

Advent

PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

Season's Greetings!

As the Christmas season begins, we invite you to step away from the busyness of this time of year to quiet your heart and contemplate Advent--a time of preparation for the celebration of the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Traditionally, the Advent Season is observed by churches all across the world in the weeks leading up to Christmas Day and focuses on the four themes of **hope**, **love**, **joy**, and **peace**.

Enclosed you will find a calendar for the month of December that offers guidance as you seek to focus your heart and mind on these themes of Advent. However, this guide is a bit different than traditional Advent calendars--it focuses on praying for the nations. Not only does it celebrate the hope, love, joy, and peace that Christ's birth brings to us, but it also encourages us to pray the same for Muslims around the world.

Included in this guide are four cards that focus on the four themes of Advent (one for each week). Each theme, accompanied by verses, has been matched with a region of the Muslim world, and each day spotlights a particular country in that region. The countries themselves were identified by Frontiers field workers as places in the world where the most unreached and unengaged Muslim people groups can be found.

Over the past 20 years, God has brought more Muslims to himself than in the 1400 years since Islam started. We are living in an amazing time! And yet, so many Muslim families still have not heard who Jesus truly is . . .

Will you take time this Advent season to pray for these people?

As you start your day or sit down to a meal with your family, please join us in praying that the kingdom of God, filled with the hope, love, joy and peace that only JESUS can give, will break into each of these countries.

We wish you a truly Merry Christmas!

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Hope

FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

DECEMBER 1

We wait in **hope** for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our **hope** in you.
-Psalm 33:20-22

Pray for the people of Egypt to put their hope in the Lord's holy name.

DECEMBER 2

Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my **hope** comes from him.
-Psalm 62:5

Pray for the people of Israel and Palestine to place their hope in God and find rest.

DECEMBER 3

May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.
-Romans 15:13

Pray for the people of Syria to trust in Jesus and overflow with hope.

DECEMBER 4

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the **hope** of glory.
-Colossians 1:27

Pray for the people of Iraq to choose to believe in Christ, the hope of glory.

DECEMBER 5

That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our **hope** in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.
-1 Timothy 4:10

Pray for the people of Saudi Arabia to put their hope in God as their Savior.

DECEMBER 6

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their **hope** in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their **hope** in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
-1 Timothy 6:17

Pray for the people of Kuwait and Qatar to place their hope in God rather than in earthly pursuits.

DECEMBER 7

Through [Jesus] you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and **hope** are in God.
-1 Peter 1:21

Pray for the people of Yemen to believe in God and put their hope in him.

Love

FOR AFRICA

DECEMBER 8

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
-Deuteronomy 6:5

Pray for the people of Morocco and Tunisia to choose to love the Lord.

DECEMBER 9

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of **love** to a thousand generations of those who **love** him and keep his commandments.
-Deuteronomy 7:9

Pray for the people of Algeria to choose to receive God's unending love.

DECEMBER 10

How priceless is your unfailing **love**, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
-Psalm 36:7

Pray for the people of Libya to recognize God's love and take refuge in him.

DECEMBER 11

But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in **love** and faithfulness.
-Psalm 86:15

Pray for the people of Guinea Bissau to choose to receive God's compassion, grace, and love.

DECEMBER 12

For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
-John 3:16

Pray for the people of Chad to believe in Jesus and have eternal life.

DECEMBER 13

But God demonstrates his own **love** for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
-Romans 5:8

Pray for the people of Sudan to receive God's love through Christ's death and resurrection.

DECEMBER 14

See what great **love** the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
-1 John 3:1

Pray for the people of Djibouti and Somalia to accept the Father's love and become children of God.

Joy

FOR SOUTHERN AND EASTERN ASIA

DECEMBER 15

Let the heavens **rejoice**, let the earth be glad;
let them say among the nations, "The Lord
reigns!"

-1 Chronicles 16:31

*Pray for the people of Iran to recognize that the
Lord reigns.*

DECEMBER 16

The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving **joy** to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

-Psalm 19:8

*Pray for the people of Afghanistan to find joy in
God's word.*

DECEMBER 17

You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and
clothed me with **joy**,
that my heart may sing your praises
and not be silent.
Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

-Psalm 30:11-12

*Pray for the people of Pakistan to be clothed in
joy as they praise the Lord.*

DECEMBER 18

The whole earth is filled with awe at
your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of **joy**.

-Psalm 65:8

*Pray for the people of India and Bangladesh to
be awed at God's wonders and respond with
songs of joy.*

DECEMBER 19

With **joy** you will draw water from the wells of
salvation.

-Isaiah 12:3

*Pray for the people of China to find joy in
salvation.*

DECEMBER 20

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news that will cause great **joy** for
all the people.

-Luke 2:10

*Pray for the people of Thailand and Malaysia to
find joy in the good news of Jesus Christ.*

DECEMBER 21

The jailer brought them into his house and set a
meal before them; he was filled with **joy** because
he had come to believe in God—he and his whole
household.

-Acts 16:34

*Pray for the people of Indonesia to believe in
God and be filled with joy.*

Peace

FOR THE BALKANS AND THE CAUCASUS

DECEMBER 22

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim **peace**,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"
-Isaiah 52:7

*Pray for the people of Russia to receive the good
news of peace and salvation.*

DECEMBER 23

Peace I leave with you; my **peace** I give you. I do
not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your
hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
-John 14:27

*Pray for the people of Bosnia and Kosovo to find
peace in Jesus rather than in the world.*

DECEMBER 24

The God of **peace** will soon crush Satan under
your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be
with you.

-Romans 16:20

*Pray for God to end the enemy's work so that the
people of Albania and Macedonia can
experience the saving grace of the Lord Jesus.*

DECEMBER 25

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of **Peace**.
-Isaiah 9:6

*Pray for the people of Turkey to believe in and
follow the Prince of Peace.*

*Pray for Muslims throughout the world
to encounter the **Prince of Peace**
this Christmas Season!*

