



30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

Just for Kids

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Where are we praying?



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Welcome dear children and families

Maybe this is the first time that you are praying for Muslims around the world. Or maybe you have been a part of this for several years already.

Imagine that while you are praying during the next 30 days, all over the world there are other people praying in 35 or 40 different languages. Some languages, like English, are widely spoken. But some of them you might never have heard of, for example, Pidgin English or Swahili. During the next 30 Days of Prayer we will all join together to bless Muslims with our prayers!

This year we will pray for Muslims and learn about the symbols that mean a lot to them. Throughout the booklet you will get to know symbols from many different countries. Some of the symbols most Muslims use are the

crescent moon and the color green. You will also find country flags with the moon or the color green, as well as other interesting shapes and symbols.

The writers of the booklet come from all over the world, so they share about many different people groups and their symbols and how the different groups use them.

We hope that you have a great time as you pray for Muslim children and parents all around the world. You will grow to understand more of their world by learning about their symbols and meanings.

Have a great time praying together!

Your 30 Days of Prayer team

Throughout this booklet you will find a number of quizzes. The answers are on page 35.

Symbols

What to pray for:

1. Pray that Christians will understand the symbols that are important to Muslims and use them to share about Jesus.
2. Pray for Christians who have misunderstood why Muslims use symbols and have judged them or talked badly about them instead of loving them.
3. Pray that we will understand more about symbols over the next 30 days that we pray.

Let's go!

Cut out a cross and a crescent shape from paper. Hold them as you pray to symbolize your prayers for Muslims.

These flags are from: Turkey, Turkmenistan, Algeria and Malaysia. Can you find out which flag belongs to which country?

Do you know what a symbol is? A symbol can be a picture of some thing or action we do, because it has a special meaning for us.

Let me explain: For Christians, the cross is a famous symbol. We wear it on necklaces, we have crosses on walls in our churches and, in some countries, on the roof of the church as well. If we see the cross, we know that we will meet other Christians.

For many Muslim families, the crescent and moon image is their most famous symbol. The moon is on the top of minarets and you can see it on many flags in Muslim countries.

Then there are action symbols. Muslims want to be clean and pure before they meet Allah in prayer. Therefore, they will always wash their hands and feet and rinse their mouth before prayer. Washing like this is a symbol for them of having a clean heart before they pray.

If we want to tell Muslims about Jesus, it is good to understand the importance of their symbols.



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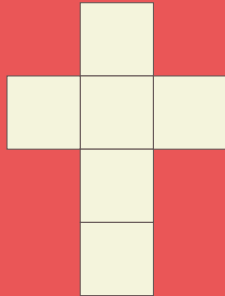
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The Comoros and the shiromani

Let's go!

Copy these six squares on bigger paper. Draw the same pattern in each square using lots of red, like the shiromani. You could hang this cross on the wall in your room to remind you to pray for the people of the Comoros Islands.



What to pray for:

1. That the Comoros people will learn about Jesus and decide to follow Him.
2. Pray for the women, that they might help lead their families to get to know Jesus.
3. There is much jealousy in families. Pray that families can trust each other and have healthy relationships.

The Comoros Islands are tiny islands in the Indian Ocean, east of Africa and north-west of Madagascar. On this island almost everyone is a Muslim. They don't know any other faith.

Long ago, the first Sultan of the Comoros Islands chose a red flag because it symbolizes power and kingship. In the first century after they became Muslims, the upper-class women would wear veils made of red cloth called a "shiromani". This became a famous symbol of their country. Today other colors and patterns are mixed into the fabrics for clothing for all women, but red is still the most favorite color.

More and more women now wear a modern shiromani, especially to weddings and other important events. It is made from six squares of fabric sewn together and looks a little bit like a big cross in the way it is sewn. We may consider this as a symbol of hope that these people will come to know Jesus who died for them on the cross.



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What to pray for:

1. Pray that people will learn to settle disagreements without violence.
2. Jesus said that we don't need to be afraid. Pray that the Caucasians will get to know Jesus so that they don't have to be fearful anymore.
3. Pray that people will go to the Caucasus to share the good news of Jesus.

Let's go!

Because the community is so important for Caucasians, stand in a circle and hold hands. The person who prays stands inside the circle, protected by the others. Then switch.

Can you find which of the seven teapots are the same?



The People in the Caucasus

The Caucasus is a beautiful mountain region near the Black Sea that connects Europe to Asia. Many Muslims who have never heard the gospel live in these mountains. It is difficult to reach them. They speak over 45 different languages, some of which are very hard for visitors to learn.

If they are asked what they are afraid of, Caucasians would probably say, "Nothing and nobody!" But if they are really honest, there are three things they have concerns about:

- Losing their reputation. If somebody says something bad about them or their family, people are quick to get angry.
- Fear of evil spirits. Many households hang a teapot upside down over their front door, believing it will help keep evil spirits away.
- They fear that they could be kicked out of their community. Remaining in their community is very important for most Muslims.



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What to pray for:

1. The wise men brought frankincense to Jesus. Now Jesus wants to bring healing to this area so that they don't need to be afraid anymore. Pray for this.
2. Pray that foreigners who are Christians and living in this area will be an aroma of Christ for the people.
3. Pray for wise men and women in the Arabian Peninsula who will seek and find the way to Jesus.



Muslims of the East Arabian Peninsula

Imagine that you are flying to a big city in the Arabian Peninsula. When you get off the plane, you will immediately smell something that may remind you of Christmas. It comes from many trees blooming there. This smell is frankincense.

Let's go!

Before you pray, put a scented candle on the table, or spray some perfume to make a nice smell as you pray.

Do you remember the wise men who came from the East following a star and found Jesus in the manger? One of their gifts was frankincense too.

The people living in this area are actually from six very different people groups, yet they have some things in common: Their faith in Islam, their love for camels and their daily use of frankincense. They burn it in little burners to give the house a good smell, to disinfect the house from germs or to scare away any demons.

Christians believe that only Jesus can cleanse, heal and deliver us from evil. So we want to pray for the people of East Arabia to know Jesus.

Read 2 Corinthians 2:15.

What are we to be for the people?

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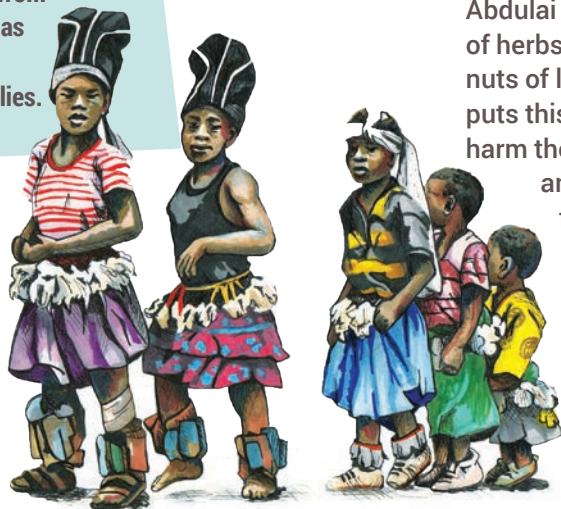
What to pray for:

1. Pray that God will bless the Dagomba families, for good harvests and education for their children.
2. Pray for the few Dagomba believers to be a good witness about Jesus' love.
3. There are about 1.2 million Dagomba Muslims. Pray for them to discover that Jesus has power to protect them.
4. Pray for the believers to be a good witness as to how Jesus saves them.

The Dagombas in northern Ghana

Let's go!

Draw crosses on papers, place them in different parts of the room and then walk together from cross to cross as you pray for Dagomba families.



Abdulai is a Muslim living in northern Ghana, a country in West Africa. He is a farmer and a village elder and he is well respected. Sadly, he is afraid of bad things happening to him and his family. He believes that he can protect himself by something that he calls "bad news medicine".

Abdulai makes a mixture using a secret recipe of herbs and shea butter, a fat he gets from the nuts of local trees. Abdulai believes that if he puts this medicine on his children nobody can harm them. He will also paint a cross on them and on the house or even on stones in the fields. The cross is a symbol that all four directions where the cross is pointing are protected. If you walked through Abdulai's village, you would see many of these painted crosses.

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The Pattani Malay

What to pray for:

1. Pray that Pattani Malay fishermen who know Jesus will become “fishers of men” and tell their friends about Him.
2. Pray for peace in the south of Thailand.
3. For more opportunities for the Pattani to have better jobs, and use their skills in fishing and boat-making to give jobs to others also.

Let's go!

Get a colorful shawl or cloth. You can drape it over your shoulders as you pray. Pass it on to the next person who prays.

The Pattani Malay live in the far south of Thailand and are probably the first people in the area that became Muslims hundreds of years ago when traders came by boat and introduced Islam.

Many of the three million Pattani Malay are fishermen and artists. They make colorful fishing boats called *kolae* and wonderful, bright batik fabric. They love *silat*, a famous fighting sport (like karate) for self-protection.

Today, only a few Pattani Malay are following Jesus. Their lives are quite similar to Jesus' disciples, who were fishermen too. Jesus had called them to be “fishers of men”, telling others about Jesus. Today we will pray that Pattani Christians will become “fishers of men” also!



Be a Pattani Malay today:

You will need thin paper and markers. Take a piece of thin paper (or try a piece of tissue paper) and fold it several times in various directions. Start by coloring the edges of the paper, allowing the ink to soak through. Then draw ornaments or other designs. If the paper is thin go slowly so the ink can go through. When dry open your batik-style artwork.

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The Wolof of West Africa

What to pray for:

1. Wolof often don't have enough to eat and what they do have is not very healthy. Pray that they will learn methods to grow more healthy foods.

2. When a Wolof becomes sick his family will worry a lot because there are no doctors and no money to buy medicine. Pray for more medical services in their area.

3. Pray that there will be peace in their land and that the Wolof can get to

10 know Jesus.

Let's go!

You probably don't have kola nuts in your cupboard, but maybe you have peanuts or any other nuts. Sit on the floor in a circle with the nuts in a bowl in the middle and share the nuts as you pray for the Wolof.

The Wolof people live mainly in Senegal and Gambia in West Africa. They live near the Sahara Desert where the land is very dry and they can only plant during the short rainy season. The Wolof people love to have guests and to share whatever food they have with them. They also love to tease their guests and to laugh with them.

One thing that is very important for the Wolof are kola nuts. These are a little bitter to eat but they contain caffeine, like in coffee, and give energy to people who eat them. If a man wants to marry he will bring kola nuts to the father and the uncles of the bride. Or if somebody wants to do business he will bring kola nuts to share. The nuts are a symbol of trust.

There are only about 150 Christians among the Wolof, but because the Wolof love to have guests it would be easy for Christians to visit them and tell them about Jesus.



What to pray for:

1. Pray for those who try to help the Chiwars with healthcare and other community development.
2. Pray for people to build schools in this remote area and for teachers to teach there.
3. Pray that the Chiwars who do follow Jesus will have lots of joy, strength and courage to tell others about Him too.

The "Chiwars" of Central Asia

The 700,000 "Chiwars" don't have a country of their own. They live in Central Asia, in the high mountains, and grow their own food, mostly wheat. Once a month a big truck arrives, bringing necessary things which they cannot produce themselves, like tea, salt, oil, shoes, fabric or soap.

Let's go!

Chiwars love to have guests. Today, before you start praying, offer everyone from the family something to drink, like a cup of tea, then pray together.

In the Bible (Isaiah 52:7 and Romans 10:15) you will find an expression that describes how people in the lonely mountains feel when someone visits them. Find the right missing vowels and fill them in!

"H_w b__t_f_l_r_ th_ f_t_f th_s_ wh_ br_ng g_d n_ws!"

The Chiwars are very poor. They pay for goods with sheep. In most places they don't have schools or medical care and only a few children learn to read and write.

Today, Bibi Juma goes to a bush that is covered with red fabric strips to pray. This place is considered holy, because a religious teacher is buried there. Bibi Juma hopes that by praying here, God will maybe heal her sick child.

In recent years, many Chiwars have experienced how God answers prayers in Jesus' name and a few have started to trust in Him.



Cairo and the Arab film industry

What to pray for:

1. Pray for the Muslims and Christians who make those TV shows and movies, that they would create shows to help people become more interested in Jesus.
2. Pray for peace in Egypt between Muslims and Christians.
3. Pray that Muslims in Egypt will learn more of Jesus this Ramadan.

Let's go!

What is your favorite film? Can you act like one of your favorite characters? Let the others guess, then pray together. Maybe you can watch one of your favorite films together like the families in Egypt.

This verse talks about the way we think. Can you find out what it says?

Do you like watching TV? Egyptian families love to watch TV together during Ramadan. Cairo, the capital of Egypt, is also the place where many films are made. Many films and TV series are made especially for the Ramadan holiday. Along the highways in Cairo there are huge billboards advertising Ramadan shows—a reminder to Egyptians that Ramadan is on the way!

What things remind you that a holiday is coming? Sometimes the symbols don't have much to do with the holiday we celebrate. For example, Santa Claus and his reindeer do not have much to do with Christmas, when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. But, seeing Santa does remind us that the holiday is coming.

Gnikniht fo yaw wen a htiw edisni uoy egnahc doG tel tub, dlrow siht fo elpoepeht ekil eb ot sevlesruoy egnahc t'nod.



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What to pray for:

1. Pray for more Soninke to hear the great news about Jesus.
2. Pray that new Christians who live far away from each other will have strength to keep following Jesus. And for access to Bibles.
3. Pray that Christians would not have fear of telling others about Jesus, but that they would be joyful and brave instead.

Let's go!

Before you pray tell each other why you want to follow Jesus. Then pray that more Soninke will follow Jesus as well.

How many snakes can you see below?



The Soninke of West Africa

The Soninke people tell their children a story about a giant snake called Bida. For centuries, Bida protected the kingdom of the Soninke but oppressed the people. One day, a young Soninke defeated Bida. But that caused the kingdom to disappear. Ever since that time, over two million Soninke people have lived all over West Africa, from just south of the Sahara Desert, where the countries Mali, Senegal and Mauritania are. They still speak their own language, but many also speak the languages of the other tribes in the area.

The Soninke were one of the first people groups in that area who became Muslim. The people are very proud of this fact. About 40 years ago, some missionaries started to tell the Soninke about Jesus. Yet, right now, there are only about 100 Christians so far. Sadly, there is no church for them because they live very far from each other. Even though it is difficult to follow Jesus when so many don't believe in Him, missionaries are encouraging the new Christians to share Him with their families and friends.



What to pray for:

1. Many trees and forests have been cut down on the islands, which has caused wildfires and makes it hard for those who live there. Pray that the nation will be wise about how they take care of what is growing on the islands.

2. Pray that many more people will tell stories of Jesus and that whole families and villages follow Jesus.

The Riau Melayu

The Riau Melayu are a friendly people that live on the 3,000 Riau islands and Sumatra, which is all part of the nation of Indonesia. The Riau Melayu love to gather together, and if there is a wedding or a funeral in the village everyone is invited. Visitors are greeted with “Assalamualaikum”, which means “peace be upon you”, and when you enter a house you will see a picture of Mecca hanging on the wall.

The Riau Melayu have a language that is very easy to learn. They love to tell each other stories and poetry and some people have started to tell stories about the goodness of God and the life of Jesus. With these stories they can share the gospel to others and invite them to follow Jesus.

Let's go!

Do you want to visit some islands? You will need a boat. Take a big towel or sheet and shape it into a boat on the floor. Now everyone can sit in the boat together and pray for the Riau Melayu.

By the way, did you know?

There are 3,000 Riau islands. If you visited one island each day, you would need more than eight years to see them all!



What to pray for:

1. For peace in Turkey and that they will have freedom of religion.
2. For those with Bibles to receive the message of Jesus and share it with others.
3. For Turkish leaders to act wisely in the difficult situations they face inside and outside the country, because there are many refugees from Syria in Turkey.

Let's go!

It is still not easy to be a Christian in Turkey. For your prayer today, go and hide somewhere, either alone or with someone from your family, to pray for Turkey.

Religion in Turkey

The land where the Turkish people live today is the place where the apostle Paul planted the first Christian churches. Some of these churches (like Antioch and Ephesus) we know about because Paul lived there or wrote letters to them—letters that are in the Bible.

Later, the Ottoman army invaded and the biggest and most famous church in Turkey (the Hagia Sophia) was turned into a mosque. The whole country was forced to become Muslim. Christians had to go into hiding or they faced many problems.

Eventually, Turkey became a country that gave freedom for all people to choose their religion. Yet today, almost 99 percent of the people in Turkey are Muslim and few know about Jesus. However, there are Bibles in the Turkish language and also some church growth.

Can you solve this?

1. Name of the most famous church.
 2. Army who conquered Constantinople.
 3. What is missing in Turkey?
 4. Biggest city in Turkey.
 5. When did the Ottoman Empire end?
 6. The first Christian church in the area.
 7. The founder of the Turkish Republic.
 8. What should the Turks do with the Bible?
- Bold:** Another name for the Bible.



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What to pray for:

1. Pray that Tunisia will continue to be an example of peace and freedom for the countries around them.

2. Pray that Tunisians would be brave and try to learn more about Jesus.

3. Pray for those who have started to follow Jesus to be strong in their faith, despite what others might say.

4. You can learn more about the people of Tunisia (and see photos) at www.pray4tunisia.com

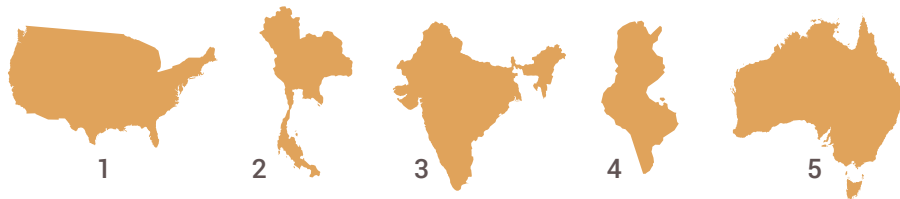
Tunisia, home of the minaret

Do you know what a minaret is? It is a tall tower next to a mosque that Muslim leaders climb up so they can call other Muslims to come for prayer. The oldest minaret in the world stands in Tunisia in the Grand Mosque of Kairouan. That minaret doesn't look much like other minarets we see and there is a reason for that. The minaret was designed to look just like a famous ancient lighthouse from Alexandria, Egypt.

Let's go!

Find a ladder or chair or something you can climb on to. This is your minaret and you can call everyone for prayer. Gather around your "minaret" as you pray.

Do you recognize the country shape of Tunisia?



By the way, did you know?



The word minaret comes from "manara", which means "light tower" or lighthouse in Arabic. Maybe you have never heard that something was invented in Tunisia, because it is only a small country in Africa. But in 2011 there was a peaceful protest in Tunisia and a new president was elected who brought freedom and peace to the country. The people in Tunisia who had worked together for that got the Nobel Peace Prize in 2015, which is a very important prize and shows us that Tunisia can be a great example for others.

Chechens in Berlin

What to pray for:

1. For peace in Chechnya.
2. For more religious freedom in Chechnya, so that Christians can talk about Jesus openly and without fear.
3. For Christians in Germany to share the gospel story with Chechens.

Aslan grew up in a little Chechen city in the mountains of the Caucasus. He loved the beautiful mountains. For him they were a symbol of freedom. One day, because Chechnya wanted to be independent from Russia, a terrible war started. Aslan's family had to leave their home and go to stay with relatives where they would be safe. Aslan married and got a job in his new home. When his wife was expecting their second child, secret police from his old country visited him and tried to get him to be a spy. He knew that it was a trap and very dangerous. So, he took his family and fled to Berlin, Germany.

Let's go!

Aslan had to flee from one place to another. Pack a bag with some important things and carry it around your house as you pray. As you move from room to room, think of those who must escape their homes to find safe places to live.

Aslan now longs for peace in Chechnya and the opportunity to return to the mountains that he misses.



In Chechnya it is very dangerous to talk about following Jesus. But in Berlin, Germany, there is lots of freedom to do so. Unfortunately, there is nobody yet who is reaching out to the Chechens living there.

By the way, did you know?

- Chechnya is a part of Russia.
- There are about 1.5 million Chechens and about 10,000 of them live in Germany.
- They have the reputation as the strictest followers of Islam in the old Soviet Union.

What to pray for:

1. Every child should be able to go to school, both boys and girls. Pray that all children in the villages have an opportunity to go.
2. The villages in this part of Indonesia are in a fragile tropical area. The people in the villages need leaders who are wise and who care for the land so it can provide for everyone.
3. Pray that Indonesian Christians will go to the Java Pesisir Lor to tell the good news and for them to have dreams and visions of Jesus.

Let's go!

Run around in the house until someone calls, "Stop! Time to pray!" Then you must stop immediately and pray. One person can read the request, all can pray and then you can run around again till the next call comes, for the next request.

In the wordsearch you can find some things that are important for the Java Pesisir Lor (six words that you can find in the text).

The Java Pesisir Lor of Indonesia

When the call for the prayer is heard in the villages of the Java Pesisir Lor, most people stop everything they do and turn towards Mecca to pray. They do this five times every day. After prayer they continue with their work.

Many men work as farmers, planting rice in these tropical islands. Sadly, there is not enough work for everyone. A lot of young people have moved to the cities to look for different work there, but they keep connected with their families because family is very important for them.

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What to pray for:

1. Pray for Christians in Libya who face problems because they follow Jesus.
2. Ask God to give hope back to the people— hope for peace, freedom and prosperity.
3. Pray that Libyans will hear about Jesus and trust Him.

Let's go!

Use some Lego, building blocks, or cardboard boxes to build some houses and towers while you pray that the Libyans will be able to rebuild their cities.

Libyan Muslims

For the past six years there has been war in Libya. Tripoli is the capital city—it should be clean and impressive. Instead, everywhere you go, buildings are destroyed, houses are worn down and there is trash everywhere. The people don't have the energy to fix it up.

For many decades, the Libyans suffered under a strong dictator. The suffering made them want to fight back against him. Now that the old leader is gone, the people are struggling to find good new leadership and they seem to be more hopeless than ever before. Can they find peace?

Libyans are proud to say that their nation is 100 percent Muslim. But inside they have many questions about God.

There are a few Libyan believers who have found hope in Jesus and there is also a small church in Tripoli attended by foreigners. One day, a local man entered this church, saying he had heard the bells and so he came in. However, the bells have been broken for many years! This reminded the believers that God Himself wants the Libyans to know Him.



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What to pray for:

1. There is no church for Albanians in Switzerland and only a few are Christians. Pray that Swiss Christians would share with them about Jesus.

2. Pray that many Swiss Christians will become good friends with Albanians.

3. Albanians have a different culture than the Swiss people. Pray that they can learn good things from each other when they become friends.

Let's go!

Kosovo and Macedonia are very small countries. Go into the smallest room in your home to pray for them.

Who knows it?

Does the flag of Albania display a lion, a horse, a bear or an eagle? Check it out on the Internet.

Albanians in Switzerland

There is a country called Albania in southern Europe. In recent years, because of war and poverty, many Albanians have moved to Switzerland from Albania and the countries next to it, such as Kosovo and Macedonia. Today about 300,000 Albanians live in Switzerland. That's like the size of a city.

Albanians first came to Switzerland because they were looking for work. Then their families followed them and today many Albanians have been born in Switzerland.

Albanians love to hang out with each other and they are proud to be Albanians. Sometimes they go to one of the Albanian mosques in Switzerland, but it is not a very important part of their lives. Most of them are very busy with school, with work and taking care of their children.



What to pray for:

1. Pray that Iraqi Christians will continue to be a light in the sadness.
2. That Christians from other countries will go to Iraq and bring the hope we have in Jesus.
3. Pray that Christian Iraqis can have freedom and live peacefully in their country.

Let's go!

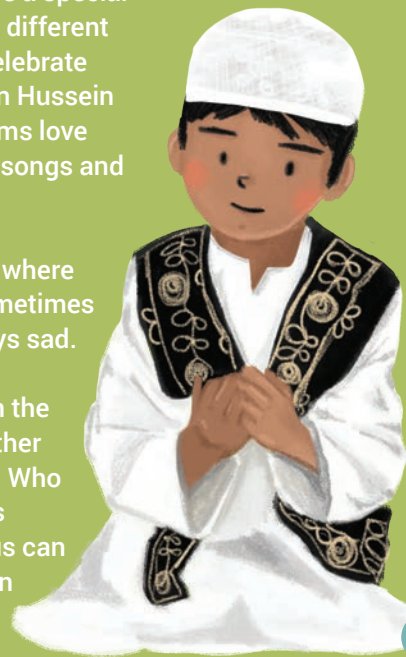
When you pray for the Iraqis get on your knees, spread a dark blanket over your heads and bodies, and after every prayer light a flashlight. At the end you'll sing together: "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine."

Shias of Iraq

Over half of the population of Iraq are a special kind of Muslim, called Shia. They are different from Sunni Muslims because they celebrate the day when Muhammad's grandson Hussein died long, long ago. Most Shia Muslims love and respect Hussein, and even write songs and poems about him.

They also have several sad festivals, where they mourn and cry for Hussein. Sometimes it seems that Shia Muslims are always sad.

There are only a few Christians left in the country of Iraq. Most have gone to other countries to find a safer place to live. Who will tell the Shia Iraqis that Jesus has already suffered for them? Only Jesus can give hope to take away the sadness in their hearts.



Muslims in Nepal

What to pray for:

1. It is not easy to be a Christian in Nepal. Pray that they have courage to share about Jesus with others.
2. Pray for laws that allow people to be free and to choose to believe what they want.
3. Pray that God's kingdom will grow in Nepal and that many more will follow Jesus.

Let's go!

Nepal is the country with the highest mountains in the world, so stand on a chair, or climb to the top of a playset or ladder to pray one at a time.

By the way, did you know?

The highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest, is in Nepal. Some of Nepal's mountains are double the height of the Alps in Europe or the Rocky Mountains in the USA.

Sabir lives in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, but that is not where he comes from. Sabir grew up as a Muslim in a village in the north of Nepal. He wanted to be really sure that he was going to heaven. He asked a Muslim leader about it and the leader said: "If Allah wills it."

That was not good enough for Sabir. He wanted to be really sure about heaven!

During his time in college Sabir met some Christians. They knew that they were going to heaven. Sabir started to believe in Jesus too and was baptized. His family and people from his village didn't like this at all and they threatened Sabir. So Sabir and eight of his friends who had also decided to follow Jesus were beaten up. Sabir escaped to Kathmandu where he studied the Bible, and now he travels to many places in Nepal to tell more Muslims about Jesus.

Most people in Nepal are Hindus and there is a law that forbids people to change religion. It makes life difficult for Muslims and Christians.



What to pray for:

1. Pray for job opportunities for families to have enough income and for young people to find new hope.
2. Pray for help for those who are addicted to drugs.
3. Pray that the Swahili Bajuni will hear and understand the story about Jesus who loves them so much.

Swahili Bajuni of Kenya

The Swahili Bajuni people live along the coast of East Africa, mostly in Kenya. Hundreds of years ago, traders from far-away Arabia settled there, married local women and taught Islam. They became the Swahili Bajuni people. This mix of cultures is shown in the spicy food they eat, their family traditions and their strong Islamic faith.

The Bajuni men used to be mostly fishermen but many of them are now traders or work in tourist areas. However, jobs are hard to find now because many tourists are going to other places. This has caused men to lose their jobs,

and women have to try and find jobs too—often by cooking or sewing for others.

Many Christians live near the Bajuni, but the Bajuni are sometimes afraid of Christians and don't want to have any contact with them. How will they learn about Jesus and God's unending love?

Let's go!

When a Bajuni child is born the oldest man in the family holds the baby and whispers the "shahada" (Muslim confession of faith) into the baby's ear. Whisper your prayers for the Bajuni in each other's ears.



DAY

21

JUNE 4

What to pray for:

1. Pray that Brunei Malay students in other countries would make friends with Christians who tell them about Jesus.

2. Pray that many would meet Jesus in dreams and visions.

3. Pray that those who have problems they cannot share will meet Jesus and find and help from Him.

The Brunei Malay



Let's go!

Take your Bible and read Matthew 11:28. Each time one of you has prayed, read it again. Maybe you will learn it by heart.

Brunei Malay need to know that Jesus cares for them.

You can also read Matthew 11:28 here. Can you solve the puzzle?

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Brunei is a very small country on a big island. One part of the island belongs to Malaysia and another part to Indonesia. Even though Brunei is small, it is a very rich and beautiful country.

Brunei men must go to the mosque every Friday to pray. If they don't, they could be punished and pay a fine. In every mosque, you can hear the same sermon on Fridays, because the government leaders tell each mosque leader what they have to preach. This is because the leaders want to keep peace and calm.

The people in Brunei like peace and are happy to live in a prosperous country. People try not to say anything negative, but because of this, some families may suffer without anyone knowing that they have problems. This can be very difficult.

By the way, did you know?

Only 423,000 people live in the whole country of Brunei. That's smaller than the population of many cities!

The Domari Gypsy people

What to pray for:

1. Pray for strong health, good houses, jobs and schools for the Domari.
2. Pray for Christians to tell the Domari that they are loved by Jesus.
3. Pray for more Domari to become followers of Jesus.

Let's go!

Gather some school books, pens, band aids, medicine, food or tools. These are all items the Domari need. Put them on the table in a circle. When you pray take one of the items and put it back after your prayer.

The Domari Gypsies live in the Middle East; In Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel and Palestine. Centuries ago, they came from northern India and adopted Islam. Because they are very poor and do not have access to education it is hard for them to find jobs. Many people think they are beggars and thieves. However, they are very talented blacksmiths and excellent musicians.

The Domari are nomads, always moving from place to place. Over and over they face the same

difficulties: Poverty, no safe place to live, no school, few jobs and poor health.

Some local Christians have been visiting the Domari, bringing help and telling them about Jesus. Twelve-year-old Tara listened carefully to the stories and is thinking about following Jesus. She has many questions, but she is interested in the new life which Jesus talks about.



The Fulbe in Ghana

What to pray for:

1. Pray for peace between farmers and the Fulbe so they can share the land and water they need for the cows.
2. Pray for Fulbe children to be able to go to school and have enough to eat.
3. Pray for Christians in Ghana to love the Fulbe and help them understand how much Jesus loves them.

Let's go!

Everyone pick a prayer request—**are you a Fulbe child? A Christian in Ghana? Or a farmer?** Pray for each other and then hug each other to show love and peace between you.

Can you help the Fulbe children to find their way to school?

The Fulbe people who live in Ghana, West Africa, (also known as the Fulani) are nomads who travel around caring for other farmers' herds of cows. The cows give them milk and they use their dung to make fires. Sadly, the Fulbe are often very poor. They want their children to have a better life, but it is difficult as many kids are not able to go to school or get enough to eat.

The Fulbe think that in order to be good you have to be patient, wise, modest and respectful. They call this "pulaaku"—the right way to behave. They love to celebrate marriages and births. Children are often engaged to each other long before they are grown up. New babies are kept in one room for seven days until they have a special naming ceremony on the eighth day.



Chinese Muslims

What do you think this building is? A mosque? Or the door to a palace?



What to pray for:

1. Pray that Chinese Muslims will learn about the only mediator between God and men.
2. Pray that Christians in China would share Jesus with their Muslim friends in a loving way.

Let's go!

Get your Bibles and find the answer in 1 Timothy 2:5-6.

"For there is one ___ and one _____ between ___ and ___, the _____ who gave himself as a _____ for ____."
(All, Christ, God, God, Jesus, mediator, man, men, ransom)

Write the words into the right spaces, then pray the verse for the Chinese Muslims.

In north-west China, where a lot of Muslims live, you can see buildings like this that are called "Gong Bei". They are built as a place to bury famous Muslim teachers and leaders. On special occasions, people will gather around the Gong Bei to pray with their families.

Some Chinese Muslims believe that they can meet the spirit of the leader in this place and pray to that spirit. They will sing and chant, recite verses from the Quran and pray to the teacher. They think that this teacher can speak to Allah for them as a mediator (like a helper).

The Bible says there is only one mediator between God and humans. Do you know who it is?

DAY

25

JUNE 8

Eritrean prisoners



What to pray for:

1. Pray that in Eritrea everyone will have freedom to believe in Jesus and that there will be justice for everyone.

2. Pray for Omer and all the other Eritreans who are in prison to be treated well.

3. Pray for Christians in Egypt to visit prisoners just like Jesus told us to do.

Let's go!

Omer traveled a long way to Egypt. Can you go for a walk today as you pray? Maybe just around your house. Imagine that you are Omer and then pray for him and all the other Eritreans.

Do you like Coca-Cola? I am sure you could spot a Coke bottle quickly just by looking at the colors. They are the same all over the world. For some people, receiving a bottle of Coca-Cola from a friend is a sign they are remembered.

Eritrea is a small country in Africa with a government that has caused a lot of suffering. Many Eritreans leave their country and try to find work in other places, but because they must go secretly they don't always have the right papers.

Omer, an Eritrean Muslim, left his country because he was forced to be in the military for many years. He traveled to Ethiopia, Sudan and then to Egypt—a long journey! He had no passport or visa for Egypt and ended up in prison. Omer doesn't know how long he has to stay in prison. It is a very sad situation for him, as the prison is not a nice place to stay. But sometimes he gets visitors, like local Christians who will bring a bottle of Coca-Cola to share with him.

By the way, did you know?

Coca-Cola was first sold as medicine for many different sicknesses, including indigestion. It is still helpful for people who are feeling sick.

DAY

26

JUNE 9

What to pray for:

1. Pray that Berbers in the south of Morocco would come to know Jesus and follow Him.
2. Pray that God would protect the Christians in Morocco and strengthen them in their faith, so they can bless their friends.
3. Pray that God will call and equip more believers from other countries to be a blessing in south Morocco.



Let's go!

Get some drawing materials. Draw an equal-edged triangle and decorate it with rich ornaments. Don't forget to hide the cross in it. When it is finished hang the fibula at the door of your bedroom to remind you to pray for the Berbers in Morocco.

The Berber fibula

This is a picture of a small ornament called a “fibula” which is popular among the nomadic Berber people of Morocco. They use the fibula as jewelry, an ornament on doors, in carpets and on many other things. It is a very old design and reminds them that they are Berbers and of the time before Islam came to their people.

No one knows why this ornament is shaped the way it is. Some Berbers who follow Jesus see a cross hidden in the design. The fibula reminds them that there is hope and salvation for their people!

Every year more than ten million tourists visit Morocco from other countries. This is good for business, but also hard. Because some Berbers think that all tourists are Christians, and they don't like the way some of these tourists behave while on holiday.

Berbers are very proud and love their ancient culture, and they need to meet followers of Jesus who show them His love.



DAY

27

JUNE 10



The Night of Power

What to pray for:

1. Pray that Muslims will meet God in visions and dreams when they pray during this night.

2. Pray that they will understand forgiveness as Jesus teaches it.

3. Pray that many Christians will have the chance to share about Jesus with Muslims on this day.

Let's go!

Many Muslims pray the whole night. Can you join them? Pray short prayers at different times this evening, starting at 6pm, 7pm, 8pm ... Maybe the last prayer will only be prayed by your parents before they go to sleep.

On the Night of Power, or *Laylat al-Qadr*, Muslims celebrate when they believe that Muhammad received the first verses of the Quran. It is a special night and Muslims believe that the prayers they pray, and the good things that they do, during this night have greater value than everything they do throughout the year.

Muslims also believe that during this night God will decide what will happen to them during the coming year. So, they pray for forgiveness and blessings. They also believe that angels are busy during *Laylat al-Qadr*, sending their prayers to heaven and bringing peace and blessings back.

Because nobody is really sure which night is the right night for the Night of Power, some Muslims spend the last ten days of Ramadan going to the mosque to pray, so they don't miss it.

DAY

28

JUNE 11

What to pray for:

1. Pray that new believers will grow in their faith and learn how to worship in their own culture.
2. That the Sylheti New Testament will spread widely and many more will decide to follow Jesus.
3. Pray that churches would love and care for the new Sylheti believers.



Let's go!

Use your bodies together to build a church. While you are doing this, think about the verse 1 Peter 2:5 that say believers in Jesus are like living stones in His house, which is the Church. Thank God for every living stone in His church.

The Sylheti:

There are about 11 million Sylheti living in the north-east corner of Bangladesh. Like almost all Bangladeshis, the Sylheti are Muslims. In the year 2000, there were only one or two followers of Jesus there. But by 2017 their number had increased to more than 1,000!

What happened? The New Testament was translated into Sylheti and finished in 2016. The Sylhetis started to read it and learned about Jesus. More and more of them followed Jesus and told their friends about Him.

It is hard for the new Sylheti believers to meet with others who follow Jesus. There are some churches there, but the new believers don't understand the way the Christians in the church worship. It is very strange for them. They are working on starting their own churches and discovering new ways to worship Jesus.

There are seven differences in the pictures. Can you find them?



What to pray for:

1. Thank God for all the Muslims who have already discovered that Jesus is the "Bread of Life".
2. Pray that many more Muslims will be hungry for Jesus and understand how much more He can give them.
3. Pray for more people like Jessica to tell Muslims about Jesus and what He will give them.

The Sacred Bread

Ahmed, a young Muslim, told Jessica that he never felt full after a meal if he had not eaten bread. In the Middle Eastern country where Jessica lives, bread is very important for Muslims. They call it "aish", which means life. If children let their slice of bread fall on the floor, the parents will tell them to pick it up and kiss it. If they throw bread because they are angry, parents will punish them. Old bread is put in small bags outside and people who are really hungry will pick them up and eat it.

In the Bible Jesus says that he is the "Bread of Life". He also tells us that if we know Him, we will feel satisfied, just like Ahmed when he has eaten bread with his meal. If Ahmed eats bread, he is satisfied for a short while, then he is hungry again. But when we know Jesus as the "Bread of Life" we will always be satisfied with Him.

Jessica wants to tell Ahmed and all her other friends about Jesus who gives us so much more than bread that we eat with our meals.



Here are the ingredients you need to make bread:

Sorry, the letters got mixed up! Rearrange them to properly spell out the ingredients you would need to bake bread:

- tawre
- uofrl
- tasl
- esyat

Let's go!

Do you have bread in your house? Go and get some. Someone can decide who starts to pray by giving him a small piece of the bread. Then the one who prayed gives a piece to the next person he wants to pray, until all the pieces of bread are gone.

DAY

30

JUNE 13



What to pray for:

1. Pray for Christians to find ways to share the gospel message with Muslims more boldly.
2. Pray that believers would be creative in finding symbols which help to share the love of Jesus.
3. Pray for good friendships with Muslims where we can show the love of Jesus.

Let's go!

Which symbols in this booklet do you remember? Can you name them or make a little drawing? Talk together about what these symbols mean for the people you have prayed for. Are there things you do that are symbolic for you when you pray?

About symbols

For many Christians, the cross and dove are famous symbols. Some people wear them on a necklace as a sign of what they believe. As you have read over the past 30 days, Muslims also use many different kinds of symbols. Hopefully, you have learned more about Muslims and the things they feel are important.

All of us, both Christians and Muslims, have the same needs and desires, which God has placed within us. What are they?

1. Peace. There is nobody in the world who does not want peace. No matter where you live or go to school, we all need this!
2. Hope for the future. Every culture and faith has symbols of hope. They might be buildings or statues or even their family. Everybody looks for hope for the future, even if they don't know God yet.
3. A good relationship with God. Prayer is important for both Muslims and Christians. Although we are different in some ways, we have many things in common, and we all know prayer is really important.

Now that we know we have things in common with Muslims around the world (or close at home) we can keep praying for them and pray for a chance to talk with them about Jesus.

Today is Eid al-Fitr!

Muslim families around the world will celebrate the three-day *Eid al-Fitr* holiday this weekend. Though the exact date depends on the sighting of the moon, Eid will likely begin on Thursday, June 14th.

Over the next few days, Muslims will celebrate the end of Ramadan by praying at a local mosque and breaking the fast with a giant feast. Most will go shopping to buy new clothes and go out to visit friends and family, wishing them a happy Eid.

In many countries, Muslims have a tradition of giving money and food to the poor. And many will give gifts of candy or money to children, which is why this holiday is sometimes known as Sweet Eid. It is a happy, joyous occasion that feels a bit like celebrating Christmas.

If you have a Muslim friend, make sure to greet them with a warm “Eid Mubarak” (“Blessed Eid”).

Finally, please remember that God is using your prayers to change lives all around the world! So keep praying for Muslims ... today, tomorrow and the rest of year.

Thank you for praying!

Answers page

Day 1

The flags are in this order: Pakistan, Malaysia, Turkey, Turkmenistan.

Day 3

The matching teapots are: On the top row, the 2nd from left, and on the bottom row, the far right.

Day 4

“aroma of Christ” or a sweet smell or perfume.

Day 8

“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

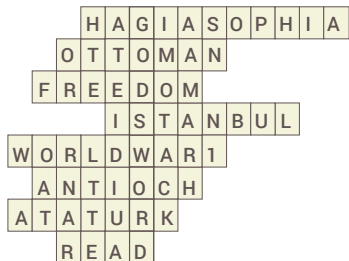
Day 9

Romans 12:2: “Don’t change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let God change you inside with a new way of thinking.”
Read backwards, start from the end of the sentence.

Day 10

12 snakes

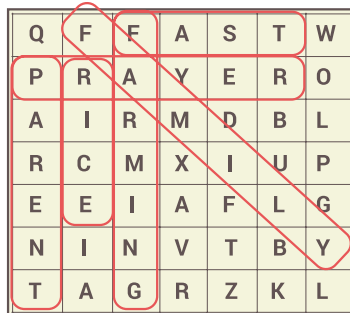
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Day 13

Country shape 4 is Tunisia, the others are: USA, Thailand, India and Australia.

Day 15



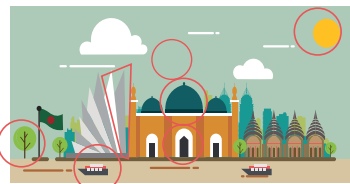
Day 21

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Day 24

“For there is one GOD and one MEDIATOR between GOD and MEN, the MAN JESUS CHRIST who gave himself as a RANSOM for ALL.”

Day 28



Day 29

Ingredients for bread: Water, flour, salt, yeast.

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