



21 | KUWAIT Christians in Kuwait struggle to cope with the requirement to fast – imposed both by the government and the community. Pray for wisdom for believers from Muslim families who must be careful about expressing their faith publicly, especially during Ramadan.

22 | QATAR In Qatar, Ramadan affords Christians a special opportunity, despite them having to follow the Muslim fasting rules because they can organise extra worship and church services due to the shorter working hours. Pray that this time of fellowship will strengthen the Church in this Muslim majority country.

23 | SAUDI ARABIA Ramadan is a very challenging time for Christians as relatives keep an eye on each other to ensure all fasting rules are adhered to. Pray that Christians will focus on Christ and that they will be strengthened to endure when the pressure is at its greatest.

24 | OMAN In an attempt to please Allah, some Muslim children will copy by hand as many Qur'an passages as they can. Pray that God will do a mighty work in these children's lives – that their devotion in seeking to please Allah will draw them to the true, living God.

25 | AFRICA Christians in certain parts of Africa must keep their faith secret to avoid threats to their health, family or even lives. This means following the customs of their family in the month of Ramadan. Pray that their families will encounter Jesus through them, and that God will equip them with all they need to safely make it through Ramadan.

26 | TUNISIA Social pressure to observe Ramadan is felt throughout Tunisia. Non-Muslims need to respect the majority Muslim population in, for example, closing their restaurants during fasting. Many are upset about this. Pray for more leniency from the government towards non-Muslims who don't observe Ramadan.

27 | EGYPT While Ramadan is often difficult for Christians because of the increased persecution they experience, it is also a month in which they can show love to their Muslim neighbours. Pray that their Muslim neighbours will experience Christ through them as Christians visit and host breakfasts for them.

28 | MOROCCO Christians in Morocco still face considerable restrictions during Ramadan despite claims that there is religious freedom in the country. Pray that God will be with Christians this Ramadan and that He will reveal Himself to Muslims through His children.

29 | ALGERIA Pray for Believers from a Muslim Background who recently became Christians. Pray that God will give them grace and wisdom in their interactions with their Muslim families and community who become more devout during this month and may try to get them to return to Islam.

30 | SOMALIA In Somalia, the culture-shaping force of Islam is even more apparent during Ramadan. Here, if a Muslim is discovered to have converted to Christianity, they may face being beheaded. Pray for believers in Somalia as they seek to live for Jesus amidst suffocating pressure.

31 | NIGHT OF POWER Muslims around the world believe that this is the night that the Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad. Many will be doing their best to attain the pleasure of Allah and forgiveness for all their sins. Pray that tonight especially they will encounter Jesus instead and realise that He is the eternal source of all power.

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1 | VIETNAM Last year, Pastor Van* and his wife were beaten by villagers because of his ministry work. The beating caused him to become deaf... Pray that God will heal this couple from the trauma of the attack and remind them that He is greater than their trials.

2 | CAMEROON The Boko Haram insurgency in northern Cameroon has reportedly displaced up to 237 000 people. Pray that the Lord will provide for the survivors of this insurgency. Pray for security to be restored so that displaced people can again enjoy some normality.

3 | DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO Hundreds of children and women are held captive by the Islamic Allied Democratic Forces. They are forced to adopt Islam and are used in the fighting and for sex. Pray that God will rescue them and restore them emotionally and physically.

4 | CHINA Many large churches are dividing into small house churches to avoid detection and the arrest of their leaders by the local authorities. Pray that new house church leaders will grow in maturity and boldness to lead believers through an increasingly aggressive season of persecution in China.

RAMADAN BEGINS

5 | WORLDWIDE Today, millions of Muslims worldwide begin their month-long Ramadan fast. Pray that as Muslims seek to grow closer to Allah during this time that they will instead find Jesus who is the Truth, the Way, and the Life.

6 | MUSLIM WORLD Pray for recently converted Christians from a Muslim background this Ramadan. Pray that they will hold firm to the Lord amongst their fasting Muslim family and friends. May the Lord give them the wisdom to answer any questions about their non-participation in the fasting rituals.

7 | ASIA Pray that God will reassure Christian parents in Muslim Asia that He watches over their children, especially in countries where children are taught the Qur'an at school. Pray that these children will become and grow into followers of Christ.

8 | INDONESIA Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population. Pray that as they hunger and thirst to grow closer to Allah during Ramadan that instead, Christ will reveal Himself to them, filling their hunger and thirst with His truth.

9 | BRUNEI Restrictions are gradually being imposed on the whole population of Brunei. For instance, during Ramadan, all restaurants, including non-Muslim establishments, must close. Pray that God will undertake for Christians as they live out Christ in an increasingly hostile environment.

10 | SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES This month will mark two years since the battle-scarred city of Marawi was attacked by the Islamic State a few days before Ramadan began in 2017. Pray for good relationships between Christians and Muslims in Marawi, and for reconciliation and trust to be rebuilt between the different communities.

11 | MALDIVES In the Maldives, many desperate people turn to all sorts of destructive behaviour to find hope. Pray that during Ramadan, God will grant the very few Christians here wisdom and courage to reach out to these lost souls with the hope that we have in Christ.

12 | PAKISTAN A law, which prohibits the selling and consuming of food and drink during Ramadan, was introduced in Pakistan in 1981. Those caught breaking this law are fined or imprisoned for up to three months. Pray for strength for Christians who are forced to observe Ramadan against their will or beliefs.



13 | TURKMENISTAN Many Christians in Turkmenistan will endure yet another Ramadan during which they keep their faith secret from their Muslim families and communities. Pray that they will be able to connect to Jesus and will draw strength from Him. May they boldly share their faith if any opportunity arises.

14 | CENTRAL ASIA Pray for Christian believers, abandoned by their Muslim families. Pray that during Ramadan they will be able to meet with other Christians and find their true family in God's children.



15 | BANGLADESH Pray for Believers from a Muslim Background who seek opportunities to reach out to their Muslim relatives and neighbours during Ramadan. Pray for the Lord's hand of protection to be over them as they often face increased persecution during this time.

16 | MIDDLE EAST During Ramadan, many Christians in the Middle East daily pray for their Muslim neighbours. Pray that their prayers will bear much fruit and for opportunities to share the Gospel with Muslims.

17 | PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES In the Palestinian Territories during Ramadan, it is socially unacceptable to consume food in public. During this time Christians must be extra careful. Pray for much wisdom and guidance for Christians in their daily conduct during this month.

18 | LEBANON Christians from a Muslim background in rural areas are frowned upon for refusing to participate in Ramadan. Pray for God's strength for Christians amidst the pressure they may face this Ramadan.

19 | ARABIAN PENINSULA In the Arabian Peninsula, for Christians, the Muslim month of fasting is a special time of prayer and reaching out to their Muslim neighbours with the Gospel. Pray that the Gospel seeds that will be planted will bear much fruit this year.

20 | UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Christians in the United Arab Emirates must live their lives in accordance with the Islamic law of the country. This includes not eating and drinking in public during Ramadan. Pray for greater acceptance in this country so that Christians will be allowed to practice their faith freely.