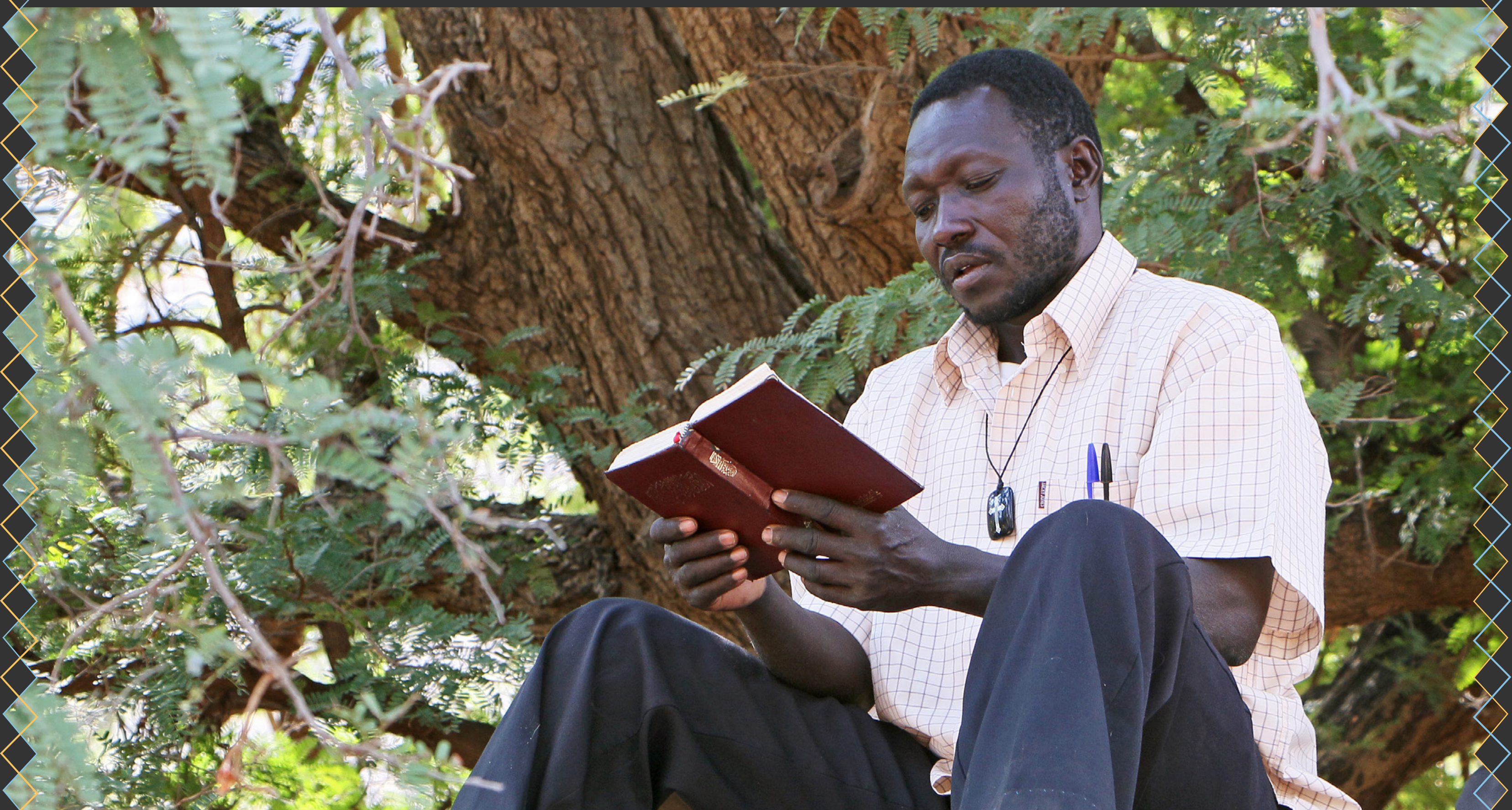


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**15 MAY to
14 JUNE 2018**

STAND IN PRAYER DAILY WITH OUR CHRISTIAN
BROTHERS AND SISTERS DURING RAMADAN



MAY 2018

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.

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.



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.

Pray also that Jesus will continue revealing Himself in dreams, visions and miraculous ways to praying Muslims just like He did for Mushir in Iran. During Ramadan, Mushir cried out to God to really know Him. Suddenly, a picture fell off the wall and smashed into pieces. When Mushir lifted the pieces, he saw underneath the painting was a picture of Jesus on the cross. "God showed me who He was – Jesus Christ was His answer."



JUNE 2018

1 CAMEROON In Cameroon, Christians, especially those from a Muslim background, come under pressure during Ramadan. Pray that the Lord will sustain and protect them. Pray that they will have a renewed appreciation for the sacrifice of Christ, and the freedom they enjoy in Him, despite the persecution they face.

2 IRAN Many Iranians are turning to Christ because they meet Jesus in a dream. Pray that the Lord would reach more of them in this way during the Ramadan season.

3 PAKISTAN As the Ramadan fast continues, pray for the hearts of Pakistan's Muslim leaders. They are one of the main drivers behind Christian persecution in the country. Pray that they will have a real encounter with "Isa" (Jesus) and realise that He is the Messiah.

4 INDONESIA Ramadan will be a difficult time for Christians in Aceh, Indonesia. The entire population embarks on the pursuit of holiness, resulting in intensifying pressure to apply sharia law in the province. Please pray for the security of Christians in Aceh and for strength to endure the pressure.

5 LIBYA Pray for strength for Christians in Libya to make it through the Ramadan fast. They face a lot of problems because they do not participate in the Islamic rituals during the fast. Pray that their testimony will bring many Muslims to Christ.

6 SAUDI ARABIA During Ramadan, the pressure on secret believers in Saudi Arabia is even more intense than usual. They are forced to fast and pray like devout Muslims in order not to stand out as apostates. Pray that amid all the darkness, they will focus on Christ and be able to endure the pressure they face.

7 QATAR Christians in Qatar must be careful to respect the Muslim fasting rules. Eating or drinking in public, or even in a car, can result in arrest, three days in jail, and a fine. Pray for wisdom for these believers as they go about the last days of Ramadan and interact with their Muslim neighbours.

8 EGYPT The last week of Ramadan is usually the most difficult for Christians, as many Muslims become more devoted in their observation of religious rituals. Muslims will remind Christians of their “infidelity” or punish them for it. Pray for protection for Christians and that, through their witness, Muslims’ eyes will be opened to the truth of who God is.



9 NIGERIA Shockingly, an average of five churches are attacked each Sunday in Nigeria. And attacks typically increase during Ramadan. Pray for God to convict and bring repentance to the hearts of those executing these attacks.

10 ETHIOPIA Pray that as the threat of Islam is on the rise, God will bring greater unity to His Church in Ethiopia. May Muslims who are seeking God during the last few days of Ramadan find Him through the example of the unified body of Christ Jesus.

11 NIGHT OF POWER Muslims view the Night of Power as the holiest night during Ramadan – they believe the blessings and mercy of Allah are abundant, sins are forgiven, and requests are answered. Many Muslims have also had supernatural encounters with Jesus on this night. Pray that tonight God will reveal Jesus to the many Muslims who are seeking Him.

12 CENTRAL ASIA Many believers are on the run for their faith in Central Asia – often from those closest to them, such as family members. Pray for God's continued protection for them as the month-long fasting comes to an end.

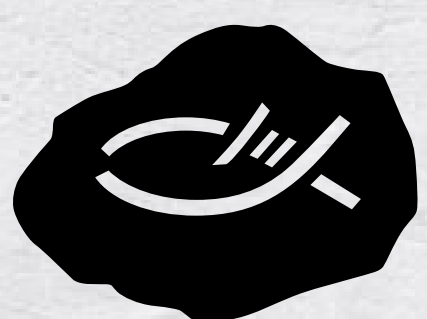
13 OMAN While there is a degree of religious freedom in Oman, Islam is the state religion; if a father leaves Islam, he is prohibited from having custody over his children, amongst other kinds of persecution. As Ramadan comes to an end, pray for Omanis, and their sultan, to turn to the one true King.

14 WORLDWIDE On this final day of Ramadan, join us in thanking God for all He has done during this time, and for the many who encountered Jesus, maybe for the first time ever! Pray that the seeds of the Gospel that have been sowed in the hearts of Muslims will flourish.

*Names changed and representative images used for security purposes.



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