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# Praying for the Muslim World

May 2022

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Global Gate USA will be introducing a valuable tool that can aid the church in strategic prayer, mobilization, and engagement among the Unreached People Groups in North America. Register: www.ffmna.org

Week 1	May 1-7 — PRAISE & THANKSGIVING  Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:4-5
Sun 1	<b>Praise GOD</b> for the intercultural church in the UK that has members from Pakistan, Hongkong, Iran and parts
	of Africa. Some members are believers from a Muslim background who have been cut off from their families; others have come as refugees. Pray for their lunch gatherings that help build a strong sense of community.
Mon 2	<b>Praise GOD</b> for the men's English class for refugees where about 12 men from Sudan and Chad have been coming regularly. The men were invited to come to the church service, and for the last few weeks a group has been attending regularly. The service is also translated into Arabic for the men. Pray for fertile grounds!
Tue 3	<b>Praise GOD</b> for World Mission that are working to supply hundreds of Afghan families with food, blankets, and audio Bibles. Not only were their basic needs met but they also received the hope of the Gospel. Recently, they saved 80 Afghan girls from becoming one more trafficking statistic. Pray for this wonderful organization.
Wed 4	<b>Praise GOD</b> for the faithfulness of His people in Afghanistan in this critical period. Four countries, including China and Russia, have established diplomatic ties with the Taliban even though the rest of the world refuses to recognize this 8-month-old gov't. And yet His remnants, Afghan Christ-followers in Afghanistan, are clinging to hope and not giving up their faith. Pray for supernatural protection and for the strength to persevere!
Thu 5	<b>Praise GOD</b> for your prayers for Iranian Christians. N, during her 3-wk solitary confinement in Iran facing regular interrogations about her ministry and faith in Jesus, heard the <i>sound of prayers</i> . N recalls through tears how she felt so uplifted in that lonely cell. After her release, N and her husband continued to serve Jesus.
Fri-Sat 6-7	<b>Praise GOD</b> for this Turkish woman who tells her family and friends about the Christian faith. She has heard the gospel many times but still has not given her life to Jesus. Pray that as she shares the gospel with people, she will realize that it is true. Pray that God will draw her to Himself and that she will repent and believe.

Week 2	May 8-14 — PRAY FOR MUSLIM PEOPLE  When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12
Sun 8	The end of Ramadan is celebrated with Eid al-Fitr (the Festival of Breaking of the Fast) where Muslims meet for meals to exchange gifts and donate to the poor. Let us continue to intercede for our Muslim friends who are still walking in the dark, for Jesus to reveal Himself and His truth in dreams and visions. May Muslims have the courage to share their dreams with their Christian friend and be receptive to hearing God's word.
Mon 9	A desperately lonely Muslim lady walking the streets of Danforth in Toronto approached a lady and asked her to be her friend. The lady she approached is a Christian. The Christian lady met with R and shared the love of Jesus with her and invited her to church. Pray that the Lord will work in R's heart and draw her to Himself.
Tue 10	During a recent outreach in a UK city, there were some positive conversations. Ahmad hesitated to stop initially, but then stayed talking for a long time with a worker about Jesus. He has read some of the Bible. Pray he will read John's Gospel that was given to him and would be open to talk further with workers.
Wed 11	Believers in Syria have faced tremendous persecution because of ISIS. Recently, a Christian organization received a call from a local contact requesting Bibles for Christians in the region who are hungry for Scripture; many of them are receiving it for the first time. Pray that each person who desires to have a Bible will get one!
Thu 12	Pray for field workers in Mozambique who have started a little school for 3–6-year-olds. Pray that God will use it to be a means to give good Christian teaching to the children who are only receiving education in the madrassas (Islamic religious schools). There are also children of believers attending. Pray that special friendships will develop, and believers will see this as God's opportunity to reach their Muslim neighbours.
Fri-Sat 13-14	Praise God for radio programs that touch on the Bible's teaching about fasting during Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting. The word of God is broadcasted over the airwaves and on the internet. Pray for God's Word to touch the hearts of many.

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Sun 15	F and five other Christian converts were arrested last year. They were initially released on bail, but last April, they re-arrested F and sentenced her to 2 yrs. in prison in Tehran's notorious Evin Prison. F leads an evangelical Christian church and got heavier sentence. Pray for F's protection and an assurance of His abiding presence.
Mon 16	In Sudan, a group of Islamic extremists attacked Christians praying in church last April. A police officer was among the extremists and filed a court case against the pastor of the church for disturbing public peace. Pastor Estefanos was released on bail. Pray for healing for Pastor Estefanos and those who were injured in the attack.
Tue 17	Iranian intelligence agents raided the house of Christian convert Rahmat Rostamipour last April and confiscated Bibles, IDs, mobile phones. His teenage daughter was traumatized and suffered a panic attack. Although Rahmat hasn't been formally charged with propaganda against the government, he is still under police custody. Pray for comfort for the family and pray that the Iranian gov't. will stop persecuting people for their faith.
Wed 18	In Pakistan, attackers broke into a house and murdered two Christians. They were Pastor A's sister and brother-in-law. Pastor A has been receiving death threats as well over his work with MBBs. Islamic zeal runs high during Ramadan so Pastor A and his family have fled to another city. Pray for their safety and protection.
Thu 19	Pray for organizations like International Christian Concern (ICC) that are caring for more than 100 Muslim background believers in the Middle East. Each new believer who have lost families, friends, and jobs, because of their faith are supported especially in the first 6 months. They need a place to live, food, job training, etc.
Fri-Sat 20-21	Pray for this couple who are working to get the Bible out in various formats in the Wolof, Pulaar, and Sereer languages. Pray that God works through the online outreach in Wolof. The couple are asking prayers for their children growing up in the field. Pray that God will give them much wisdom in their ministry and parenting.

Week 4	May 22-31 – PRAY FOR A MUSLIM REGION
	Nine rooms in the house of Islam: East Africa
Sun 22	East Africa is immensely diverse. Islam is on the rise and yet, millions are suffering in oppressive and broken nations. Pray this for East Africa: "May your love be multiplied in this region. May your peace be poured out in this region. May mercy be lavished on this region. For your glory and the salvation of many Muslims!"
Mon 23	The Kawahias are a Sudanese Arab ethnic group who retained many aspects of their Arab culture. While they follow distinct roles of male and female, Sudanese Arab women enjoy more freedom than women in many Arab societies. Pray that Christians may be able to find ways to assist the Kawahia in their physical and spiritual needs and that this would open doors for the Gospel. Pray for women to meet Jesus!
Tue 24	In Eritrea, worship outside government-recognized churches is illegal and most gatherings take place in private homes; Christians are held indefinitely and suffer inhumane treatment. Pray for the recently arrested Christians as well as those who are still held in prisons. May they be strengthened in their faith.
Wed-Thu 25-26	Ethiopia was one of the first nations that embraced Christianity. However, even though a third of the nation identify as Christians, you would find unreached people groups like the Oromo, of which 98% are Muslims. Today, there is a great need for Christian workers among the Oromo. Leadership training and discipleship of new believers is critical if growth is to continue, and new churches are to be planted.
Fri-Sat 27-28	The Rahanweyns are composed of two major clans that speak the same language, the Maay language. The Somalis are not a unitary people group, but a group of broad clan federations divided by language and by clan conflicts. Ministry is always a challenge because of these clan divisions within the broader group. Pray for laborers to sow God's Word to people of peace who can build movements among the Rahanweyn people.
Sun-Tue 29-31	Egypt, a majority Muslim country, officially swore in a Coptic Christian to be the new head of the country's Supreme Constitutional Court. This is made even more historic when President al-Sisi broke normal precedent of appointing the oldest serving member of the court as president. Pray that God will grant wisdom to Judge Eskandar as he endeavours to effectively initiate change towards freedom and equality for all citizens.

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https://www.imb.org/

https://joshuaproject.net/

https://www.mnnonline.org/

https://www.meconcern.org/

https://www.persecution.org/

https://www.prayercast.com/

https://www.simusa.org/

https://www.vomcanada.com/

www.wec-canada.org

https://worldmission.cc/

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