



## SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN ISLAMIC CONTEXTS

by Jim Bennett

A Global Initiative (GI) trainer ministered recently in a province in India, where believers are focusing on reaching their Muslim population. Two months later, our GI trainer received this follow-up note from the local Indian leader: “We thank God for your prayers. Great numbers of Christians have been walking and praying, binding and losing, breaking and destroying the strongholds of Satan. During the last two months, so many revival meetings were held in many districts—but the opposition does not stop.” Reporting from a heavily Islamic area of a country in East Africa, another Global Initiative trainer relates the following:

Some of the students came to faith through supernatural encounters of deliverance from demonic oppression. Others had experienced dramatic healing from severe illnesses. None of the students in that class came to the Lord aside from some form of power encounter. The very air they breathed was that of spiritual warfare that was waged daily, both in their pre-Christian lives and now as Spirit-baptized emissaries of the Light.

These incidents are but a small sampling of spiritual warfare occurrences that regularly happen in the Islamic world. Spiritual warfare and demonic manifestations in the Muslim world vary—from the Arab Middle East to the Muslim contexts of Africa, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. Rick Love, a prominent missiologist who served for more than twenty years among Muslims, states, “Conservatively we can conclude that over three-quarters of the Islamic world are folk Muslims.” Generally speaking, folk Muslim practices include a strong emphasis on supernatural demonic manifestations.

### **A Supernatural Anti-Christian Power**

Don McCurry clearly defined the degree to which Satan is at work through Islam: “*Islam is virulently anti-Christian at its core. Because of its unusual hostility to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we have to conclude that behind the system of Islam is a supernatural anti-Christian power*” (emphasis added). McCurry insisted that all workers among Muslims must learn how to exercise God’s power over the power of Satan operating

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# Until All Have Heard

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? – Romans 10:14

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A recent research article, published by an Islamic organization, predicts that Islam will become the world's largest religion between 2070 and 2100. Researchers project that the Muslim population in the Americas will grow from 6–8 million to 35–50 million over the next 50 years, with more than half concentrated in major urban centers. New York City, Toronto, and Montreal are expected to account for approximately 20% of all Muslims in the Americas. Significant growth is projected in cities such as Orlando (1,100% growth from 15k to 180k), Austin (500% growth from 25k to 150k), and Atlanta (350% growth from 150k to 350k).

Muslim researchers are encouraged by the growth of Islam in the West, anticipating increased conversion among those seeking alternatives to the materialistic mindset of Western culture. At the same time, the study reports that Islam in Latin America and the Caribbean is stagnating and declining. It also notes an increase in “religious switching,” estimating that the number of Muslims leaving Islam will rise from 23% to 30%.

This report should awaken the church to the urgency of intentionally reaching Muslims both in our cities and around the world. **At Global Initiative, we believe this is a spiritual battle that calls for a globally minded local church committed to outreach.** Every believer must be equipped to share the gospel within their own community because *every Muslim must know the truth about Jesus.*

As you read this editorial, hear the Spirit's call to reach the Muslims in your city and the 2 billion Muslims worldwide. Visit our website for resources to help equip you for engagement with Muslims and join our Jumaa Prayer Fellowship as we pray intentionally for Muslims to come to Christ globally.

We pray this research will encourage believers to lovingly share the life-changing gospel of Christ with the Muslims God has brought to our shores, while also challenging Christians to stand against the missionary efforts of Islamic governments seeking to Islamize our nation.

Source: <https://bit.ly/4cUBA6N>

## Muslim Unreached People Group Maranao of Mindanao, Philippines Population: 1,800,000 100% Muslim

The Maranao are a Muslim people group from Mindanao in the Philippines, with their identity closely tied to Lake Lanao and a long-standing tradition of agriculture, fishing, and craftsmanship. Their culture is rich and expressive, marked by intricate textiles, music, and strong communal ties. While literacy and education levels have risen significantly, many still face limited economic opportunities, leading some to migrate in search of work.

Religiously, the Maranao are predominantly Muslim, with elements of older traditional beliefs still woven into their worldview. Their Muslim spiritual identity is deeply rooted and socially reinforced, making religious change difficult and often costly. Despite over a century of missionary presence, they remain largely unreached, with only a very small number of known Christian believers, reflecting both the strength of their cultural-religious framework and the challenges of meaningful engagement. *To follow Jesus within this Muslim community is to invite criticism and ostracism within their families.*

- Pray that the spiritual strongholds against the gospel will be broken, that Maranao people will respond to the message of Christ, and that the church will be successfully planted among the Maranao.
- Pray that God would heal the spiritual wound that has resulted from the painful history of animosity between Christians and Muslims, especially in Mindanao.
- Pray for Maranao Christians who face intense persecution for their faith in Jesus.
- Pray that God will reveal himself to the Maranao people and for them to experience a movement to Christ this decade that will bless them economically and spiritually.



\*Profile adapted from Joshua Project. For more information on the Maranao of Mindanao, Philippines, visit: [https://joshuaproject.net/people\\_groups/13531/RP](https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/13531/RP)

in Islam if they want to see fruit. For example, he further states:

The gifts and power of God's Spirit are as available today as they were in Jesus' day and were not confined to the apostolic period—they are available for all who believe and appropriate them. This issue becomes especially pointed when we struggle with Folk Islamic practices right where the people live. *No demonstration of God's power on our part over the power of the enemy means no lasting fruit.* Maybe there will be surface “conversions,” but in the absence of knowing how to deal with the demonic power that may have affected the would-be believer...the potential convert may never learn how to escape the grip of evil powers that hold him. (emphasis added)

Unprovoked attacks against Christians by Muslim fanatics and hardline governments are common. Satan regularly manipulates demonic warfare against believers and fledgling churches emerging in Muslim communities.

During our seventeen years of ministry in a country that was 96% Muslim, my wife and I regularly felt the reality of spiritual opposition and oppression—both personally and in those to whom we were trying to minister. Sometimes the opposition came in the form of local Muslim officials who opposed a church in their area. Other times it appeared more directly, such as a demon-possessed person interrupting a service to frighten potential attendees.

### Understanding the Biblical View of Spiritual Warfare

Workers going to Muslim contexts must ensure that they operate from a biblical supernatural worldview. The worldview of the New Testament authors included the belief in evil spirits and in the sobering reality of a powerful enemy of God and of humankind. A dominant motif running throughout Scripture depicts God as warring against rebellious angelic opponents who are engaged in trying to thwart His will. According to Scripture, the head of this rebellion is a powerful fallen angel named Satan, under whom are a myriad of demonic minions who refuse to submit to God's rule. Scripture refers to this collective rebellion as a kingdom (Matt. 12:26; Col. 1:13; Rev. 11:15). God will someday vanquish this rebel kingdom, but in the meantime His followers constantly war against it.

### Building Blocks of the Islamic Worldview

Considering the biblical worldview of warfare, one can clearly see that the very hardware of Islamic cultures is a set-up for creating spiritual warfare. In other words, the culture itself is based on Islamic beliefs and principles; thus, followers of Islam are innately, naturally, and automatically enculturated with

mostly anti-biblical traits and tendencies. Simply put, Muslim cultures and worldviews are largely shaped by elements rooted in Islam.

This does not mean that every Muslim is demon-possessed or even demon-oppressed. However, every Muslim needs spiritual *deliverance* from the chains of Islam. At the very least, gospel workers need to understand and identify the most prominent public components that shape the Islamic worldview. While space prohibits a comprehensive discussion, the following list provides some of the most visible patterns we consistently observed during our years of ministry in a Muslim context.

### Prominent Spiritual Warfare Components of the Islamic Worldview

#### *The Overwhelming Sense of Fate in Islamic Culture*

*Qadar, kismet, maktuub,* and *inshallah* are just some of the Arabic words that reflect a sense of resignation and/or fate. In Islam, Allah decrees everything, whether good or bad. Shortly after arriving in the country, I was walking with a Muslim friend when a taxi hit and killed a man. My friend casually responded by placing his right hand on his forehead and saying, “*Maktuub*”—meaning, “It was written (in his forehead) that he was destined to die in this manner.”

#### *The Stultifying Cacophony of the Call to Prayer.*

It seems ironic to define the practice of prayer as spiritual warfare. However, Islam's public version of prayer is indeed spiritual warfare. Practicing Muslims are “called to pray” five times a day. No Muslim should be outside the ability to hear the call to prayer. We lived in four separate places, but never outside the call to prayer. Sometimes three mosques—all within easy hearing distance—recited the call to prayer at the same time.

A 75-year-old person will hear the call to prayer 136,875 times over a lifetime. In my seventeen years living in a Muslim-majority country, I heard it 31,025 times. I never set out to memorize it, but after hearing it thousands of times, I came to know the words backwards and forward. In fact, many non-Muslims in similar settings become familiar with it—not by choice, but simply through constant exposure. Part of the morning prayer is: *La illah illa allah, wa Muhammad rasul allah. Qumu, ya muminiin, was sulu, liana assalah ahsan min an-nawm.* (There is no deity except Allah, and Muhammad is his messenger. Rise up, oh believers, and pray, for prayer is better than sleep). Through constantly hearing the call to prayer, I inadvertently learned this section of the call to prayer. As believers, we must be aware of Satan's machinations and keep our own prayer life current and strong.

# Spiritual Warfare in the Islamic Context

## *Forced Cultural Obligations*

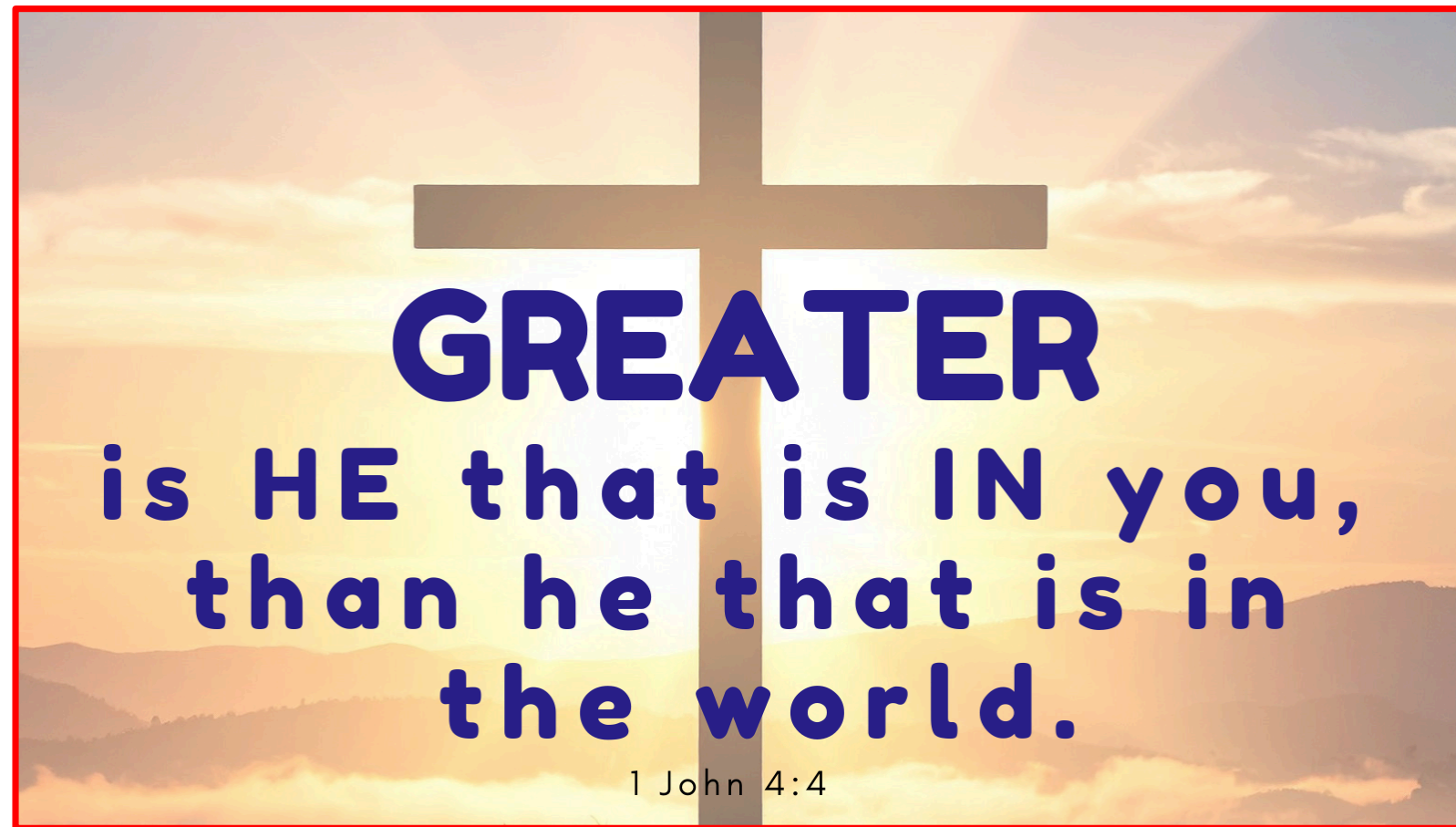
The obligatory times of Ramadan include the Night of Power and *Eid al-Fitr* (Breaking of the Fast). Other obligatory feasts include the *Hajj* (pilgrimage to Mecca) and *Eid al-Adha* (The Feast of Sacrifice) to end the pilgrimage season. At the very least, each of these feasts *requires* a forced statement of congratulations from non-Muslims to their Muslim neighbors and/or friends. In the case of Muslims returning from their required trip to Mecca, non-Muslim neighbors are expected to respectfully congratulate the returnees and address them with the honorific title of *Haji*. Each of these practices is based in the Islamic system of works—attempts to accumulate favor with Allah and hopefully do enough to eventually gain entry to paradise.

## *Elevated Spiritual Oppression on the Night of Power (Laylat al-Qadar)*

The Night of Power commemorates Muhammad's first revelation and occurs on the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> night of Ramadan. Muslims believe that on this night sins are forgiven, prayers have more power, the blessings and mercy of Allah are more abundant, and Allah determines their destiny for the coming year. For us, as Christians in a Muslim context, it seemed that all the demons in hell were loosed on that night. We quickly learned that we needed to spiritually prepare for the Night of Power. We devised our own schedule of fasting and prayer to counter the expected spiritual warfare during the Night of Power.

## *The Frightful Manifestations of Taraweeh and Dhikr*

*Taraweeh* are special prayers performed during the thirty nights of Ramadan. Muslims perform these special prayer after the evening prayer and before the pre-dawn prayer and may continue in unison for several hours. *Dhikr* are prayers in which the person repeatedly chants the name of Allah or the ninety-nine characteristics of Allah. In some cases, the person does this repetition until he or she loses consciousness or falls into a trance-like state. Our last residence was located approximately twenty-five yards from a mosque. During *Taraweeh* and *Dhikr* recitations, not only was it impossible to sleep, but it seemed like Satan loosed every demon in hell. Our spiritual preparation for this, in addition to an elevated emphasis on fasting and praying, included the application of anointing oil on every door and window in our home. We were



especially intentional about praying over our children's bedrooms, including anointing the doors and windows with oil.

## *The Unnerving Presence of Muslim Qareens*

*Qareen* means "constant companion." In Islam it may refer to a spiritual double (twin) of a human, either part of the human himself or a complementary creature in a parallel dimension. Sometimes *qareen* are classified as *jinn*, but usually not. My son visited his Muslim friend who had moved to Boston to attend university. The educated Muslim friend suggested that my son sleep in a certain spot in his apartment. Suddenly he spoke up and said, "Never mind. You can't sleep there because that is where my *qareen* prefers to sleep."

## *The Inordinate Influence of Sheikhs, Pirs, Malams, and Marabouts*

In common parlance, these terms refer to "Holy Men." Cultural anthropology would equate them with the term "witch doctor." These "Holy Men" deal with

## *The Cruelty of the Evil Eye (Ayn as-Shar)*

"Evil Eye" is a term used to describe harm or misfortune that is transmitted from one person to another out of jealousy or envy towards them. The misfortune of the victim may manifest as sickness, loss of wealth or family, or a streak of general bad luck. The person inflicting the evil eye may do so with or without intention. Muslims incorporate specific practices to protect themselves or their loved ones from its effects.

## *The Ubiquitous Presence of the Hand of Fatima*

Named after the daughter of Muhammad, this symbolic hand-shaped amulet symbolizes protection, power, and strength, and is believed to ward off evil and to protect against "the eye." Taxis, restaurants, businesses, and homes often display the Hand of Fatima.

## *Desperate Appeals to "Saints" and Pilgrimages to Holy Sites*

Seeking Allah's blessing, Muslims regularly trek to the graves of Muslim "saints." The ultimate required pilgrimage is to the holy city of Mecca, whereupon the Muslim may carry the honorary title of *Haji*.

## *The Constant Pressure of Shame and Guilt*

The very act of conversion to Christ elicits shame and guilt on the family of the convert. Family members employ extreme measures to avoid bringing shame on the extended family, and especially on the patriarch of the clan. The imposition of shame on the family patriarch implies that he has "lost control" of family matters. Thus, he suffers humiliation and a shameful blow to his honor.

## *The Guillotine of Honor Killing*

This abhorrent practice has to do with preserving the honor of the family. For example, if a woman dishonors the family by having an affair, she is subject to death in order to cleanse the family honor. To restore patriarchal and family honor, the oldest son usually kills the "bad apple."

## *The Deceitful Practice of Taqiyya*

*Taqiyya* is the practice of lying or deceiving for "legitimate" reasons. When facing the threat of harm or death from an enemy, Muslims may use deception as a temporary measure until they gain sufficient strength to resist the enemy. Any party engaged in negotiations with an Islamic country is wise to be aware of the

the manipulation of spirits or *jinn* on behalf of a person who suffers from loss or needs intervention with family or financial matters. Vulnerable women who cannot conceive are especially prone to seek out a *sheikh*. *Sheikhs* commonly offer amulets and prescribe formulations to counter negative spirits and bring about solutions for problems. The services of a *sheikh* require various levels of remuneration.

## *The Realization and Recognition of the Spirit of Dhimmitude*

Dhimmitude, derived from the Pact of Umar, attributed to the second caliph, Omar ibn al-Khattab (r. 634–644), outlines the status of non-Muslims (*dhimmis*) living under Islamic rule. In exchange for following certain rules, *dhimmis* were guaranteed safety for their lives and families. Today, the "spirit of dhimmitude" is alive and well in predominately Muslim countries. The message to the non-Muslim *dhimmi* is: "Stay in your place, and all will be well."

practice of *taqiyya*! In the area of conflict resolution, Muslims often use the “lesser version” of *taqiyya*. For example, a counselor (or *imam*) may permit an aggrieved party to withhold the full truth to “prevent greater harm” when working toward reconciliation.

#### *The Heinous Practice of Polygamy*

A Muslim man may have a maximum of four wives at any given time. Our first neighbor had three wives. The family dysfunction and infighting were devastating, especially to the children.

#### *The Shame of Having No Sons*

One of our neighbors had six daughters. After the sixth daughter was born, the husband brought in another wife in an attempt to produce a son. The distraught first wife tried to commit suicide.

#### *The Constant Pursuit of Baraka (Blessing or Favor of Allah)*

Like the idea of doing “good works,” most Muslims spend their lives seeking Allah’s blessings. I once raised funds for a Christian orphanage in Egypt. To my surprise, a Muslim businessman handed me an envelope containing the equivalent of \$5,000. He gave the money because he felt that Allah would respond to his generosity by bestowing extra *baraka* on him.

#### *The Pervasive Role of Disembodied Spirits or Jinn*

*Jinn* are powerful, unseen spirits with the ability to take on various forms. They may be good or bad. Muslims believe *jinn* are made from smokeless fire, and their existence extends beyond the usual laws of time and space. While they do not operate primarily within the human realm, *jinn* are capable of many of the same functions as humans—including moral choices. *Jinn* can appear whenever they choose but are particularly likely to take vengeance on humans who disturb them or their property. Mentally disturbed people are called *majnun*, meaning full of *jinn*.

#### *Unnatural Hatred of All Things Jewish*

This kind of hatred tends to be so prevalent and powerful as to be other-worldly. It is deeper than the matter of loss of lands. This demonically inspired hatred disproportionately preoccupies political conversations, newspapers, and TV presentations.

### **Being Pentecostal in the Muslim Spiritual Warfare Arena**

Jesus gave His disciples authority and power to cast out unclean spirits and heal every kind of sickness (Matt.10:1), and to validate the proclamation that the “kingdom of heaven is at hand.” He also told His disciples to “stay in the city [of Jerusalem] until they were clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:49, NIV). For Pentecostals, baptism in the Spirit enables greater effectiveness in taking the gospel to the whole world. In addition, one cannot overstate the Pentecostal

advantage in dealing with the supernatural, especially when dealing with spiritual warfare issues.

Pentecostals must be ready to intercede in the Spirit, “with groanings which cannot be uttered” (Rom 8:26). They must step up to the task of exorcising the demon-possessed, walk and work in the power of the Spirit, pay attention to dreams and visions, resist the spirit of Islam, exercise the gifts of the Spirit (especially the gift of discerning of spirits), and pray with expectancy for the sick and afflicted.

For workers going to Muslim contexts, I cannot overemphasize the need to maintain a strong prayer life. Bathe yourself in the Word of God. Obligate yourself to worship with other believers. A life-long full embrace of Pentecostalism taught me that I did not have to be afraid of the spiritual warfare arena. On many occasions, non-Pentecostals would contact our church and ask to bring a demon-possessed person for exorcism. The unsaid truth was that our fine non-Pentecostal friends were simply unprepared and afraid to deal with spiritual warfare issues.

In Muslim contexts, Satan especially targets any project involving the growth of the Church. In the late 1980s, while living in a Muslim majority nation, we purchased a former embassy complex and began the process of converting it into a church. Right from the start, the project was rife with Satanic attempts to stop it. First, there was a delay in getting building and renovation permits. The government used every imaginable reason to delay or stop the project. Finally, with no more legitimate legal reasons to offer, they allowed the project to proceed. Second, there was the matter of unusual attacks on the workers. One man suffered a broken nose, another a broken leg, and a falling steel beam killed another worker. Needless to say, his death halted the project for several weeks.

Meanwhile, during prayer meetings, it became clear that we were engaged in serious spiritual warfare. We placed anointing oil on every door, every wall, and every window—all the while calling on the Holy Spirit to deliver the building to the Kingdom of God. Praise the Lord, it happened! The project reopened and never suffered another setback. It was a clear case of battling Satan and his minions and trusting the Lord to give the victory. Today, that church stands as a prophetic fulfillment of Jesus’ declaration: “I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matt. 16:18, KJV). ☪

#### **Endnotes**

<sup>1</sup> Rick Love, *Muslims, Magic and the Kingdom of God* (Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2000), 22.

<sup>2</sup> Don McCurry, *Healing the Broken Family of Abraham* (Colorado Springs, CO: Ministries to Muslims, 2001), 152.

<sup>3</sup> McCurry, 159.



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#### **Friday, July 3, 2026. Please pray for...**

... *Rebecca, a daughter of global workers, who is facing health challenges.* Her parents are planting a church in a large Muslim area in North Africa. Pray that God would heal Rebecca and sustain this family as they faithfully serve during this challenging season.

... *Yousef and others who have been captured, tortured, and traumatized by ISIS or other Islamic groups and yet choose to forgive.* Yousef continues to share the message of hope through Jesus and says, “We should not surrender to being hopeless.”

... *an end to the ongoing violence and atrocities endured by the people in Nigeria.* Pray for comfort and peace for those whose family members have been killed.

#### **Friday, July 10, 2026. Please pray that...**

... *believers in Iran persevere with boldness.* Pray for protection over every home and for Satan’s lies to be revealed. Pray for comfort, wisdom, and power for believers. Pray that the gospel will spread and all attempts to hinder it will come to naught.

... *God would make himself real to all the people in Lebanon who are suffering due to the war in the Middle East.* Over 1.2 million Lebanese people are displaced and now facing severe food insecurity, all while the nation is in serious military, humanitarian, and political crisis.

... *the Islamic Terrorist group al-Shabaab would stop the violent bloodshed against Kenyan Christians.* Ask the Lord to raise up bold evangelists in Kenya who can lead the people to Jesus.

#### **Friday, July 17, 2026. Please pray that...**

... *global workers can be a light for the gospel to a community in Southeast Asia that recently experienced a severe flood.* Even though the area is under Sharia law, pray that the truth of the gospel would begin to take shape in peoples’ hearts.

... *God would provide a larger facility for a church in Peninsular Asia that has experienced massive growth.* Pray for favor with governmental authorities so the church can receive needed licenses.

... *humanitarian aid would reach the more than 30 million people in Sudan who need assistance* and for the 13 million people who are displaced and facing severe food insecurity and famine amidst the fourth year of civil war.

#### **Friday, July 24, 2026. Please pray for...**

... *God to intervene in the humanitarian crisis in the Democratic Republic of the Congo* that continues to deepen as violent conflict, mass displacement, hunger, and a rapidly growing Ebola outbreak devastate communities in eastern Congo. Millions have been displaced from their homes, and women and girls are among the most vulnerable—facing sexual violence, exploitation, loss of family support systems, and severe shortages of food, medical care, and safe shelter.

... *Muslims in four villages in Togo would come to know Jesus.* Pray for safety, health, and anointing of the Holy Spirit as the teams spread the gospel through house visits and outdoor meetings.

... *God to overturn the forces of evil that seek to destroy the county of Mali* and for God’s supernatural protection over two Bible Schools in the nation.

#### **Friday, July 31, 2026. Please pray for...**

... *more church planters to share Christ with the Muslim majority in Niger.* Pray for believers to stand firm in the face of increasing persecution, oppression, and violence. Pray that jihadists, who use abduction for financial gain, would have encounters with Jesus that will transform their lives.

... *Arabs and Jewish people to find meaningful reconciliation in the Prince of Peace.* Pray for Palestinian Christians to boldly live out the gospel despite oppression. Pray for believers to show Jesus’ love and concern for Palestinian exiles.

... *the people of Tajikistan who are still impoverished from civil war.* Pray for Muslims to meet Christ in miraculous dreams and visions and for protection of the infant indigenous Tajik church.



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## Friday, August 7, 2026. Please pray that...

... *Maldivian people would have God-ordained interactions with Christian tourists and migrant workers.* Pray for creative ways for Jesus-followers to grow, fellowship, and witness in a highly restrictive context.

... *Idir, a new believer from North Africa, and his two friends will grow in their new relationship with Jesus.* Initially, they were not open to the gospel but agreed to meet with a global worker to read the Bible. During one meeting, when the global worker prayed for them, they felt the Holy Spirit's power. Three days later, all three men professed Jesus as Lord and were baptized.

... *the unreached nomadic Afar people would receive a witness of the gospel that would lead to their salvation.* Pray that Christian workers ministering in extremely difficult conditions would be encouraged to persevere.

## Friday, August 14, 2026. Please pray that...

... *more laborers would feel God's call to work among the growing Muslim population of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.* Since 2000, the number of mosques has doubled to serve the estimated 150,000 Muslims who call this area home.

... *honor killings and secret murders would be exposed,* revealing Islam's true reputation. Pray that God would open the eyes of Muslims to see that the only way to restore honor in God's sight is to accept the sacrifice of the One who gave His own life that others may live.

... *Christians in Sri Lanka,* who have constitutional promises of religious freedom but continually experience harassment, hostility, and discrimination, would take courage and stand boldly for the faith. Pray for the government to uphold constitutional guarantees to religious freedom.

## Friday, August 21, 2026. Please pray that...

... *Muslims who gather to celebrate Mawlid al-Nabi,* the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad (August 25-26) would reflect on the Islamic traditions that tell us that the Prophet Muhammad had no certainty of what would happen to him or anyone else after death and that this would open their hearts to the assurance of salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

... *God would supernaturally provide adequate housing for 25,000 Christians* living in Rimsha, Allama Iqbal, and Akram Masih Gill colonies in Islamabad, Pakistan, who were evicted by government authorities.

... *the Holy Spirit would give pastors and workers among Muslim peoples wisdom and discernment* to identify Muslims posing as fellow Christians but having malicious intent. Pray that God would thwart any plans of a deceiver and, in His mercy, reveal Jesus to this person, for his salvation.

## Friday, August 28, 2026. Please pray that...

... *God would reveal himself to the Muslims living in Vienna.* Approximately 800,000 Muslims live in Austria with about 40% living in Vienna. Pray that God will give wisdom to the Vienna regional court that ruled that *sharia* law can be applied in private litigation so long as it does not go against Austrian values.

... *an international church in Indonesia* would be effective in reaching Muslims with the Good News of salvation. Pray that Muslims in Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim nation by population, would respond to Jesus.

... *48 Christians in Iranian prisons,* 16 of whom are in Evin Prison, notorious for its brutality, would be filled with God's peace and strength, and have opportunities to share Jesus with others, including their guards.