who are forced to convert to Islam in Pakistan each year. Pray that Pakistanis will open their eyes to this evil ideology.
Sat-Sun 27-28	Christians in today’s Pakistan (2% of the population) have paid a high price for being in the minority. In the capital Islamabad, for example, a community of 5,000 of them live in extreme poverty, literally walled-off from the rest of society. Pray for the Church to multiply even as persecution intensifies. Here, in the deadness of Islam, pray that God will shake this nation and move through dreams and visions.

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RESOURCES/ LINKS:

<https://beyond.org/>

<https://www.crescentproject.org/>

<https://frontiersusa.org/>

<https://www.merf.org>

<https://www.mnnonline.org/>

<https://www.operationworld.org/>

<https://www.persecution.org/>

<https://www.simusa.org/>

<https://www.twr.ca/>

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/750-killed-at-ethiopian-church-said-to-contain-ark-of-covenant.html>

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/15-january/news/world/massacre-of-750-reported-in-aksum-church-complex-tigray-ethiopia>

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/12/1080392>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR2nMqIoXpfL815HPg4zj1jZ9ZWMjN9P04kwr_uujbz3nINCaChxI3XFyGD8&v=M71qjHlORaw&feature=youtu.be

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