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A 30-Day
Prayer Guide
for the
Muslim World




ALL THINGS

Celebrating the Majesty and Wonder of the Creator

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Throughout the Muslim world, God's handiwork is on display, pointing to the One who offers not only beauty but also grace. This is true even among those who have yet to hear the Gospel. We praise God that Frontiers workers living in Muslim communities can point to the natural world as evidence of the Lord's love and care for all peoples.

The natural wonders in this 30-day prayer guide show how God is making His glory known around the world. Use these stories, along with hope-filled scriptures and practical prayer points, to ask God to open the hearts of Muslim men and women to Him.

Thank you for joining us in prayer!

“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.” Col. 1:16

About Frontiers

The goal of Frontiers is to see the Great Commission fulfilled among all Muslim peoples of the world. Hence the motto 'With love and respect, inviting all Muslim peoples to follow Jesus.'

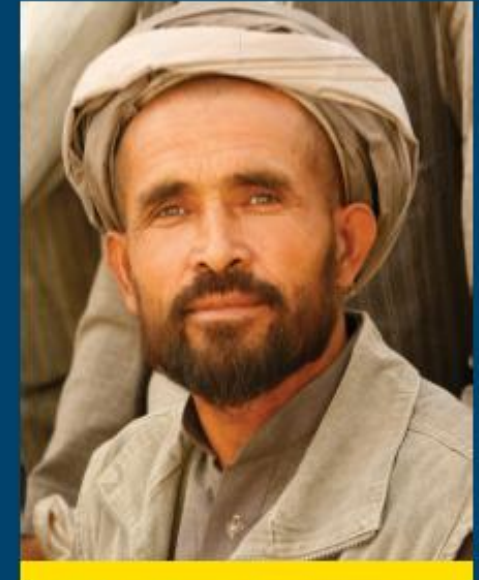
'How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?' - Romans 10:14-15

With over 1,300 workers serving on teams that reach Muslims in more than 50 countries, Frontiers is helping advance the Gospel in the least-reached places.

Yet hundreds of millions of Muslims still have no one to tell them about the new life found only in Jesus.

God is using Frontiers to recruit, train, send, and serve teams of long-term workers who bring the Good News to those who have yet to hear.

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Day 1: Wadi Rum, Jordan



Rest and Connection

Hussein's legs ached from the steep trek up Jabal Umm ad Dami, the highest peak in Wadi Rum and all of Jordan. As he scrambled to the summit, he beckoned to his friend Allen, a fellow archeology graduate student, to join him. The two of them posed for pictures by the flag at the top, then collapsed on a large rock overlooking the protected valley cut into red sandstone.

Hussein surveyed the desert that stretched from horizon to horizon and shook his head. Anyone who believed the desert was ugly had never seen it like this.

The last time the two friends had hiked together, Allen had shared that Jesus often went to the desert to rest and pray. Hussein lifted his face toward the stars appearing in late evening sky. Maybe if he prayed here, too, he could find rest and connection with God.

Hope from the Word

He said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." — Mark 6:31 (NIV)

Ways to Pray

- Many Muslim women and men find it hard to rest in their pursuit to please God. Pray that they will experience the spiritual rest that comes from trusting Jesus.
- Pray that Muslim students will connect with Frontiers workers teaching and studying in the Muslim world.
- Pray that Muslim-background believers will make space in their lives for connecting with God—whether that's on a mountaintop or during a time of peace and quiet at home.

Day 2: Elephants, Tanzania



A Safe Protector

Through the open window, Mariam heard shouts coming from the courtyard of the safari guesthouse. She rushed toward the door as several tourists ran toward the river, their cameras held high. On the far bank, Mama Tembo, an enormous elephant cow, prepared to lead her calf through the current toward the unsuspecting tourists.

“Danger!” Mariam shouted in English as she sprinted toward the men and women. The tourists slowly stepped back but looked unhappy. Didn’t they know that a mother elephant would do anything to protect her baby and they could be hurt?

Back in her kitchen, Mariam leaned on the windowsill and watched Mama Tembo guide her baby to safety. Her imam had said that Allah would protect her. But, still unmarried, Mariam sometimes doubted that and feared for her safety. She wondered if there was a way to know for certain that someone would care for her.

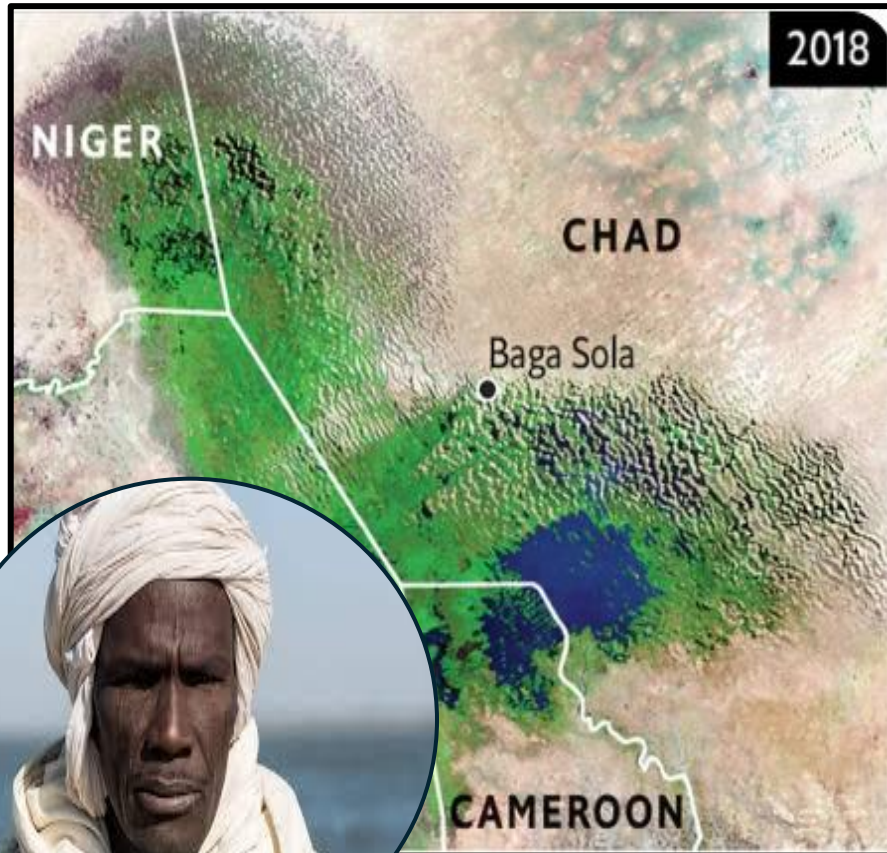
Hope from the Word

*‘The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.’
— Psalm 18:2*

Ways to Pray

- Lift up Muslim parents who want to protect their children. Pray that they will discover God’s grace and share it with their whole families.
- Pray for Muslim women in fatherless families to recognize that Jesus loves and values them.
- Ask God to demonstrate His reliability and love in undeniable ways to Muslims.

Day 3: Lake Chad, Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Cameroon



Never Run Dry

Yakuba's steps sent up puffs of dust that mixed with acrid smoke from the fires his grandchildren had set to keep away flies. He walked among his herd, running a hand along the warm flanks of the animals, until he emerged from the haze of smoke.

At the edge of Lake Chad, he stopped and breathed in the clean aroma of the fresh water. For 50 years, he'd stood at this shore, watching waves dance in the evening light. The lake had been a source of beauty and life for his tribe for as long as anyone could remember. But each year, the shoreline sank farther into the lakebed.

Decreasing rainfall and growing irrigation needs meant the lake likely wouldn't last forever. Conflict over who had the right to use the diminishing resource had also brought instability to the region. Yakuba wished there was a source of water that would never run dry—one that would save his people.

Hope from the Word

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." - John 4:13-14

Ways to Pray

- Ask God to reveal to Muslims around Lake Chad the source of Living Water—Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Truth will spring up like a refreshing well in this arid land.
- Ask God to provide for Muslim people in the Sahel and Sub-Saharan Africa who struggle to meet their daily physical needs.

Day 4

Mount Cudi, Türkiye



The Rescue Plan

From her front yard, Aylin gazed across the expanse of land to the rugged profile of Mount Cudi. The rains had been kind to her village, and the clean air gave her a sharp view of the mountain's peaks.

Her grandfather had told her its story many times when she was a child. Long ago, a prophet had escaped a deadly flood, and his great ship had landed here. Local legend claimed that the ship's passengers had built the village where she lived.

Throughout the years, her family had shared this account with tourists who came to see the rock formation where many believed the ark had settled after saving its passengers from the great flood.

Recently, a visitor had shared another rescue story with Aylin. Instead of sending a prophet with a boat, God had sent Jesus to save people from their sin. Aylin often worried that her good deeds and spiritual practices wouldn't be enough to outweigh her mistakes. Perhaps Jesus' rescue plan could include her too.

Hope from the Word

"I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."— Ezekiel 18:32

Ways to Pray

- Ask the Lord to give Frontiers field workers wisdom to point to Jesus as they talk with Muslims about stories that the Bible and the Quran have in common.
- Most Muslim men and women believe they are responsible for earning God's favor. Pray that they will recognize the grace that Jesus offers.
- Ask God to open doors for Gospel messengers to reach remote Muslim villages like Aylin's.

Day 5

Flowers of the Munzur Mountains, Türkiye



Miracles in the Mountains

The hooves of Suavi's sheep dug into the mountainside meadow, kicking up the dew in a gentle spray. Nearby, the cliff dropped to the crystal-clear river running cold with melted snow.

Suavi bent to admire the red petals of a poppy. Each winter, the flowers' roots hid, dormant during the ice and snow. And every spring, they burst to life again.

Running his fingers over his thick mustache, he considered a story his friend Aaron had told him about Jesus. Aaron said He had risen from the dead and offered the hope of resurrection for all.

Suavi wanted to believe God could raise someone from the dead. After all, He brought the crimson flowers to life again each year. But Suavi didn't know what that meant for his own life. Could he have a new life too? He would ask Aaron the next time he saw him.

Hope from the Word

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." — John 11:25

Ways to Pray

- Islam does not teach that Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead. Pray for open hearts as field workers share the truth about Jesus' death and resurrection.
- Ask God to spread the hope of the Gospel throughout Muslim communities during all seasons.
- Pray that Muslim men and women will recognize Jesus' love and power in the details of creation.

Day 6

The Nile

Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda



Reflecting the Light

Omar dug his bare toes into the mud at the edge of the Nile River between patches of bulrush. As the sun dropped in the west, the sky turned a brilliant orange. The surface of the Nile, which was usually a dull gray, burst into flaming color.

The vibrant golds reminded Omar of his wife. Lately, she'd begun reflecting something brilliantly joyful. He just wasn't sure what.

Maybe it had something to do with the women she met with each week at her friend's house. When she returned home on those afternoons, her smile was even brighter than usual. He decided to ask her what they talked about and why it had changed her so much.

Hope from the Word

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." - Romans 15:13

Ways to Pray

- Ask the Lord to give courage and strength to Jesus-following women in the Muslim world. Ask that their love for Jesus will be a beacon to those who don't yet know Christ.
- Pray that Muslim-background believers who find and follow Jesus will be an example of Jesus' love to their spouses.
- Ask the Lord to provide community and fellowship for women who follow Jesus in the Muslim world.

Day 7

Dragon's Blood Tree, Yemen



By the Blood

Mubarak stood beneath the umbrella-like branches of the dragon's blood tree and slid his knife's blade along its trunk. Crimson sap dripped like blood from the cut. Holding a metal bowl to the trunk, he caught every precious drop.

For generations, his family had cared for these trees, harvesting resin to make medicines and dyes. Today, however, the red drops reminded him of a story his friend had told him about Jesus.

As a follower of folk Islam, Mubarak was aware of Jesus. But he had never before heard the story of Jesus spilling his blood to take the punishment for sin. Just as the trees gave up resin year after year for Mubarak's sake, so Jesus had sacrificed his lifeblood. It was an easy thing for a tree to lose a bit of sap. But why would a person willingly die for someone else?

Hope from the Word

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.” — Ephesians 1:7

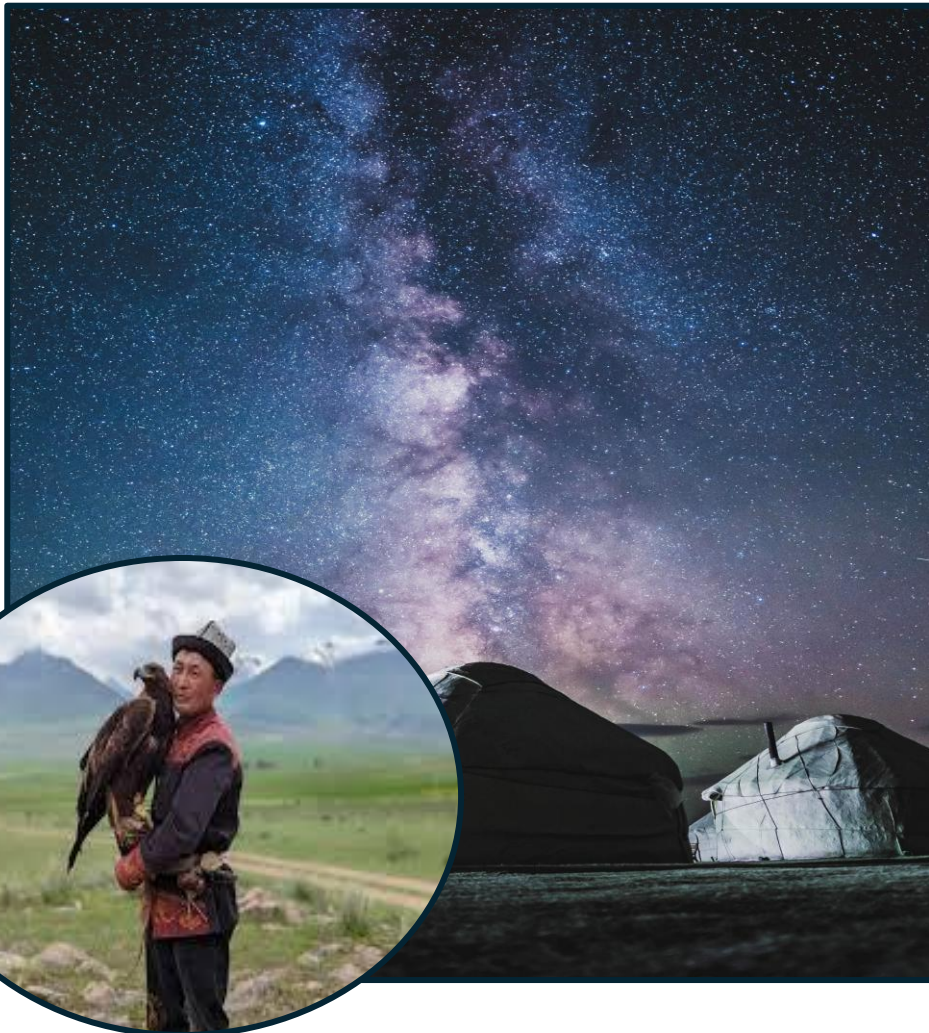
Ways to Pray

- Ask God to help field workers gain a profound understanding of local culture in order to talk about spiritual matters in ways that resonate with Muslim men and women.
- Pray that those who hear the truth about Jesus' death and resurrection will have open minds and hearts to Christ.
- Ask that Muslim men and women will see that Jesus is for all peoples, regardless of culture.

Day 8

The Milky Way

Karakul, Kyrgyzstan



The God who Cares

Mountain wind swept through the pass where Salmat sat outside his yurt, but his fur cap warded off the chill. With no lights on the ground to compete with them, the constellations above lit up the night sky.

Although he'd lived under these carefully crafted stars all his nomadic life, he couldn't help but be in awe of the majestic display. He had once told his friend Nurlan that he wondered if the Creator of the whole universe could care about one person. Nurlan had laughed and told him to give up his foolish thoughts.

Tonight, however, the stars didn't make Salmat feel alone. Instead, they suggested a God who cared about the very details of His creation. Could he be one of those details?

Hope from the Word

"Lift- up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing"

— Isaiah 40:26

Ways to Pray

- Pray that Muslim men and women will recognize that God cares for them individually and wants a relationship with them.
- Ask God to bring Gospel messengers to hard-to-reach nomadic people groups.
- Praise God that His handiwork reveals His love and design for all of His creation.

Day 9

Date Palms

North Africa and Middle East



An Unearnable Gift

Djamila stepped outside her front door, savoring the sunshine that warmed her skin. The date palm towering over her whitewashed house hung heavy with clusters of ripening dates. In a few weeks, her teenage son would shimmy up the tree and cut them down. She'd dry and save many of them for breaking the fast each night of Ramadan.

With a smile, she thought of her new friend who had just moved into an apartment down the street. Though not a Muslim, Catherine had said she would be fasting and praying during Ramadan, too, because she loved her community. Djamila had wondered for days why the foreigner would willingly observe the holy month.

Dates, often a sign of generosity and hospitality, would be the perfect gift for her new neighbor. When she delivered them, Djamila would ask Catherine to tell her why she was not trying to earn God's favor, as Muslims did.

Hope from the Word

"The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon." — Psalm 92:12

Ways to Pray

- * Ask God to show Muslims that only the grace of God can save them.
- * Pray that God will guide Frontiers field workers to connect with Muslim men and women who are curious about who Jesus truly is.
- * In some parts of the Muslim world, sharing the good news about Jesus is prohibited. Pray for the protection of workers and local Jesus followers as they share the truth.

Day 10

Pearls of Bahrain, Middle East



A Pearl Worth Finding

Huda stared at the x-ray image of a pearl on the screen in front of her. Carefully, she searched for imperfections or signs that the pearl had been manufactured rather than collected from the sea.

When her great-grandfather was alive, there had been no need for such in-depth analysis of the precious stones. He'd been a pearl diver, part of a centuries-old tradition, which had brought Bahrain prosperity. Huda spent her time looking for perfect pearls, genuine saltwater beauties that came through her lab.

Her ancestors had explored the ocean floor for elusive treasure, and lately, Huda was exploring, too. She'd discovered new ideas on the internet, like the Facebook ad that said Jesus was the only way to God. Something told her this might hold the pearl of truth she'd been yearning for.

Hope from the Word

“The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” — Matthew 13:45–46

Ways to Pray

- Many Muslim men and women must choose between all they hold dear and following Jesus. Pray that they will recognize that the Lord is worthy of their worship and praise.
- Ask God to help field workers connect with seeking Muslims over the internet, especially in places where face-to-face contact is difficult to arrange.
- Pray that a traditional Islamic worldview will not keep young Muslim men and women from searching for Jesus.

Day 11

Pine Nuts, Afghanistan



Hard Shells and Soft Hearts

Ifran sat cross-legged before a pile of pinecones. He reached for one of the dried cones and shook it to release the seeds. Then he pried the seeds open with his hands, revealing sweet pine nuts hidden within the hard exterior.

Even though he'd worn gloves when he first started this work several years ago, his hands had become painfully raw from opening the rough pinecones for hours. He was thankful his hands had finally grown calluses.

His heart had once been as hard as his palms. A difficult childhood had taught him to protect himself behind emotional walls, and his relationships with friends and family had suffered because of this.

Recently, Ifran had begun to study the *Injil* with a friend. Jesus was no stranger to suffering and mistreatment, yet he was able to love others well. As he considered this, Ifran had sensed his heart softening toward those he had once struggled to forgive.

Hope from the Word

"If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps." - 1 Peter 2:20-21

Ways to Pray

- Many Muslims admire Jesus and desire to live like Him. Pray that these Muslims will come to know Christ as not only an example, but also their Savior.
- Pray that field workers will disciple Muslim men and women with patience as they lead them to faith in Jesus.
- Ask God to heal the hearts of Muslim people who have experienced suffering and bring peace where there has been conflict.

Day 12

Coral Reef

Raja Ampat Islands, Indonesia



Restoring Beauty

Samina sat on the edge of the small boat and glanced at her fellow gap-year conservation students, young adults from all over the world. Their dive instructor nodded to Samina, and she tucked the edge of her sports hijab beneath the cap of her wetsuit before tumbling backward.

Bubbles cleared and she stared through her goggles at the marine wonderland. Fish danced from coral to colorful coral. Rays glided beneath her flippers. A sea turtle glanced her way but continued swimming, unconcerned by her presence. She'd never seen a biome like this. No wonder Raja Ampat was described as the last pristine reef.

Samina and her fellow students were learning how to protect it, but she worried their efforts would be too little too late. Many reefs in Southeast Asia were falling victim to pollution and overfishing. She worried that the damage could never be restored to its unblemished beauty. Could anything be made brand new again?

Hope from the Word

He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." — Revelation 21:5

Ways to Pray

- Pray for Muslim young adults who navigate a decaying world—facing ecological crisis, political conflicts, and personal struggles.
- Pray that students like Samina will find hope through Jesus as they seek to restore beauty that has been lost.
- Ask God to send field workers who will collaborate and share Jesus with Muslim professionals in nontraditional ministry roles, like conservation.

Day 13

Sandstorm, North Africa

Calming the Storm

Aichitou stopped in the middle of the dusty street and lifted her eyes to the horizon. Beyond the layers of ancient mudbrick buildings, the sky grew orange. She began to walk faster, hurrying toward her home. Soon, the sandstorm would engulf them, building small dunes throughout the city.

The terrifying sandstorm mirrored her own emotions ever since her husband had become ill. Rage, anxiety, and despair swirled in her soul like sand in the wind.

Her cousin had told her stories from the *Injil* about Jesus performing incredible miracles. If Jesus were here, could He put a stop to the storm outside? Or perhaps even the one in her heart?

Hope from the Word

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”- Philippians 4:6–7

Ways to Pray

- Ask God to send stories of Jesus to the hardest-to-reach places of the Muslim world.
- Pray that God will reveal Himself in powerful ways to Muslims in need of hope in North Africa.
- Ask the Lord to strengthen and encourage field workers in places with difficult environmental and spiritual climates.



Day 14

Rafflesia Arnoldii

Indonesia and Malaysia



A Flourishing Faith

Dawa's feet pounded over the leaf-strewn path of the rainforest as she hurried home. After spending the day reading the *Injil* with her friend Angela, she would be late helping to make dinner if she didn't hurry. So, she cut through the trees toward her house. When she turned a corner, huge red petals, as wide as her arm was long, stretched in front of her.

She had heard of these giant flowers and occasionally seen the unassuming cabbage-like maroon buds in the forest. But a blooming rafflesia was a rare and beautiful sight since the flowers only stayed open for four days.

Angela had said that learning about Jesus was like one of these flowers. Her faith might appear ordinary at first but could blossom into something beautiful. Dawa had gone to the mosque with her family her whole life, but it was only the words of the *Injil* that made her think her faith could flourish.

Hope from the Word

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed... Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants."
— Matthew 13:31–32

Ways to Pray

- Ask God to bring the hope of faith in Christ to Muslim men and women throughout Southeast Asia.
- Pray that Muslims who hear the Good News about Jesus will joyfully accept the truth and experience the presence of God.
- Lift up women field workers as they seek to build trust-based friendships with Muslim women.

Day 15

Turanga Tree, Kazakhstan



Deep Roots

Erzhan's old blue van rumbled over the dirt roads outside his village. The harsh climate of the flat unforested grassland in the mountains allowed only one thing to grow well: the turanga tree.

To Erzhan's community, this tree was a symbol of strength and resilience—the same qualities that enabled the villagers to thrive in so desolate an environment.

Looking at his young son in the passenger seat, Erzhan hoped his children would have deep roots that nourished their spirits, like a turanga tree on the plain. But lately his visits to the mosque had left him with more questions than assurances. Where could he find truth that ran deep?

Hope from the Word

"The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever." — Psalm 119:160

Ways to Pray

- Pray that the Word of God will reach all of Central Asia so the peoples there can be rooted in Truth.
- Pray that Muslims who are questioning Islam will have dreams and visions that lead them to recognize their need for Jesus.
- Ask God to send field workers to Central Asia who will make connections in remote Muslim communities.

Day 16

Jhelum River, India and Pakistan



Pure Water

Rahul and his foreign coworker Peter stopped for a brief lunch halfway through their hike along the Jhelum River. The morning had been warmer than usual, but the stunning mountain views and mighty trees made the trail one of his favorite places outside the city where they lived in northern India.

After finishing their food, the men walked to the river's edge to rinse their picnic dishes in the water. Even from the shoreline, Rahul could feel the pull of the mighty current. The name Jhelum was said to have come from the word *jal*, meaning pure water. In mere moments, their containers were spotless.

"I wonder what it would be like to be washed so clean so quickly," Rahul pondered.

Peter smiled brightly. "Jesus said that he can wash away all of our sins." Rahul looked up in surprise and immediately asked Peter to tell him more.

Hope from the Word

"He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit."— Titus 3:5

Ways to Pray

- Ask that Muslim men and women in India and Pakistan will discover what it means to be cleansed by Jesus Christ.
- Pray that field workers will have open doors for spiritual discussions with their coworkers.
- Praise God that His offer to cleanse from unrighteousness is for all peoples.

Day 17

K2, Pakistan



In the Shadow of the Mountain

Yasin strapped the gigantic backpack to his shoulders and fell in line with two other Pakistani porters, carrying loads for the foreign climbers. Leaning into the bitterly cold wind, they trekked out of the K2 base camp. He looked up toward the snow-capped peak as the group formed a line along the trail.

Although this was Yasin's sixth ascent to the summit, he remained in awe of the majestic mountain. Even as a child, he had loved to watch it, imagining he could see the avalanches and rockslides that made it one of the most treacherous climbs in the world.

Something had always drawn him to the mountain. Maybe it was the excitement of the unknown or the sheer magnitude of the trek to the top. A foreign mountaineer had once told him that Jesus had created the towering mountain but still cared about every single person in its shadow. He hoped that was true—especially as he set off on another expedition.

Hope from the Word

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."— Isaiah 41:10

Ways to Pray

- Ask God to spark conversations about Jesus between tourists and Muslims who work in the tourism industry.
- Pray that God will protect Muslim men and women who live in areas affected by avalanches and rockslides.
- Praise Jesus for His power to create all things and His compassion toward all peoples.

Day 18

Camels

Sahel and Sub-Saharan Africa



A Story of Hope

Young Feleke, barely ten years old, tossed a worn blanket and four jerry cans over her camel's back. She crooned to Nazaa'a, stroking the sleepy camel's forehead between long lashes until the animal stood.

They plodded across the sand as the sun rose over endless desert, turning the landscape from gray to rose to tan. Feleke ran her hand over the camel's hide, passing the morning by telling stories to her. Nazaa'a might not talk, but she was a good listener.

Feleke's favorite story was about a Man from God who welcomed children. Months before, visitors to her village had promised to return to dig a well so she would not have to walk for hours to collect water for her family. They said the well would be a gift on behalf of this Man. If that was true, then He certainly loved children—including girls like her.

Hope from the Word

Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." — Luke 18:16

Ways to Pray

- Pray for children like Feleke who work hard to survive in difficult conditions. Ask God to send provision for their basic needs and hope for their spirits.
- Ask the Lord to reach entire Muslim families with the message of Jesus.
- Lift up field workers trying to meet both practical and spiritual needs. Pray that they will reach many Muslim families with the Gospel.

Day 19

The Dinaric Alps, Balkans



Never Moved

Vlora's breath puffed into the chilly air. Her boots left imprints in the pristine snow blanketing the hiking trail on Gjeravica. The peak was known as one of the Accursed Mountains because of its harsh and rugged terrain.

Privately, Vlora thought of the range as the Blessed Mountains. These peaks were her place of peace, a quiet space for thought and reflection. She could always count on Gjeravica to be there. It had never moved or waived.

Lately, the people in her life had not been as dependable. After her husband left her several months before, she had lost not only her love but also her extended family and friends. Life had become lonely and uncertain. Sometimes she even wondered if God had abandoned her, too.

Hope from the Word

"I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."— Romans 8:38–39

Ways to Pray

- Ask the Lord to send hope and truth to Muslim men and women who are walking through seasons of loss and pain.
- The Bible has been translated into the primary languages of many unreached people groups in the Balkans and is available through apps and online. Pray for more Muslims to access these translations and read them.
- Ask the Lord to show Himself to Muslims through undeniable dreams and visions.

Day 20

Silkworms, South Asia



More Precious than Silk

Rufaida’s hands worked her loom by muscle memory, weaving the fine threads together in a shimmering pattern. Since the age of four, she had sat at a loom creating her people’s famous silk *sarees* for rich clients and brides, making sure every garment complied with Islamic modesty.

As a teenager, Rufaida had seen the source of the thread used to make the silk—an ugly, common-looking worm bred to produce the delicate filament. Like the poor worm, she’d never felt like she was good for much except producing the fine fabric.

Her solace was that she, too, did her job well. She produced something valuable and beautiful. But Rufaida still longed to know someone who would see value in her, not just her silk *sarees*.

Hope from the Word

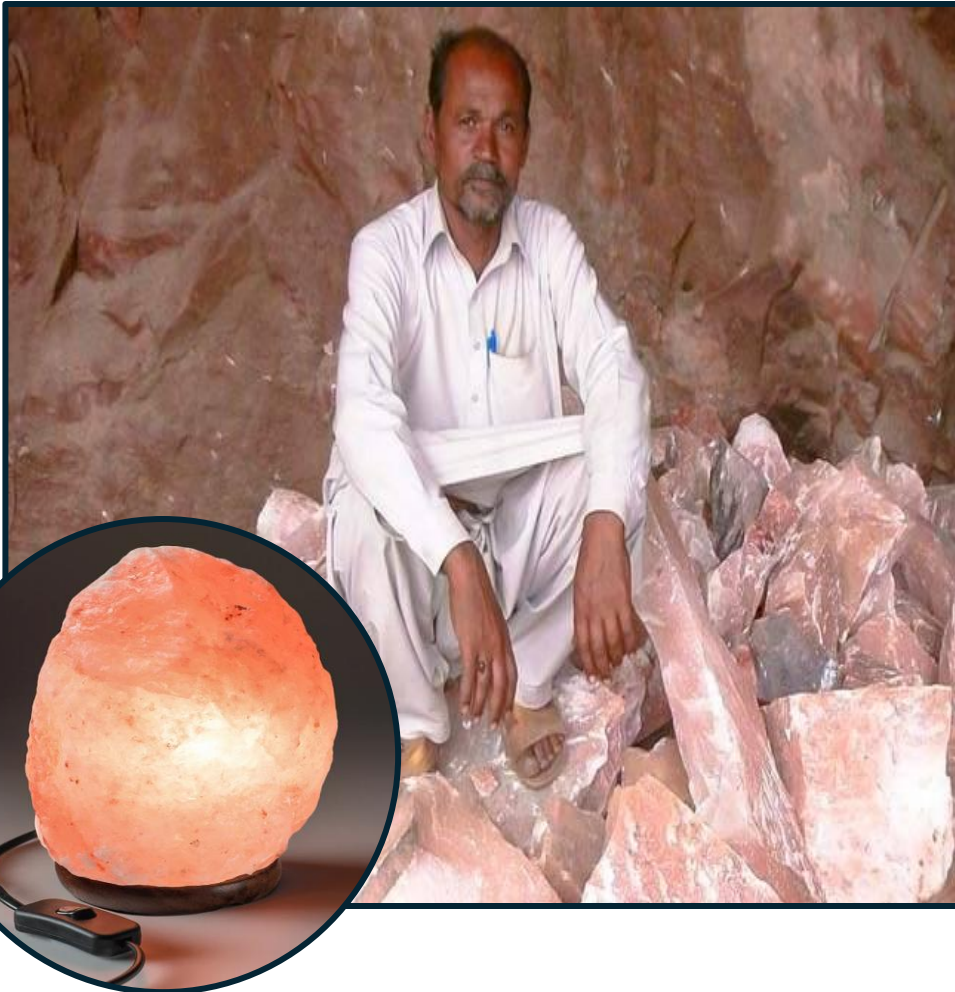
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born . I consecrated you.” — Jeremiah 1:5

Ways to Pray

- Ask God to help Muslim women find their worth in the Lord.
- Pray that Muslim men and women will discover the beauty and hope found only in God’s grace.
- Lift up Muslims who have fallen prey to the lies of the enemy and ask that they will recognize Jesus’ immense love for them.

Day 21

Himalayan Rock Salt, Pakistan



A Shining Light

Gulam sat at his worktable filled with wires, lights, and pieces of pink salt cut into asymmetric blocks, fresh from the mines. After connecting a light bulb to a battery case, he placed it into a hollow space in a pyramid-shaped piece of salt. With the flip of a switch, the rock salt lamp lit up with a rosy glow.

The combination of salt and light reminded him of a card his younger sister had given him at their last family dinner. On it, she had written words from Jesus about doing good deeds for the sake of God's honor.

Gulam had tried to be generous and kind so God would be pleased with him, and other people would think he was a good man. But perhaps his sister's words held wisdom. Gulam should do good to bring honor to God, not himself. This was a new perspective, and he looked forward to another note from his sister.

Hope from the Word

"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."— Matthew 5:16

Ways to Pray

- Many Muslims believe they must gain favor with God through their actions. Pray that men like Gulam will experience the peace that comes with trusting in Jesus' work on the cross.
- Pray that Muslim-background believers will have wisdom as they seek to reach family members with Jesus' words.
- Lift up Jesus' followers in Southwest Asia as they seek to be salt and light in their communities.

Day 22

Triton Shell, Maldives



A Mighty Call

Maumoon raced the other kids down the beach and splashed into the ocean. Beneath the surface, sunlight filtered through the water, shimmering on the sand below. He spotted a triton shell resting on the bottom and swam to retrieve it.

On the shore, his friends crowded around while he knocked the tip off the shell on a stone and lifted it to his lips. The squawk he produced incited giggles, but he pretended he was an ancient village chief, calling his people to come and listen.

While playing outside in the evenings, Maumoon often heard his neighbor's radio. Though crackling and muddled, the voice on the radio read the teachings of Jesus. Maumoon gathered that this program was forbidden, but the words called to his heart like the sound of the triton had called his ancestors.

Hope from the Word

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations.” — Matthew 24:14

Ways to Pray

- Some places in the Muslim world only have access to the Gospel through radio. Lift up these programs and those who broadcast them. Ask the Lord to bring their words to the ears of Muslims who have never heard about Jesus' forgiveness.
- Pray for Muslim-background believers in places where freedom of religion is restricted. Ask God to give them boldness to share about Jesus.
- Ask that the Good News of Jesus Christ will spread though island nations and hard-to-reach regions.

Day 23

Gold, Indonesia

Truth and Wisdom

Agus swirled his wooden pan and tipped it to let brown water pour from the edge into the ankle-deep stream where he stood. Black silt settled at the bottom of the pan, glittering with flecks of gold. He splashed handfuls of water on the silt, separating it from the heavier gold dust, and tipped the pan to let the precious mineral fall into a black plastic bucket.

Wisdom, he thought, was like the gold he freed from the mud and stones. It was rare and precious and sometimes hard to distinguish from what surrounded it.

For months, he had been asking his imam questions about Islam. Some things did not make sense, and he wanted to uncover the truth, just like he found gold. But his imam had told him to stop asking questions. Still, he longed to discover answers, so he prayed for truth and wisdom.

Hope from the Word

“That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God’s mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”— Colossians 2:2–3

Ways to Pray

- Pray for Muslim men and women who seek wisdom. Ask that God will show them that truth is found in the words and life of Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to help field workers in Southeast Asia connect with Muslims who are disillusioned with Islam and show them the truth found in the Word of God.
- Pray that the Lord will prepare the hearts of Muslims like Agus to hear the Gospel. Ask that they will recognize that the truth about Jesus is worth more than any precious metal.



Day 24

Pigeons, China



The Power to Protect

Yonglin settled on a three-legged stool outside his grocery store, adjusted his *taqiya* cap, and lifted his face to the sky. It was good to be outside, where he could listen to the sounds of the city and let his aching bones warm in the sun. In the street, a motorcycle backfired, and a flock of pigeons took off from the roof, protesting the disturbance.

He watched the pigeons swoop overhead. Before they could settle back on their perch, he scattered a handful of crumbs on the ground. Several glided to the street and pecked contentedly around his feet.

He recognized each and had given them names. In his Muslim community, these birds were protected and cared for, just as the Quran said they had protected and cared for a prophet. The sound of pigeons' wings was thought to drive away evil spirits, and Yonglin hoped that was true. If they couldn't, who could?

Hope from the Word

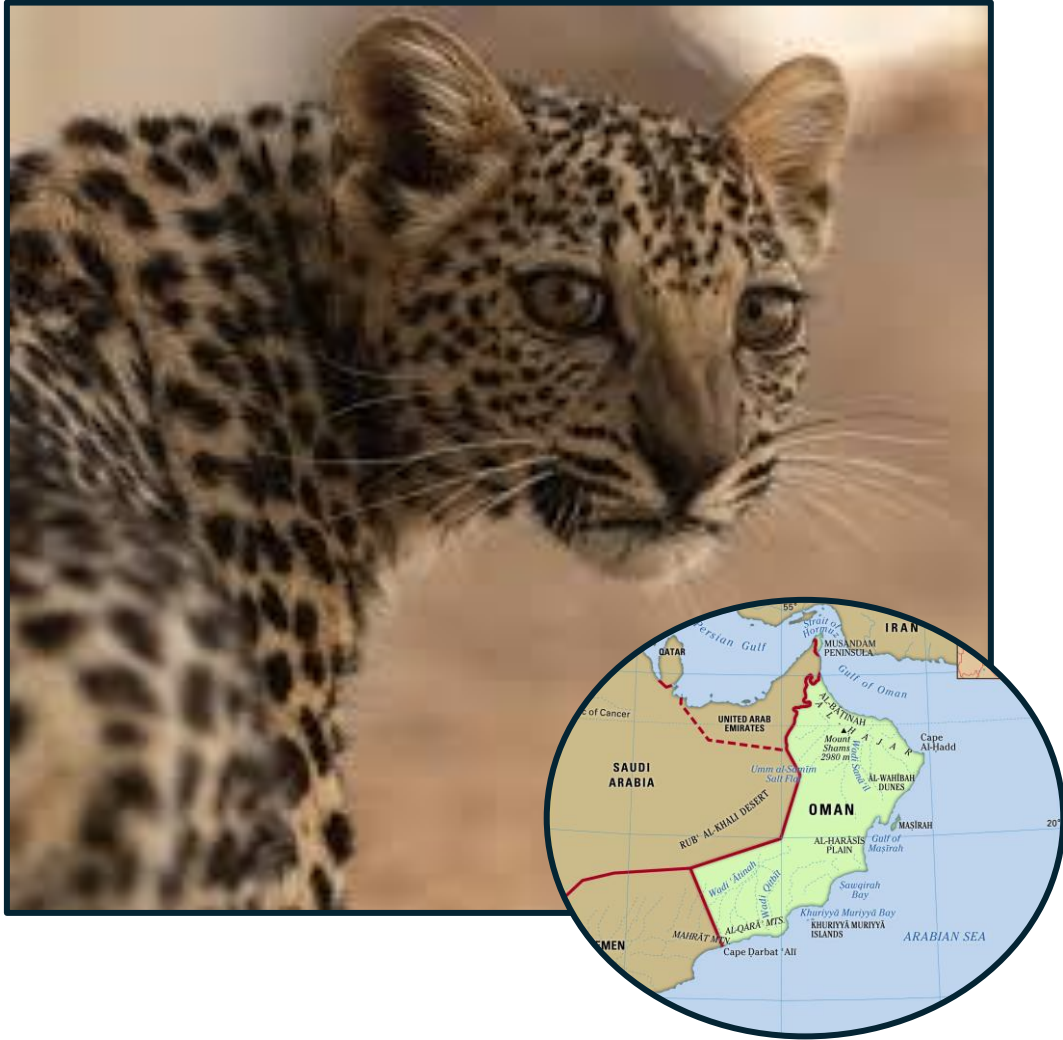
“The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.”
— Acts 5:16

Ways to Pray

- Many Muslims live in fear of evil spirits. Pray that they will discover the power of Jesus to drive away all sin and darkness.
- Pray for field workers who seek to reach Muslims in regions where state control makes sharing Jesus difficult. Ask God to provide them with courage, ingenuity, and refreshment.
- Pray that the words of Jesus can be read and heard in the farthest corners of the Muslim world.

Day 25

Arabian Leopard, Oman



A Better Way

Raya's gaze locked on the animal moving through the desert a hundred yards from her hiding spot. Her breath caught in her throat. She had spent weeks in the wilderness, waiting to photograph the elusive Arabian leopard. Now, here he was.

With slow movements, she lifted her camera and focused the lens. Perhaps sensing her presence, the big cat turned its head toward her. Golden eyes glittered, and she snapped the shutter just as the leopard jumped between two rocks and disappeared. She'd missed him again.

Sometimes she felt like God was the same. Just when she thought she was beginning to understand Him, He vanished. No matter how much she read the Quran or went to the mosque, she couldn't seem to do enough. There had to be a better way to connect with God, and Raya was determined to find it.

Hope from the Word

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you."— James 4:8

Ways to Pray

- Ask that Muslims like Raya seek the Lord with their whole hearts and find Jesus Christ.
- Lift up Muslim women who desire to serve and please God. Ask Him to reveal Himself through dreams and other miracles.
- Pray that young adult Muslims seeking God will come in contact with His Word and see how much He longs to have a relationship with them.

Day 26

Desert Oasis, North Africa



Worth Trusting

Sami's sandals pounded the narrow, dusty streets of the ancient town. He skimmed the faded brick walls with his fingers until he turned a corner and burst out of the cluster of homes and businesses. Just a little way down the path, a grove of palm trees splashed the beige landscape with patches of green, and in the center, the water of the oasis gleamed like a jewel.

His mother had often told him stories of caravans lost forever in the desert because of mirages. Their ancestors had been lucky to find a true oasis here in the desert.

Truth was often like that. Sometimes the things he believed were as false and dangerous as a mirage. Other times they were a refreshing reality. He hoped he would be wise enough to follow truths instead of mirages.

Hope from the Word

*"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."—
John 1:14*

Ways to Pray

- Pray that the truth about Jesus will come to remote North African towns like Sami's.
- Ask the Lord to refresh desert-dwelling Muslims with the knowledge of Jesus and His love.
- Lift up field workers as they bring scriptural truth to places of spiritual desert.

Day 27

Athirappilly Falls, India



Help from the Lord

As Najma strolled toward the Chalakudy River, the roar of Athirappilly Falls drowned out even the singing of nearby birds. Most of the river was smooth like glass as far as she could see. But when it reached this point, the water surged around large rocks, tumbling over the cliff in a wild free fall.

Najma could relate. For years, her life had been smooth. She'd enjoyed a happy childhood filled with laughter and friendship. Her parents had taught her the Quran, and she faithfully followed its tenets. Then she'd married a handsome young man in their community and started a beautiful family.

Recently though, Najma felt like she had crashed into rocks like these. Her husband had been fired from his job, and she worried they would lose their home if he couldn't find another soon. Then her son had broken his arm, and her teenage daughter started running a high fever. She tried to explain to her friend that she felt overwhelmed, but Aiza told her they all had worries. Who could she go to when life felt so out of control?

Hope from the Word

*"My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."
— Psalm 121:2*

Ways to Pray

- Pray for Muslim moms who feel overwhelmed and stressed. Ask the Lord to bring them peace and comfort as He shows Himself faithful.
- Ask God to send field workers to share the hope that is found in Christ alone with Muslim men and women in India.
- Praise God that He is an ever-present help in times of trouble.

Day 27

Night of Power/ Laylat-ul-Qadr

This night is considered the Holiest night in the Islamic calendar. It is revered as the night when the first verses of the Holy Qur'an were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad by Angel Gabriel.

Muslims believe the gates of paradise are open and all one's sins can be forgiven.

Some Muslims stay awake tonight to recite the Qur'an and spend a longer time in prayer. Highly devoted Muslims retreat into a mosque and intensely seek Allah to answer to their prayers.



Day 28

White Desert National Park

Egypt

The Man in White

Essam snapped a photo of his children and wife with white sand dunes in the background. The school break had given his family a chance to play tourist in their own country, and so far, this national park was his favorite stop.

He lowered the phone and his kids scrambled away, shouting as they slid down hills of white sand. Turning to take in the stunning landscape, he jolted at what seemed to be person all in white standing nearby. It took him a moment to register that it was just another of the strange natural rock formations.

It reminded him of a dream he'd had the week before. A man in white had invited Essam to walk with Him down a narrow path. Essam had stepped forward and immediately woken up. Even now, he was convinced the man had been Jesus. But what did the dream mean?

Hope from the Word

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”— Matthew 7:13–14

Ways to Pray

- Dreams of a man in white are common throughout the Muslim world. Pray for Muslims who have experienced these dreams to seek Jesus.
- Ask God to send Jesus followers to the Muslim world to share the Word with those who have had dreams and visions.
- Pray for resources about Jesus to become more widely available in the Muslim world.



Day 29

Rainy Season

Sahel and Sub-Saharan Africa

All Authority

Habiba stood up and placed a hand on her lower back, stretching the stiffness. Adjusting her grip on the bundle of firewood she'd gathered, she looked toward the sky. In the distance, a gray cloud billowed on the horizon. A rainstorm. Soon, it would sweep over the landscape until water surged through the rows of maize.

Hurrying across the plain toward her home, she was thankful for the tin roof that protected the mudbrick walls and everything within. Nearby, thunder boomed, and streaks of lightening split the sky as the heavens opened.

Habiba loved to watch these displays of nature. Was anything stronger than a storm in the rainy season? Her cousin, who lived a couple villages over, had once told her that Jesus could command the wind and rain. Habiba tried to imagine such authority.

Hope from the Word

He said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"— Matthew 8:26–27

Ways to Pray

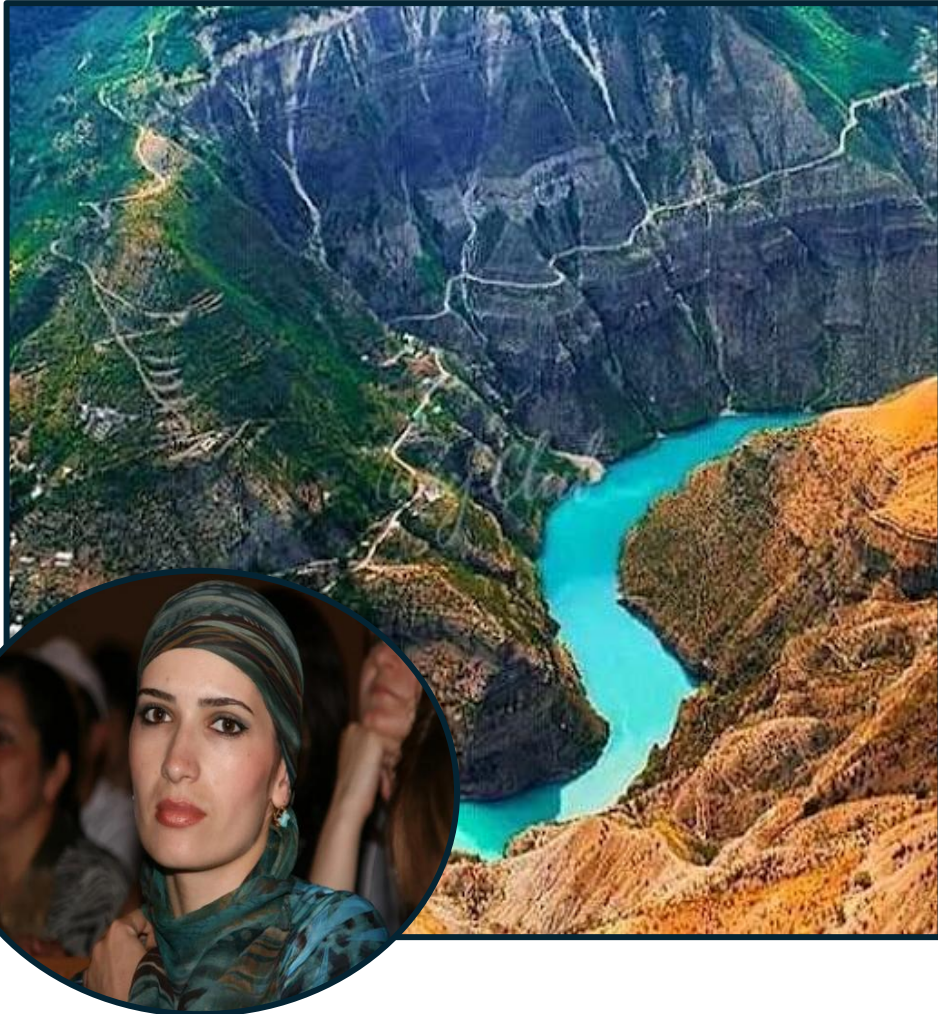
- Ask the Lord to reveal the power and authority of Jesus Christ to Muslim men and women who long for relief from the storms of life.
- Pray for Muslims who live in areas of frequent or seasonal flooding. Ask God to protect them and provide for them.
- Lift up Muslim-background believers in African communities. Pray that they will boldly share the truth of Scripture with their family, friends, and neighbors.



Day 30

Sulaksky Canyon

Dagestan, Russia



Fingerprints of a Creator

Elena gazed at the turquoise ribbon of the Sulak River winding through the gray and green canyon hundreds of feet below. Perhaps it was foolish to stand right at the cliff's edge, but Elena felt safest right here.

Wind whipped Elena's scarf against her shoulders and tugged at her head covering as she lifted her face to the sky. This place felt almost holy, so different than the neighborhood where she lived in the city.

The feeling was just a response to the natural beauty around her, but as she walked away, she tried to hold onto that elusive, nearly spiritual, sense of wonder. But it vanished, leaving no trace of the divine, despite all the times she prayed and went to the mosque.

She wanted to know God, not just the fingerprints of a Creator in a place of beauty. And as foreign as it sounded to her, she felt He wanted to know her too.

Hope from the Word

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." — John 14:6

Ways to Pray

- Thank God that He is inviting all Muslims into relationship with Him.
- Pray that Muslim men and women who seek to know God will find Him and true life in Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to raise up laborers for the harvest in remote parts of the Caucasus and the ends of the earth.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US!

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