

30-DAY PRAYER & FAST 2022 “Praying Against the Lies of Islam”

PURPOSE:

With the Muslim fasting month quickly approaching from **April 2 through May 1**, this prayer effort attempts to “Multiply Extraordinary Prayer.” It is greatly encouraging that 50 have responded, eleven who will mobilize *others* to pray!

Our purpose is to join with Christ followers globally to declare God’s Truth during this month in which Mohammed followers intensify their allegiance to the false prophet and attempt to cleanse themselves of sin. We firmly believe that as we unite in the Holy Spirit, God hears and answers our prayers in the spiritual realms and on earth, even when we cannot see Him working.

THEME:

During the last two decades God has greatly increased cross-cultural workers in the Muslim world who show God’s love and declare Truth in very difficult situations. Some areas are still hardened to the gospel, and some are responding in miraculous ways. The theme “Praying Against the Lies of Islam” provides a prayer guide to break the strongholds of this religion in the spiritual realms, and lift up the name above every name, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world!

RHYTHM:

After the introductory day of putting on the Armor of God, we will focus on four sub-areas:

- Week #1 - God’s Word
- Week #2 - God
- Week #3 - Way of Salvation
- Week #4 - Jesus Christ

Weekly:

Sunday - Declare God’s Truth!

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Pray against specific lies in Islam

Tuesday - Pray for more workers as well as those you know who work among Muslims

Thursday - Pray for local church members and their hearts and actions as related to Muslims

Friday - Pray for Muslim friends and unreached people groups

WEEK 1: GOD'S WORD

DAY 1 - Saturday, April 2 - Spiritual Warfare

Humble yourself before God Almighty, declaring utter dependence on Him when facing the religion of Islam. Have confidence as young David had when he proclaimed to Goliath, *“You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied...For the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give you into our hand.”*

As you enter the spiritual battle field, put on the armor that God provides over the enemy (borrowed from Clyde Hodson’s prayer material):

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. We wrestle not with flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. I put on the belt of truth. My desire is to walk in freedom today as I fight the spiritual battle that I will face. I choose to live by the truth of your word. I do not want to be deceived or to deceive anyone. You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Set me free through the truth that I may stand against the schemes of the devil.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. I put on the breastplate of righteousness. Whatever is gained to me through my own acts of righteousness, I count as lost in order that I may gain Christ and may be found in Him. Not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. I put on the shoes of peace. Having been justified by faith, I have peace with God. As Jesus, the perfecter of my faith, sanctifies me, He yields a harvest of righteousness and peace in my life. In the presence of Jesus, I have perfect peace. Lord Jesus, I choose to let Your peace reign in my heart. Where ever I go I choose to bless all those I have contact with today. I choose to give my peace away to all those I encounter today.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. I take up the shield of faith. I choose to trust in the faithfulness of Jesus to fulfill His promises to me. Faithful is He who calls you and He will bring it to pass. As I lift up this shield of faithfulness, I am trusting in the faithfulness of Jesus to extinguish all the fiery darts of the enemy that is shot my way today!

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. I put on the helmet of salvation. Lord Jesus, I thank you for this great salvation you have called me to. Having been justified by faith, I have peace with God. Father, because of your great love and

mercy I have been made alive, raised and seated with Jesus in the heavenly realms. Since I have been seated with Jesus in the heavenly realms, I choose to set my mind on the things above where Jesus is. I put my hope completely on the grace to be shown to me when Jesus appears.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. I take up the sword of the Spirit. I ask Lord Jesus that you give me those small portions of your word that I may ward off the temptations of the enemy today. Give me, Lord Jesus, those portions of word that I may take ground away from the enemy in the fulfillment of the work You have given me to do.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. “Therefore pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” Holy Father, as I leave this prayer time, I want to be alert praying in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayer for all the saints. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

DAY 2 - Sunday, April 3 - “DECLARE THE TRUTH OF GOD’S WORD”

After putting on God’s armor, start by declaring God’s Word as True because it is the BASIS for faith and life. Thank God for the CERTAINTY of His Word and pray through the following scriptures:

II Tim. 3:16,17 - *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

Heb. 4:12 - *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

Col. 3:16,17 - *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him*

DAY 3 - Monday, April 4 - COUNTERING THE LIE

LIE: The Bible has been changed. - Although Muslims are encouraged to read the Torah, Psalms, and Gospel, they consider the Bible invalid and untrustworthy because they claim it was corrupted. The very source of God’s Word is questioned.

PRAY the following scriptures:

Is. 40:8 - *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

Ps. 119:89 - *Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.*

II Cor. 1:20 - *For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.*

Pray in Jesus' name that God's Word will pierce the hearts and minds of Muslims during the month of Ramadan, and that God's Truth that workers speak will accomplish God's purposes! Pray that Muslims become followers of Christ to be free from the lies to live in the Truth!

Is. 55:11 - *so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

Jn. 8:31, 32 - *So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

DAY 4 - Tuesday, April 5 - WORKERS IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

- **Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest field. (Luke 10:2)**
- **Pray that the Lord of the harvest raises up workers out of the unreached areas so that they become disciples and reach their own with the gospel.**
- **Pray that current workers will make gospel progress among unreached people groups.**
- **Pray for PROTECTION (John 17:11,12,15) as workers go out as lambs among wolves to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. (Matt. 10:16) Pray for wisdom and courage as to what to say.**
- **Pray for cross-cultural workers you know for God's special help during Ramadan.**

DAY 5 - Wednesday, April 6 - COUNTERING THE LIE

LIE: *The Qur'an is the final and complete revelation of God* - Muslims do not believe that the Qur'an is inspired by God, but that is the DIRECT word of God, received by the prophet Muhammad through the angel Gabriel, and defines the belief and conduct for followers of that religion. They have varying levels of understanding of their holy book. Many of them have portions memorized in Arabic, but often do not understand its meaning. They are often touched when they can understand the Bible.

PRAY the following scriptures:

Rev. 22:8 - *I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.*

Pray in Jesus' name that God's Word echoes in the hearts and minds of Muslims, especially as they seek Allah during Ramadan. Pray that Jesus, the Living Word reveals Himself to them during their daily prayer times, and in their dreams. The Qur'an calls Jesus *Kalimatullah*, meaning Word of God.

John 1:1-5 - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

DAY 6 - Thursday, April 7 - LOCAL CHURCH

- Pray that members of your fellowship and other churches in your area grow in love and genuine care for lost people. Ask God what He wants you to do to mobilize people to reach out locally.
- Listen to the Holy Spirit and courageously declare the Truth of God's Word to others as He leads you.
- See if there is a Muslim group nearby that you can reach out to during Ramadan. Many times Muslims will give opportunities to break fast with them, which is called *iftar*.

DAY 7 - Friday, April 8 - COUNTERING THE LIE

LIE: We (Muslims) are the same as you. - A vast majority of Muslims are peace-loving and conclude spiritual conversations with the idea that all religions "are the same." Of course this is not true, and one response we can give is, "All people *desire* the same thing - peace with God and eternity with Him, but we are not all the same..."

On the other hand, more fanatic groups are taught from childhood to *hate* followers of Jesus, and everything they stand for.

PRAY the following scripture:

II Tim. 2:24, 25 - *And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*

Pray in Jesus' name that this month workers have many, many interactions with Muslims, that 'cousins' (as we fondly call them) are drawn to God the Father through Jesus Christ, that workers unashamedly proclaim the Truth, know when to speak up, rightly handling the Word of God, and do not get into senseless debates, but speak patiently and kindly bringing about repentance.

DAY 8 - Saturday, April 9 - FRIENDS & UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

- Pray for Muslim friends you have that God will speak to them during Ramadan and that they will come to salvation in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for gospel progress among the TOLAKI unreached people group in Sulawesi.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP: TOLAKI

Population: 342,000

Major religion: Islam 94.00%

0.81% Evangelical

New Testament translated 2014; Yes Jesus film; Yes local churches

The Tolaki are the indigenous and largest people group in Southeast Sulawesi. Historically their two most important kingdoms were the Mekong kingdom on the west coast, and the Konawe kingdom in the east. As the dominant people group, they often work as government officials, teachers, and office workers. They are quite independent but also live a fairly simple lifestyle as revealed in the phrase: *If you have a house, sago and fish for the day, you have enough!* Their wildly popular community dance is called *malulo* and symbolizes unity and brotherhood.

PRAY :

- **God will draw more Tolaki to Himself.**
- **Because God has opened the way for our missional communities to live among Tolaki people, pray for miraculous inroads to their hearts with the good news.**
- **Tolaki who follow Christ will become workers in the harvest field to win others from Southeast Sulawesi into the kingdom of light.**

WEEK 2: GOD

DAY 9 - Sunday, April 10 - "DECLARE THE ONE TRUE GOD"

Read and pray through the following verses, praising the one true God whom we worship, love, and honor:

Deut. 6:4,5 - *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

I Chron. 17:20 - *There is none like you, O LORD, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.*

I Tim. 2:5,6 - *For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.*

I Cor. 8:4-6 - *Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.*

DAY 10 - Monday, April 11 - COUNTERING THE LIE

LIE: *There is no such thing as the holy Trinity.* As true monotheists, Muslims believe that God is one unit without division or parts. All things begin and end with Him, and life under Him has no dichotomies such as 'secular' and spiritual.' Thus, all of life is enmeshed - politics, family relations, dress, etc. They are taught that "Allah is transcendent, uncreated, eternal, unique, wholly other, pure, without body parts, never interacts with his creation, creator of the world and, in a sense, impersonal." (Sichone, Billy C. 'Islam and the Trinity') They view Christians' belief in the triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - as blasphemous polytheism.

Pray the following scripture regarding the Trinity:

I John 5:6-8 - This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Lk 3:21-22 - Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Pray against the lie that the Trinity is a belief in three Gods. Pray that God's Spirit touches the hearts and minds of multitudes of Muslims during Ramadan. Pray that Muslims will understand and receive God's love, and become followers of His Son, Jesus the Savior of the world.

DAY 11 - Tuesday, April 12 - WORKERS IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

- Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest field from other countries and from Indonesia. (Luke 10:2)
- Pray that the Lord of the harvest raises up workers out of the MUNA unreached people group so that they become followers and reach their own.
- Pray that current workers will make gospel progress among unreached people groups.
- Pray for SANCTIFICATION for workers in the Muslim world. (John 17:17) Use Hebrews 12:1-14 to lift up workers as God perfects their faith on the mission field through all they encounter.
- Pray for workers you personally know for God's special help during Ramadan.

DAY 12 - Wednesday, April 13 - COUNTERING THE LIE

LIE: *"Allah has 99 names and whoever knows them will go to Paradise."* Muslims believe that the one true God is characterized by the 99 beautiful names as found in their holy book.

The first two names, which are often used to address God in prayer, are *Ar-Rahman, Ar-rohim*, meaning 'the most merciful' and 'bestower of mercy.' Many of these attributes are biblical such as The Almighty, The Creator, The Provider, The Judge, and The All-Wise. Several of them refer to God as the Forgiver. However, some essential aspects of God are missing, which we will look at later.

Pray the following scripture regarding the One True God:

Rom. 1:18-20 -*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.*

Pray that during this month Muslims will truly seek God and find Him as the bestower of mercy, the giver of peace, all-hearing and all-seeing, the most loving, the absolute truth, the giver of life, and the only one. Pray that God Himself speaks to them and opens their eyes to their sin and need for a Savior.

DAY 13 - Thursday, April 14 - LOCAL CHURCH

- **Pray that members of your fellowship and other churches in your area increase love and genuine care for lost people around you. Ask God how He wants you to show God's love and compassion to your neighbors this week.**
- **See if there is a Muslim group nearby that you can reach out to during Ramadan. Many times Muslims will give opportunities to break fast with them, which is called *iftar*. Take a group of friends to break fast with Muslims.**

DAY 14 - Friday, April 15 - COUNTERING THE LIE

LIE: "Allah has 99 names and whoever knows them will go to Paradise." One of the essential aspects of God that is missing in the 99 names is the **heavenly Father**. It has been said that Muslims are a fatherless people, In fact, polygamy causes much pain within families leaving some with warped father images, hindering the idea of God as the heavenly Father.

Pray the following scripture regarding God as the heavenly Father:

I John 3:1 - *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

John 1:12 - *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

Matt. 6:26 - *Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

Pray that God reveals Himself to Muslims during Ramadan - all that He wants them to know and experience. Pray against the broken father image in Islam and the lie that God could not have a Son. Pray for a softening of hearts so that Muslims may receive the love that God the Father extends to them through Jesus Christ and through the workers He sent into his field to live among them.

DAY 15 - Saturday, April 16 - FRIENDS & UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

- **Pray for any Muslim friends you have that God will speak to them during Ramadan and that they will repent of their sins and receive God the Father's unconditional love.**
- **Pray for gospel progress among the MUNA unreached people group in Sulawesi.**

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP: MUNA

Population: 339,000

Major religion: Islam 98.50%

0.05% Evangelical

New Testament translated 2004; Yes Jesus film, No local churches

The Muna people live primarily on the larger island of Raha. They are very creative and excel in indigenous forms of music, cloth loom weaving, and rattan basket weaving. The Muna usually live in the interior of the island, but those in coastal communities have been successful in pearl and seaweed farming. The majority of Muna follow Sunni Islam, but there is a Catholic minority, tracing to a famous medical doctor famous for his kind and loving service. Historically, Muna people were slaves to surrounding people groups deemed higher-class. One of their traditional sayings reflects their pain: "Suffer so that you will not suffer; if you do not want to suffer, you will certainly suffer." Muna Muslims believe that they will be judged on their knowledge of the Qur'an and good deeds. Many are also driven by traditional animistic beliefs and idol worship.

PRAY :

- **God will draw more Muna to Himself.**
- **For Muna young people, in particular, to find peace in Christ. Areas of Muna families in Kendari city are known for fighting and even killing. Many of the troubled street children are from this people group.**
- **God is raising up an increasing number of cross-cultural workers to reach the Muna people. In 2021 a team of three Indonesian families banded together with the goal to reach this unreached people group. A few local fellowships are also joining this effort. Two WorldVenture families are working towards moving to Raha to reach the Muna. Pray for God's leading in team unity and strategy for outreach.**

WEEK 3: SALVATION

DAY 16 - Sunday, April 17 - "DECLARE THE WAY OF SALVATION"

Read and pray through the following verses, praising God for His Salvation!

Rom. 5:15-21 - *But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.*

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 3:16-18 - *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

DAY 17 - Monday, April 18 - COUNTERING THE LIE

LIE: There is no original sin. Muslims believe that what happened in the garden of Eden was not The Fall, but was merely a mistake, and did not have serious consequences. They teach that God is always merciful and forgiving, and 'turned toward' sinful man. God would not unjustly punish all humanity for Adam and Eve's mistake, sin is not hereditary, and no one is born a sinner. They uphold that people are born in a state of intrinsic goodness, but admit that this is impossible to maintain, and man eventually becomes polluted by evil outside influences. Further, they maintain that man's disobedience is not rebellion, but a failure to *remember* God's guidance.

Read the following scriptures and pray that during Ramadan Muslims will be responsive to the Holy Spirit who convicts them of their sins!

John 16:7-11 - *Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning*

sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Rom. 5:12 - Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

1 John 1:8-10 - If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

DAY 18 - Tuesday, April 19 - WORKERS IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

- **Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest field of unreached people groups. (Luke 10:2) This year the WorldVenture Indonesia team has received one new family, and is anticipating receiving two single women, and two more families. Pray for these workers' adjustments to very challenging environments.**
- **Pray that the Lord of the harvest raises up workers out of the BAJO unreached people group so that they become followers and reach their own.**
- **Pray that current workers will make gospel progress among unreached people groups.**
- **Pray for workers in the Muslim world to strongly sense GOD'S PRESENCE. (John 17:24) Use Paul's prayer from Eph. 1:15-19, 3:14-19; Phil. 1:9-11; Col. 1:9-12 to pray over them, and let them know that you lifted them up!**

DAY 19 - Wednesday, April 20 - COUNTERING THE LIE

LIE: Good works earn favor with God and help bring about salvation. Muslims believe that salvation, or entrance to Paradise, is dependent upon both their faith and good works. Two angels, called 'illustrious writers' record good and bad deeds. In the end, Muslims hope that their good deeds outweigh the bad and they receive a positive recommendation from the two angels for their works and their faith.

Read the following scriptures and pray that during Ramadan Muslims realize that salvation comes only through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and is not dependent upon good deeds.

Isaiah 64:6 - We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Eph. 2:8,9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Gal. 2:15,16 - We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

DAY 20 - Thursday, April 21 - LOCAL CHURCH

- Pray that all followers of Jesus everywhere are sensitive to lost people around them - not caught up in their own lives and busyness. Be ready to respond to spiritual needs and interest, wearing the shoes of the gospel of peace (Eph. 6:15)
- Intentionally plan to go out among the lost, AND be prepared for unexpected encounters with people you meet who are spiritually open, so that you do not lose opportunities to share God's love through word and deed.
- Pray for your own church that anything that may hinder God's kingdom work (apathy, broken relationships, self-centeredness) is healed and replaced by passion for the lost to reach those around you.

DAY 21 - Friday, April 22 - COUNTERING THE LIE

LIE: There is no assurance of God's salvation. Muslims are required to keep the Five Pillars of Islam and do good deeds in an attempt to obtain eternal life in Paradise. The balance which weighs man's good and bad works helps determine whether or not he or she is destined to heaven or hell. Many believe that death in *jihad* assures entrance into Paradise. Other than that, there is no assurance of salvation or eternity with God. This uncertainty causes many Muslims fear and worry of death and the unknown.

Read the following scriptures and pray that during Ramadan Muslims find the true Straight Path (Sirat al-*Mustaqim*) through Jesus the Messiah, for which they can pray up to eighteen times per day. Pray that they understand and believe that they can have PEACE with God once and for all by becoming His children.

Mark 16:16 - *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.*

Rom. 6:22-23 - *But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Heb. 5:8-9 - *Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,*

I John 5:13 - *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.*

DAY 22 - Saturday, April 23 - FRIENDS & UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

- Pray for your Muslim friends that God will speak to them during Ramadan, to convict them of sin, and bring them to repentance and the understanding that no amount of good works will win their way into heaven.
- Pray for gospel progress among the Bajo unreached people group in Sulawesi.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP: BAJO

Population: 341,000

Major religion: Islam 99.97%

0.01% Evangelical

A few scriptures translated; Yes Jesus film; No local churches

The Bajo, known as Sea Gypsies, mostly live in houses built on stilts in shallow water. Formerly they were boat dwellers. They see themselves as non-aggressive people who prefer flight to physical confrontation. Politically dominant groups view the Bajo with disdain as timid, unreliable subjects. They are Sunni Muslims and are steeped in black magic and shamanism. The Jesus film was released in the Bajo language in 2021 and is sensational in their communities. They are amazed to watch a movie in their heart language!

PRAY :

- God will continue drawing them to Himself, especially through the Jesus film.
- Against the powers of darkness, witch doctors, curses.
- Those who have become followers of Jesus will be baptized.
- As they come to Christ, these courageous sea farers will be bringers of the gospel.

WEEK 4: JESUS CHRIST

DAY 23 - Sunday, April 24 - "DECLARE JESUS AS GOD'S SON, THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD!"

Read and pray through the following verses, praising God for His Son, Jesus Christ!

1 John 5:20 - And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Matt. 16:13-17 - Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Phil. 2:5-11 - *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

DAY 24 - Monday, April 25 - COUNTERING THE LIE

LIE: Jesus was just a prophet. Muslims believe in 25 prophets who were God's messengers to humans and modeled holy lives. The first prophet was Adam, the penultimate was Jesus, and Muhammad was the final. None of the prophets were deity, and Muhammad is the most revered.

Read the following scriptures and pray that during Ramadan Jesus the Christ, reveals Himself to Muslims as God who takes away the sins of the world.

Col. 2:8,9 - *See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,*

1 John 5:20 - *And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.*

Mark 2:5-12 - *And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"*

DAY 25 - Tuesday, April 26 - WORKERS IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

- **Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to raise up more Indonesian cross-cultural workers from outside of unreached people group areas. In the last decade the number of Indonesian missionary-sending organizations has increased with groups that are preparing workers well. Some of the most effective teams are made up of majority Indonesians and minority ex-pats.**
- **Pray that current workers make gospel progress among unreached people groups.**
- **Pray for cross-cultural workers you know who are from the country they are reaching (ie. Indonesians in Indonesia, Indians in India, Pakistanis in Pakistan). They make sacrifices to minister in a place outside their home. They figure out how to teach**

their children where education may be sub-standard. They raise families where the above-ground church is not established.

- Pray for workers in the Muslim world to be UNIFIED in heart and mind. (John 17:21) At times cross-cultural workers among Muslims unreached people groups have not been united. Reasons for this include fear about security issues, differing approaches to field work, spiritual attack causing division, and stress and pressure in the field that cause workers to quarrel or quit. God wants His children to exemplify the unity we see in the holy Trinity. Pray for workers to keep their eyes on the Lord rather than on themselves, or on troubles surrounding them. (John 13:34,35)

DAY 26 - Wednesday, April 27 - COUNTERING THE LIE

LIE: Jesus never died; another was put in His place. This is one of the deadliest lies that Muslims are taught from childhood. They believe that Allah would not allow a prophet to be crucified as Jesus was. According to the Al Quran, Judas or Simon, who carried the cross, was substituted for Jesus on the cross. Since Jesus did not die on the cross, they also believe that he did not rise from the dead three days later.

LIES FROM THE BEGINNING: After Jesus' crucifixion the chief priests began lying about what had happened. Lies have perpetuated ever since...

Matt. 28:11-15 - *While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.*

Read the following scriptures and pray against the malignant lie that Jesus never died or raised from the dead!

Luke 24:36-40 - *As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.*

Rom. 6:8-10 - *Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.*

Heb. 10:11-14 - *And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.*

DAY 27 - Thursday, April 28 - CHURCH IN INDONESIA

- The local church of Indonesia, which has been called 'the sleeping giant', is awakening. There is a growing awareness by believers towards the unreached people groups surrounding them. More and more churches are adopting UPGs to increase prayer, and reach out to them. A prayer movement has expanded in local churches in Kendari, the capital city of Southeast Sulawesi, even during the pandemic. Pray that the local Indonesian church continues to grow in reaching the numerous unreached people groups in its own country.
- Pray that an increased number of cross-cultural workers are sent out, and that local fellowships support them willingly. Financial support for field workers is still often heavily supplemented by outside sources. Local Indonesian churches are often able to take a part, but need to grow in love and desire to act.

DAY 28 - Friday, April 29 - COUNTERING THE LIE

LIE: Muhammad was the final prophet. According to Muslims, Muhammad is the 'seal of the prophets' - the final and most authoritative messenger of God. At around 40 years of age he began receiving "direct revelations" through the Archangel Gabriel, which became the basis of the Quran. Muslims teach that Muhammad traveled with Gabriel through Paradise and hell, finally meeting face to face with Allah. Afterwards he returned to earth to spread the message of Islam.

Read the following scriptures and lift up the name of Jesus Christ, the name above all names, who is mighty to save!

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

Matt. 16:13-17 - *Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.*

Phil. 2:5-11 - *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

DAY 29 - Saturday, April 30 - FRIENDS & UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

- Pray for your Muslim friends that God will speak to them during Ramadan, to reveal to them that Jesus Christ is not just a prophet, but God Himself, that He died on the cross and raised after three days, and that His name is the name above every name at which every knee will bow!

- Pray for gospel progress among the **KULISUSU** unreached people group in Sulawesi.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP: KULISUSU

Population: 25,000

Major religion: Islam 99.95%

0.05% Evangelical

No scriptures translated; No Jesus film, No local churches

The Kulisusu people have been located on the northeastern area of Buton Island for the past 400 years. Most families have their own farmlands and work together to cultivate the land. Some Kulisusu are traders who travel to other islands of Indonesia, or work on merchant ships. Those who become government employees are respected by others because of their prestige, high salaries and life improvements. Although they value honesty and hard work, they are steeped in spiritism and shamanism. In the past two years inroads have been made for the gospel to this people group.

PRAY :

- God will continue drawing them to Himself.
- Those who have become believers will grow stronger through God's Word, have the boldness to let people outside their families know they are Christ followers, and reach out to their own people with the good news.
- That the enemy's strongholds through ancestral beliefs and stories would be broken in Jesus' name; that God will soften hardened and deceived hearts.
- Workers who are discipling young believers will be faithful in this challenging work and be protected from attacks of the enemy. Pray that they will be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

DAY 30 - Sunday, May 1 - NIGHT OF POWER: The Lord Almighty

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The final night of Ramadan is considered highly blessed and is known as *layat al-qadr*, or "Night of Power." Prayers are recited in mosques throughout the night until around 4:15 am. This same night many Christ followers and missionaries to Muslims hold all-night prayer meetings, calling on God's power to see Him reign among unreached nations. Appropriate the name of *Yahwah-sabaot*, the LORD Almighty to war against the powers of darkness as God's kingdom advances:

As David approached Goliath in the battlefield he declared, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of *Yahweh-sabaot*, The LORD Almighty of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. If you make the Most High your dwelling - even the LORD, who is my refuge - then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Who am I that I should war against the powers of darkness? Lord Jesus, You are *Yahweh-sabaot*, the LORD Almighty. When David approached Goliath in the battlefield he said, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." You are the Son of God and as the Son, You send Your angels to war on behalf of the saints.

You are the seed of the woman who crushed the head of the serpent. From the time of John the Baptist and throughout Your ministry, the Kingdom of God was advancing by force and You, as a forceful Man, took hold of it. The devil challenged Your role as the Son at the temptation in the wilderness. You never yielded to him and, in resisting the devil, You bound the strong man and throughout Your ministry took the spoils.

You were condemned for being the Son of Man. You could have called on the Father, and He would have put at Your disposal more than twelve legions of angels to rescue You, but You submitted to the Father and went to the cross. The devil bruised Your heel, but You crushed his head on the cross. You were declared with power to be the Son of God by Your resurrection from the dead. As the Son, You came in order to destroy the works of the devil.

Now You are building Your church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. You give the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to men. Whatever they bind on earth is bound in heaven and whatever they loose on earth is loosed in heaven. You send Your angels to war on behalf of the saints.

Who am I that I should enter into this spiritual warfare for the Kingdom of Heaven? Lord Jesus, I have made You my dwelling. I love You and I now call upon Your name. Set Yourself apart as *Yahweh-sabaot*, the LORD Almighty. As the Son of God, command Your angels to guard _____ (Name each member of your household, yourself and the people related to Muslim ministry that God places on your heart.) in all of our ways. I pray that no harm will befall us and no disaster will come near our tents.

As I enter into this warfare, empower us by the Holy Spirit to advance Your kingdom by force. Grant us Your authority that we may, as forceful persons, lay hold of it. Son of God, as we war for Your Kingdom with the powers of darkness, send Your angels to war against every scheme and work of the evil one. We enter into this warfare in the name of *Yahweh-sabaot*, the LORD

Almighty. Lord Jesus, You are the Son of God. Set Yourself apart as *Yahweh-sabaot*, the LORD Almighty, in my life and in the lives of those I am interceding for in this moment. In Your name! Amen.

Thank you for joining hands with us in this prayer effort, by faith, CONFIDENT that the Almighty Lord has received our worship, heard every prayer, and is acting on earth and in the spiritual realms to TEAR DOWN THE LIES OF ISLAM, BREAK THE STRONGHOLDS OF FALSE RELIGION, STRENGTHEN WORKERS IN THE FIELD, AND ADVANCE THE KINGDOM OF LIGHT! He is drawing Muslims to Himself. To borrow from Hillsong, our God, the Author of Salvation has rose and conquered the grave and is MIGHTY TO SAVE! In Jesus' strong name, AMEN.

