

20 MUSLIM WORLD In some countries during Ramadan, Islamists intimidate Christians with many questions about their faith. Pray that God will give these Christians the right words to speak and the right attitude towards those who question them.

21 PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES As the first week of Ramadan comes to an end, pray that God's love and mercy will continue to be revealed to many who wholeheartedly seek Him.

22 MIDDLE EAST During Ramadan, Christians in Muslim societies are looked down upon by Muslims for not fasting. This can also lead to harassment (even violence) in the streets, at work or at school. Pray for peace-filled hearts for Christians and that the Lord will give them wisdom to know how to act in the coming weeks.

23 EAST AND WEST AFRICA Pray that the eyes of the blind will be opened during Ramadan, and that Muslims will see Jesus as the King of kings who has come "to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1).

24 BRUNEI Pray for God to guide new Christians like Victoria* in wisdom. She, and many others, are still secret believers and have an especially difficult time during Ramadan because of all the Muslim rituals and practices that are observed.

25 BANGLADESH In Bangladesh, a couple, Abu* and Sufia*, are planning to reach out to their Muslim community during Ramadan. Pray that they will be safe but fruitful. Also pray for a group of local believers in the area to be able to safely, and without fear, worship God during Ramadan.

26 TURKMENISTAN Hadija's* Muslim husband forces her to pray and fast during Ramadan. He does not know that Hadija became a Christian after a friend shared the Gospel with her during one Ramadan. Pray for safety for Hadija, and many others like her, during Ramadan. May their loved ones come to know Christ through their living testimonies.

27 SOUTHEAST ASIA Muslims who convert to Christianity have a lot of difficulties raising their children as Christians. They are forced to put their children in public schools where they are taught the Qur'an. Pray that during this month of fasting, God will give these children strength and wisdom, as they may face much pressure from their fasting Muslim peers.



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28 KAZAKHSTAN One Ramadan day, Roman*, a devout Muslim, decided to visit a church to see the betrayers of Islam and cause a scene. But when he entered the church, he could not bring himself to leave and gave his life to Christ. Pray that God will bring many Muslims to church this Ramadan, and that they too will be saved.

29 CHECHNYA Before Fatima became a Christian last year, she suffered from depression, fear and nightmares for over five years. Now she desires to see her parents also come to know Christ. Pray that God will use Fatima's life and her prayers to draw many people to Him. Pray for a breakthrough during this Ramadan.

30 SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES One of the biggest fears the Church in the Southern Philippines has, as told by a local Christian, is, "If the Church doesn't reach out to the Muslims, the Muslims will reach out to them." Pray that during Ramadan God will give Christians wisdom in reaching out to their Muslim neighbours.

31 MALAYSIA Pray for a Christian couple who is currently studying to deepen their knowledge of the Bible. They plan to fast with their Muslim family and friends this Ramadan, so that they will have the opportunity to share Jesus with them.

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"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 (NIV)

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1 MEXICO In some communities in Mexico there is tension between indigenous beliefs and Christianity. Pray that believers will be able to show Christ's all-encompassing love to those who hold to indigenous beliefs.

2 COLOMBIA Many pastors fear that gangs, whose main activity is drug trafficking, will kidnap their children because the pastors have condemned the gangs' harmful activities. Pray that these pastors will not be intimidated but will continue to preach. Pray also for the protection of their children.

3 INDONESIA Pray for the government to be effective in combatting threats from Islamic extremists. Pray also that, through training offered by Open Doors, the Church will respond with love towards any hate speech against Christianity and will bring glory to God.

4 A recent poll among university students revealed that 25% agreed that Islamic State ideology is worth fighting for and that they'd welcome a caliphate in Indonesia. Pray for God's guidance in serving the Church in Indonesia, considering this revelation.

5 SYRIA In some communities in Syria, the Church is the only authority structure still left. Pray for wisdom for church leaders, as communities look to them and the Church for guidance.



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6 TUNISIA Please pray for a young woman named Fatma* – she was heavily persecuted by her family and is trying to re-establish a life for herself, but it is difficult. Pray for complete healing for Fatma.

7 GUINEA Bakary (in his 60s) lost his wife and children after he decided to become a Christian. He now faces discrimination at work. Pray that he would experience the Lord encouraging and sustaining him in the faith.

8 ETHIOPIA When Boja became a Christian and refused to return to his village's traditional beliefs, the villagers attacked him and left him for dead. Pray for Boja to continue to grow in Christ amid this persecution – may he overcome his own and the villagers' fears with Christ's love.

9 Lemlem (55) was forced to flee after becoming a Christian – fellow villagers told her that they would kill her because of her faith. Pray for the Lord's continued protection and provision for her.

10 IVORY COAST Traditional African religions hold many people captive in Ivory Coast, but the Lord continues to bring people out of darkness and into His marvellous light! Pray that God will use the testimonies of those who have been rescued, to bring many others to faith in Him.

11 IRAQ In Iraq the number of Christians decreases every year, which causes concern about the future of Christianity in the country. Pray that God will have mercy on all the people behind acts that are driving faithful Iraqi citizens out of their towns and villages, where they've lived for centuries.

12 LIBYA Please pray for a female Libyan believer, Nasrat*. She is being watched by the local authorities and is very afraid she will be harmed because of her faith. Pray for her protection and for wisdom in dealing with this situation.

13 Pray for John who was kidnapped for a number of days. He's had a lot of difficulty in getting back to normal life. Pray that the Lord will restore his life in a miraculous way.

14 KUWAIT In Kuwait it is illegal to evangelise Muslims. Pray for God's protection for the many evangelists sharing the love of Christ with Muslims in this nation.



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15 WORLDWIDE Pray that Jesus will reveal Himself to many Muslims in visions and dreams as they fast during Ramadan. Pray too for the protection of Christians, as tensions can run much higher during this month of fasting.

16 MALDIVES The Maldives is a country very closed to the Gospel. Ramadan, however, is a good time to engage Muslims in religious talk. Pray for God's protection and wisdom over a couple, Mark* and May*, as they seek to share His love with Muslims this Ramadan.

17 SOMALIA In Somalia, jihad groups linked to Al-Qaeda have flourished. They keep a close watch over Ramadan celebrations and heavily punish anyone suspected of not participating. Pray especially for the protection of secret Christians during Ramadan.

18 NORTH AFRICA In North Africa, pray for Christians in the region who will encounter Muslims who are seeking the truth during Ramadan – may they have blessed conversations with these Muslims.

19 ALGERIA In Algeria, pressure on Believers from a Muslim Background has grown in recent years. Pray that God will give them strength and wisdom in these weeks of Ramadan, when the pressure from their family to return to Islam might intensify.