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Praying for the Muslim World

October
2021

Check out an online course called **“Building Christ-centered friendships with Muslims”**, based on Journey to Jesus curriculum: <https://www.missiontools.org/resources/building-christ-centered-friendships-with-muslims/>

October 1-7 – PRAISE & THANKSGIVING	
Week 1	<i>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:28</i>
Fri 1	Praise GOD for how He works powerfully in people’s lives! After fleeing the war in Syria years ago, two sisters heard the gospel and chose to follow Jesus. However, they have since moved back to Syria when their mother passed away. Pray for their grieving hearts to heal and for their faith to continue growing.
Sat 2	Praise GOD for church planting movements that have brought tens of thousands of people to Christ and started thousands of house churches across Bangladesh. Pray for an even greater impact among the 160+ million people in this country and that Acts 2 house churches will continue to spring up in Bangladesh.
Sun 3	Praise GOD for the ongoing work among Persians. Earlier this year, Trans World Radio Canada distributed more than 8,000 SD cards and 2,000 physical copies of the New Testament across the Persian-speaking world. Pray for those who are receiving the Bibles for the first time, that their hearts will be open to receive Jesus.
Mon 4	Praise GOD for the 19 new graduates of Middle East Reformed Fellowship’s intensive 3-month biblical training course in Kenya. The graduates will be serving in their home churches in South Sudan and among the Turkana in northern Kenya. Pray for the upcoming students who are set to begin their training.
Tue 5	Praise GOD for the two Iranian converts who have been released from prison after posting bail. However, their friend Ayoub’s whereabouts is still unknown. Pray that Ayoub will be found well and safe. Pray that the three men will receive legal support and that any charges against them for exercising their faith will be dropped.
Wed-Thu 6-7	Praise GOD for Ethiopian missionaries G & T who are now serving in the field. Their mentors reported how God has miraculously opened three resistant groups for the gospel because of their faithful efforts. Pray for provision and for their protection. Pray as well for the new believers that they will grow strong in faith.
October 8-14 – PRAY FOR MUSLIM PEOPLE	
Week 2	<i>Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:12-13</i>
Fri 8	In an article released by Middle East Forum last September 19, 2021, it was noted that, “Muslim atheism has spread to the point that it shakes the Islamic faith.” However, they remain uncountable as they choose to maintain the trappings to avoid punishment. “The Middle East would be significantly more secular if it was not for heavy-handed religious government enforcement...” Pray that believers will see this as an open door.
Sat 9	Tunisia is the third Arab country after Egypt and Sudan to say that it is fed up with the rule of the Islamists. Most Arab countries have long regarded the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamist groups as a major threat to security, stability, and peace. Pray that many Muslims will find true peace and security in Jesus.
Sun 10	B is a refugee widow living in the UK with her daughter. They have both shown interest in spiritual issues. Pray for them as they start to go to a church café and interact with believers. May they both feel connected to this Christian community and respond to the light of Christ.
Mon 11	“Jacov” grew up as a Sunni Muslim and practiced Islam faithfully. When he became embroiled in a political conflict, he fled across the border illegally. Missionaries met him at the border and gave him a Bible. He was asked if he could translate the gospel and share it with the patients at a refugee camp. He eventually accepted Jesus and began witnessing to his friends back in Iraq. Pray for his walk with the Lord.
Tue 12	An Afghan family who is living in Tunisia was excited to study the Bible in their own language with workers. They have missed a couple of weeks recently. Pray that they will restart again despite worries over what has happened in Afghanistan. Pray for God’s Word to bear fruit and cause them to follow Jesus.
Wed-Thu 13-14	The Pashayi (pronounced puh-SHEE) number about 924,000 people in northeastern Afghanistan living mainly along the valleys of the Hindu Kush mountains. They are 100% Sunni Muslim and have no known followers of Jesus. Joshua Project says educators and medical personnel are especially needed. It will be a miracle to get gospel labourers under present conditions, but with God, anything is possible.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FFM MONTHLY PRAYER PROMPTERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE DURING THESE MONTHS:
APRIL, AUGUST, DECEMBER

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October 15-21 – PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE LABOURERS	
Week 3	<i>You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. John 15:16</i>
Fri 15	World Missionary Press has translated the Gospel of John into Dari, the most widely spoken language in Afghanistan. There are two major outreaches where 25,000 copies will be sent and distributed to Afghan refugees by local churches in these places and in the U.S. Lift them up in prayer!
Sat 16	The Manara Youth Center (MYC) in Lebanon welcomes mostly Muslim youth who are open to receive Christian teachings. Pray for the logistical needs of MYC as they deal with the issues of running a center during a pandemic and a fuel crisis, where electricity and WIFI are never a guarantee. Pray for the new youth, as well as returning teens, that they would mesh well despite different backgrounds and cultures.
Sun 17	In Turkey, new places of worship are opening up and there are a growing number of people interested in the gospel. One of the local leader's friends, an imam of 34 years, is now serving the Lord after his relationship with his son was fully restored through prayer. Praise God! Continue to pray for their growth and protection.
Mon 18	The Church of the Nazarene is the only place of worship in Tibba Sultanpur in Pakistan, and it's growing! Neighbours were informed of their plans to construct a new building, and no objections were raised. However, with encouragement from the local imams, a mob gathered during their first service in the new building. No one was hurt but pray for wisdom and direction on how to reach out to their community with the gospel.
Tue 19	The Tajik believers are often isolated, and churches constantly raided by authorities. The country also has a law that targets religious work among the young people. It's lonely and dangerous to be a believer in Tajikistan. Pray for the Lord to strengthen the hearts of the Tajik believers and to make their testimonies effective.
Wed-Thu 20-21	Pastors in Nigeria report that they're burying church members on a near-daily basis. 12 children were burned in the latest attack on a Christian village, while last month, Fulani herdsmen killed 36 believers. Pray for great comfort and healing to all who have been injured and bereaved. Pray for the salvation of the persecutors!
October 22-31 – PRAY FOR A MUSLIM REGION	
Rooms in the House of Islam: East Africa	
Fri 22	Eritrean authorities re-arrested 15 Christians during a series of raids in Asmara. All 15 believers had been previously arrested and imprisoned, some for up to 16 years. Over the past year when they were released, there was speculation that a change of policy is imminent. Not so! Lift up the Eritrean Christians in prayer.
Sat 23	Christians in a village in Egypt who number over 500 cannot have a church so they constructed a building to serve as an event hall for their Christian community, to meet for wedding and funeral services. However, soon after the building was constructed, the city council sent demolition squads "before crying and screaming women." Pray for endurance and healing for those who were injured in the encounter.
Sun 24	Sudan's transitional government survived a coup attempt last month. However, the question remains whether a transition to a civilian government would be possible. Pray for peace and stability in Sudan. Pray for God to bless the efforts of Sudanese Christians as they reach out to their communities.
Mon-Tue 25-26	Three recent incidents of violence against Christians in Uganda reveal the cost of following Christ. H, a 38-yr. old mother of three came to faith in Christ after experiencing a "miraculous healing." When she received threats from her family that they would kill her for her faith, she had to seek refuge at the home of a pastor's family and leave her children behind. Pray for H and many others in Uganda who are in the same situation.
Wed-Thu 27-28	According to Open Doors, it would be dangerous if not impossible to admit your Christian faith in Somalia. If any Somali is suspected of having converted to Christianity, they will be intimidated or killed. Pray for a strong church to grow among the Somali people and that many, especially the al-Shabab, will turn to Jesus.
Fri-Sun 29-31	In response to many young people in traditional Muslim rural areas in Ethiopia taking an interest in learning about Christ, eight church buildings were burned down. Praise God for the churches' persistence of faith in suffering and that the Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF) can stand with them to provide encouragement and support. Pray that those who would like to learn about Christ will be able to do so safely.

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RESOURCES/ LINKS:

<https://2414now.net/>

<https://www.awm-pioneers.org>

<https://frontiersusa.org/>

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

<https://www.libertypeople.com.au>

<https://www.merf.org>

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

<https://www.persecution.com>

<https://www.prayercast.com>

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

<https://wec-canada.org/>

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

https://www.meforum.org/62666/atheism-among-muslims-is-spreading-like-wildfire?goal=0_086cfd423c-834ae2d2ef-33590133&mc_cid=834ae2d2ef&mc_eid=dd7680c45a

<https://www.csis.org/analysis/islam-and-patterns-terrorism-and-violent-extremism>

Missionary prayer requests and updates.