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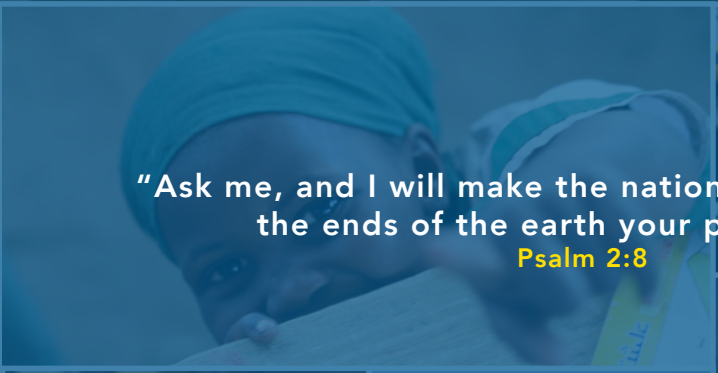

"Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession."
Psalm 2:8

PRAYER GUIDE FOR FIVE UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

AS PART OF THE PRAY FOR ZERØ INITIATIVE

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PRAY FOR ZERØ

The story so far...

There are 768 different Muslim people groups in the world today, with populations over 100,000, representing an incredible community of cultural diversity and making up a total of 1.6 billion people.

The good news is that over 75% of those Muslim people groups have a church or a church planting team in place! That leaves less than 25%, or **179** people groups, without such a resident gospel presence, a total of 90 million people.

In the year 2000, there were still approximately 300 unengaged Muslim people groups with populations over 100,000. As of January 2019, that number is down to **179**, and we believe God wants that number to reach zero!

PRAY FOR ZERO is a prayer initiative that seeks to see the remaining 179 people groups reached. **Through your prayers, workers will be raised up to go and plant churches among all of these peoples.**

10 WAYS TO IMPACT THE UNENGAGED

1. Select a People Group Champion or co-ordinator responsible for driving and sustaining the prayer initiative once it is launched in the church.

2. The Champion finds four other people or groups to develop the initiative. They could come from the same small group, house group, fellowship group, youth group, women's group, men's group or seniors' group.

3. The 5 people or groups pray for 5 weeks each in succession over 25 weeks using this Prayer Guide to provide ~6months of prayer cover.

4. Study the theme of adoption in Scripture from passages such as Romans 8, Galatians 4. Ephesians 1.

5. Check out other people group resources: joshuaproject.net, peoplegroups.org, finishingthetask.com, adopt-a-people.org and imb.org.

6. Encourage others to join in praying for the Muslim world during the month of Ramadan.

7. Report back on any progress/news updates within the people group/country during the year at church prayer meetings.

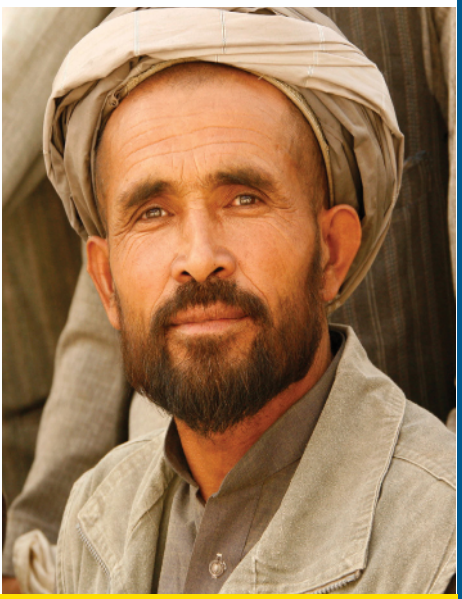
8. Consider having a regular (monthly or weekly) day of fasting and prayer for the people group.

9. Find ways to visualise the people group/country in the church with a prayer board.

10. Attend training events with other People Group Champions from other churches.

FIVE KEY THINGS TO PRAY FOR:

- The 5 unengaged Muslim people groups in this booklet to be adopted by churches.
- A church planting team for each people group.
- Salvation at every level of society within each people group.
- A church planting movement in each people group.
- Church planting teams to go out from each of these 5 people groups.



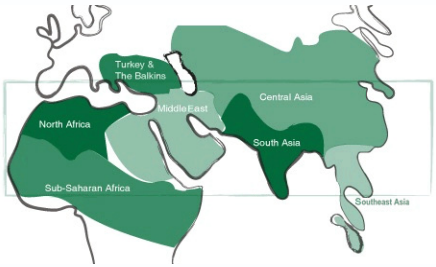
WHO IS FRONTIERS?

Our Focus

There are still places in the world where Jesus is not known - entire regions where Muslim men and women have yet to meet a follower of Christ. Frontiers is helping bring the Good News to Muslim people groups who, up to now, have been beyond the reach of the Gospel.

Where do we work?

Frontiers has teams in every region of the Muslim world: North & Sub-Saharan Africa, Turkey & the Balkans, Middle East, Central Asia, South– and Southeast Asia. Frontiers has 29 sendingbase offices around the world sending field workers to over 40 countries. Frontiers South Africa is a non-profit company, registered under section 21 of the companies Act (2009/015318/08)



Our Process

Recruit

Frontiers find and coach followers of Christ who share our heart for Muslims.

Train

Our workers live in some of the most difficult places in the world. Equipping them for effective ministry to Muslims is essential.

Send

Three-quarters of the world's Muslims live across 49 countries. Frontiers sends teams to inspire transformational movements to Christ in the least reached places. Our approach prioritizes getting field workers to where the need is the greatest.

Serve

Frontiers staff assist field workers through every phase - from their transition to the field and throughout the challenges of field service.

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JESUS FOR MUSLIMS

TIPS FOR PRAYER GROUPS

Adopting people groups for prayer is a great way to develop the prayer life of a church.

The idea is that a church makes a commitment to pray for 5 unengaged Muslim people groups for a minimum of 6 months. The goal is to raise up daily prayer for 25 weeks, with a minimum of 10 people each praying for 5 weeks for at least one People Group, using a prayer guide like this. The number is not limited to 10 but 5 weeks is a good period of focused prayer for an individual, young or old.

The booklet's layout allows for seven short daily prayers over a 5-week period, per people group, covering five topics:

- Symbolism of indigenous trees, seeds, fruit and produce
- Strongholds over the people group
- Proclamations and blessings
- Praying for workers
- Praying for believers

Some churches have 5-10 individuals, couples or families praying to cover a five week period; other have 5 small groups taking it in turn. Others have used a combination of small groups, seniors, youth groups, women's group or Sunday School class. Whatever way you organise it, we want to thank you for praying!

DEFINITIONS:

- **People Group:**
An ethnic or sociological group of people who perceive themselves to have a common affinity with one another - the largest group within which the gospel can spread as a church planting movement, without encountering barriers of understanding or acceptance.

- **Unengaged People Group:**
A people group with no current church planting effort in residence i.e. no team committed to work in the local language and culture; committed to long-term ministry; sowing in a manner consistent with the goal of seeing a church planting movement emerge.

- **Unreached People Group:**
A people group with fewer than 2% christians that are unable to evangelize their own people yet and need outside help.

- **Spiritual Strongholds:**
Description of a spiritual battle as used by Paul in 2 Cor.10:3-4.

- **Proclamations:**
To declare something in faith over an individual, people group or nation.

PEOPLE GROUP PROFILE:

THE YEMENI ARABS

The Yemeni Arabs originally lived in the Arabian Desert in fortress-like villages which served as defence. Their social structure is tribal, consisting of more than 1 700 tribes. Women are required to be veiled both in town and at home. Boys coming of age change the type of headgear and wearing of daggers. Although Muslims are allowed to have up to four wives, most marriages among Yemeni Arabs are monogamous. In the past, all marriages were arranged, however, it is becoming more acceptable for young people to choose their own mates. Child marriages are common place.

The most important agricultural products are grains, vegetables, coffee, melons, dates, mangoes, and pomegranates. Cultivation of khat, a drug, has pushed the country to the brink of food insecurity. Due to its popularity, khat (a water thirsty plant) is produced instead of crops. Prolonged drought and war have severely compromised the well-being of the population and death is a daily reality.

The Yemeni Arabs

- Population: 6,700,000
- Country: Yemen
- Language: Arabic
- Main Religion: Sunni Islam
- Scriptures: Full Bible
- "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanks-giving be made for all people." 1 Timothy 2:1

Country Profile: **Yemen**

Yemen, officially known as the Republic of Yemen, is an Arab sovereign state in Western Asia at the southern end of the Arabian Peninsula. Yemen is the second-largest country in the peninsula. It is bordered by Saudi Arabia to the north, the Red Sea to the west, the Gulf of Aden and Arabian Sea to the south, and Oman to the east-northeast. Although Yemen's constitutionally stated capital is the city of Sana'a, the city has been under Houthi rebel control since February 2015. Yemen's territory includes more than 200 islands; the largest of these is Socotra.

Yemen was the home of the Sabaeans (biblical Sheba), a trading state that flourished for over a thousand years and also included parts of modern-day Ethiopia and Eritrea. Christianity arrived in the fourth century. Islam spread quickly in the seventh century and Yemenite troops were crucial in the expansion of the early Islamic conquests. Administration of Yemen has long been notoriously difficult.

The country was divided between the Ottoman and British empires in the early twentieth century. The Zaydi Mutawakkilite Kingdom of Yemen was established after World War I in North Yemen before the creation of the Yemen Arab Republic in 1962. South Yemen remained a British protectorate known as the Aden Protectorate until 1967 when it

WHERE THE YEMENI ARABS LIVE

Population of Yemen:
27,580,000

National Flag:

Capital City:
Sana'a

became an independent state and later, a Marxist state. The two Yemeni states united to form the modern republic of Yemen in 1990.

Crisis and Cholera

From 2011, Yemen has been in a state of political crisis starting with street protests against poverty, unemployment, corruption, and president Saleh's plan to amend Yemen's constitution and eliminate the presidential term limit, in effect making him president for life. President Saleh stepped down and the powers of the presidency were transferred to Vice President Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi.

In September 2014, the Houthis took over Sana'a, later declaring themselves in control of the country after a coup d'état; Saleh was shot dead by a sniper in Sana'a in December 2017. This resulted in a new civil war and a Saudi Arabian-led military intervention aimed at restoring Hadi's government.

The war has blocked food imports, leading to a famine that is affecting 17 million people. The lack of safe drinking water, caused by depleted aquifers and the destruction of the country's water infrastructure, has also caused the world's worst outbreak of cholera, with the number of suspected cases exceeding 994 751.

Five weeks of Prayer

FOR **THE YEMENI ARABS**

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people."
1 Timothy 2:1

Week 1: Praying for the seeds and harvest

Significance and symbolism of the Frankincense tree

Boswellia Sacra trees grow in Oman, Yemen and the Horn of Africa, including Somalia and Ethiopia. Frankincense, the dried sap or resin of this tree, is burnt as incense but also has several medicinal properties:

- It supports good health and boosts the immune system.
- It has an anti-inflammatory power for arthritis.
- Aids Asthma.
- Treats Crohn's disease without unwanted side effects.
- It is great for skin: cuts, bites, burns, stings, rashes, abrasions, sores and wounds.
- It can be combined with a botanical oil to create a blend that functions like an essential oil for soaps, lotions and other cosmetics.

In the Bible, priests were required to burn incense as a sweet aroma as pleasing unto the Lord. The frankincense given to baby Jesus by the Magi from the East, pointed to Jesus' role as the High Priest and intercessor for all mankind.

The Yemeni Arabs' society is tribal in structure with over 1700 different tribes.
They are in this way similar to the buffalo which live together in herds.

Day 1

Father God, we pray today for the Yemeni Arabs to realise they have all the frankincense available necessary to be a fragrant incense, holy unto You. Stir their hearts Lord, to prepare to meet You, the only God, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Ex. 30:1-8; 34-37; Heb. 9:4)

Day 2

Lord, we come today to place our prayers for the Arab people in the golden altar of incense in front of Your Throne. May it be a sweet and pleasing aroma unto You. (Ex. 40:1-9)

Day 3

Abba Father, we stand in the gap for the Yemeni Arabs today. As the priests used to take flour, oil and incense and burn it on the altar as a food offering, we bring the people of this land to Your throne. (Lev. 2:1-3)

Day 4

Holy Spirit, turn the hearts of the Yemeni Arabs away from Islam and towards You. Purify the whole land to be as burning incense unto You. We desire them to be part of the great multitude worshipping You in the Throne room. (Neh. 13:4-9)

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Day 5

Almighty God, may Your name be great amongst the Yemeni Arabs. We desire that they will join other nations and bring You gold, incense and pure praise as prophesied as far back as the Old Testament. (Matt.2:9-11; Mal.1:11; Isa.60:6)

Day 6

Father God, we lift our hands to You on behalf of the Arab people in Yemen. May this be like the evening sacrifice of roasting lamb and our prayers like incense before Your throne. (Ps. 141:2)

Day 7

Lord Jesus, we place our prayers for these Arab people in Your golden censer. Command Your angels to hurl it down towards Yemen and cause a huge thunderstorm, lightning and an earthquake in the spirit. (Rev 8:3-5; Rev 5:8)

Did You Know?

Muslims make up nearly 1/4 of the world's population.

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Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

MATTHEW 9:37-38

Week 2: Praying against strongholds

The main stronghold in Yemen is the spirit of Islam or Anti-Christ, which manifests through war, violence, death, fear and destruction. Manifestations of these strongholds are found in the following important religious sites:

- Al Mohdar mosque, Tarim,
- The city of Shabwah, a former Arabian centre of power and
- The Al Janad mosque, Taiz. This mosque dating back to the 7th century, was built according to the same style as the Kaaba mosque in Mecca.

Khat addiction is another stronghold on the population. The leaves of this plant are chewed as a stimulant in an ever increasing manner. Due to the popularity and higher income, some farmers prefer growing khat, a water thirsty plant, over crops. This poses a real threat to food and water security in Yemen.

Day 1

Our Father, who are in heaven, all these strongholds have been set in place against the knowledge of You. With the authority given to us by Jesus, we demolish these Islamic lies and arguments, and take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ our Lord. (2 Cor.10:3-5)

Day 2

Abba Father, we know that You have made the wisdom of this world foolish by sending Jesus to die for all the sins of man at the cross and make a public spectacle of all the powers and authorities. Christ is the power and wisdom of God. (1 Cor. 1:18-25; Col. 2:15)

Day 3

As intercessors, we raise the banner of Jesus over the Yemeni Arabs today for all to see where they must go. On this mountain the Lord will destroy the covering and veil of Islam over this people group. (Isa. 13:2-3; Isa. 18:3; Isa. 25:7)

Day 4

Lord, we know that what You have planned and said will be done. We declare that all the splendour of Islam and the magnificent mosques will come to an end. Every knee in Yemen will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord. (Isa. 21:16-17; Phil. 2:10-11)

Country Fact

The biblical Queen of Sheba came from modern-day Yemen.

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Day 5

We proclaim today that the great Deceiver of people will be cast into the lake of fire, and that all the wealth and flocks of the Yemeni Arabs will rally to You, Lord Jesus. They all will adorn Your glorious temple. (Isa. 60:7; Hag. 2:7-9; Rev 20:10)

Day 6

Lord God, we want to sing and praise You in the splendour of Your holiness. You alone are worthy of all praise, honour and glory. Inhabit the praises of Your children Lord, ambush, destroy and annihilate the enemy, Islam in Yemen. (2 Chron. 20: 1-25; Ps. 22:3)

Day 7

Thank You Lord that Your Word promises that all strongholds, also Islam, will cower and tremble before You and not be able to stand forever. We declare victory in Jesus' name. (Deut. 33: 29; Ps. 18:44-45)

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Week 3: Proclamations and blessings over the people

Day 1

Lord God, we declare in the presence of the enemy that only You are holy, powerful, majestic, glorious and can give true peace. You are enthroned as King over Yemen forever. (Ps. 29)

Day 2

Lord Jesus, only You make it possible to appear before the Throne of God without fault. You are the true Saviour. All glory, majesty, power and authority be to You forevermore. (Jude 24-25)

Day 3

The Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, longs to be gracious to You. May He bless you and make you and your children to flourish in his house. (Ps. 115:14-15; Isa. 30:18)

Day 4

Today we declare to all the Yemeni Arab people that Jesus is the only mediator and Way between God and mankind. He is the only Ruler, King of kings and Lord of lords. (1 Tim. 2:5; 1 Tim. 6:15)

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Day 5

Oh Lord, please bless these Arab people, enlarge their territory, keep Your hand on them to free them from pain. (1 Chron. 4:10)

Day 6

The Lord Your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to Him. Shine Your light upon these precious people, Lord God. (2 Chron. 30:9; Ps. 4:6)

Day 7

Lord Jesus, we bring all the Arab children to You. Please take each of them in Your arms and bless them we pray. (Mark 10:13-16)

Did You Know?

Although the country faces many issues in the modern times, it was known as Arabia Felix in the past. The term means "fortunate" or "happy." It was called so since Yemen was more fertile than most of the Arabian Peninsula.

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Week 4: Praying for the field workers

Day 1

Abba Father, we lift up all the workers amongst the Yemeni Arabs to You. Remind them daily Lord that You live inside each of them and You are greater than the one who is in the world. (1 John 4: 4-5)

Day 2

Lord Jesus, You Yourself have sent each and every worker to open the eyes of this people group and turn them from darkness to light, and form the power of Satan to God. May they be empowered by Your Holy Spirit every day to do what You have called them to do in Yemen. (Acts 26:17-18)

Day 3

We pray for all the Kingdom workers in Yemen, Lord. May they daily seek Your face and rely on Your strength and not their own. Within all the darkness, may they all remember Your wonders and miracles and be empowered anew. (1 Chron. 16:8-12)

Day 4

Lord Most High, we place all the workers in the shadow of Your wings, where You can cover and protect them from all harm. (Ps. 91)

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Day 5

Holy Spirit, remind Your children daily to be strong in You and operate in Your power. May they daily wear the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the sandals of peace, the shield of faith, helmet of salvation and sword of the Spirit. (Eph. 6:10-18)

Day 6

Today, we pray for Your strength, Lord, to be displayed in each of the workers in the land. Enable them to go to heights, conquer new territory and achieve Kingdom results like never before. (Hab. 3:19)

Day 7

Lord Jesus, thank You that we, Your children, are always welcome to come and rest with You. They are tired, but those who put their hope You will always renew their strength, soar like eagles, walk and run and not become faint. Thank You for being our Provider. (Isa. 40:31; Matt. 11:28)

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Week 5: Praying for the local believers

Day 1

Father, the small number of believers face regular threats and are involved in many battles. We ask that You will answer; grant all their requests and protect them. Send help from Your sanctuary and remember all their sacrifices. (Ps. 20)

Day 2

Lord, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Yemen. Help them to shine their light in a dark place and bring glory to Your name. (Matt. 5:14-16)

Day 3

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true vine into which people from all the nations can be grafted. Without You, a branch is useless. May Your Holy Spirit flow from You to these Arab branches, that they may bear much fruit. (John 15:1-17)

Day 4

Abba Father, we thank You for Your divine power to give us all we need for life and godliness. Remind Your Yemeni children of their calling and election against all the daily obstacles. Empower them to strive and grow in faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control,perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. (2 Pet. 1:3-13)

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Day 5

We bring our Arab families to Your throne of grace today, Lord, by Your Spirit build up their faith, their love and mercy for unbelievers and their enemies. (Jude 20-22)

Day 6

"The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace." (Ps. 29:11)

Day 7

Father, we ask on behalf of the believers in Yemen, to meet them in their weakness. Come and strengthen the feeble hands and knees that give way. Remind them of Your promises not to fear and to be strong, because You will come to save them. (Isa. 35:3-4)

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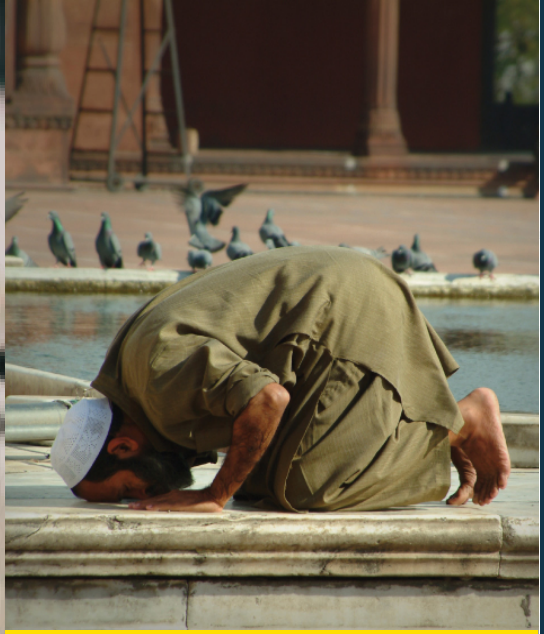


PEOPLE GROUP PROFILE:

THE BALOCH

The name Baloch is a combination of two Sanskrit words, 'Bal' meaning strength and 'Och' meaning magnificent. This ancient semi-nomadic tribal group, live in Balochistan divided by the borders of Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan, in an area about the size of France. Balochistan has vast resources of deposits of gas, gold and copper, oil and uranium. In spite of this wealth, they are mostly grain farmers, camel breeders and herders of sheep, goats and cattle. They live in a barren, desert and mountainous area and their culture is rich in tradition, storytelling, festivals, poetry and art and crafts.

Balochi as a language, can be traced back to Iranian languages, and remained unwritten until around 1870. Through the years they have endured brutal oppression for their moderate view of Islam. More recently, the Taliban even issued a 'fatwa' (Islamic edict) against the Baloch in the city of Nimroz, Afghanistan, calling for ethnic cleansing. The Baloch is a completely unreached group for the Gospel and 99% Islam.

The Baloch of Afghanistan

- Population: 650,000
- Country: Afghanistan
- Language: Balochi
- Main Religion: Islam
- Scriptures: Audio Bible. Bible and Jesus film.
- 'Far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you'. 1 Samuel 12:23

Country Profile: **Afghanistan**

Afghanistan, officially the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, is a landlocked country located in South-Central Asia. Afghanistan is bordered by Pakistan in the south and east; Iran in the west; Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan in the north; and in the far northeast, China. Its territory covers 652,000 square kilometers and much of it is covered by the Hindu Kush mountain range, which experiences very cold winters.

The north consists of fertile plains, while the south-west consists of deserts where temperatures can get very hot in summers. Kabul serves as the capital and its largest city.

The country's strategic location along the Silk Road connected it to the cultures of the Middle East and other parts of Asia. The land has historically been home to various peoples and has witnessed numerous military campaigns, including those by Alexander the Great, Muslim Arabs, Mongols, British, Soviets, and since 2001 by the United States with NATO-allied countries. It has been called "unconquerable" and nicknamed the "graveyard of empires". The nation has a complex history

WHERE THE BALOCH LIVE

Population of Afghanistan:
35,500,000

National Flag:

Capital City:
Kabul

that has survived either in its current cultures or in the form of various languages and monuments. However, many of its historic monuments have been damaged in modern times.

The two famous Buddhas of Bamiyan were destroyed by the Taliban, who regarded them as idolatrous. Despite that, archaeologists are still finding Buddhist relics in different parts of the country, some of them dating back to the 2nd century. This indicates that Buddhism was widespread in Afghanistan.

According to Global Rights, almost 90% of women in Afghanistan experience physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological abuse or forced marriage. The perpetrators of these crimes are the families of the victim. In 2012, Afghanistan recorded 240 cases of honor killings, but the total number is believed to be much higher. Of the reported honor killings, 21% were committed by the victims' husbands, 7% by their brothers, 4% by their fathers, and the rest by other relatives.

Dari, a Persian language and Pashto are the official languages of Afghanistan.

Source: Wikipedia

Five weeks of Prayer

FOR **THE BALOCH**

"As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is..."
1 Samuel 12:23

Week 1: Praying for the seeds and harvest

Significance and symbolism of Pomegranates

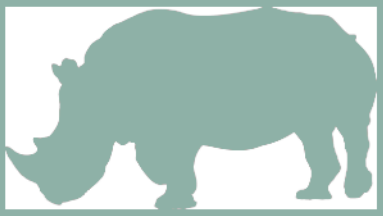
Pomegranate trees grow to anything between 5m - 10m tall. They can be traced back to 2000BC to Iran and Northern India. As a fruit, it has a long list of health benefits.

- It is an antioxidant.
- It has anti-inflammatory properties.
- It can slow cancer cell reproduction.
- It can lower blood pressure and risk of heart disease.
- It can fight bacterial and fungal infections.
- It can improve physical performance in athletes.

Symbolically for Christians, the pillars in Solomon's temple in 957BC and the robes of Jewish priests were decorated with pomegranates.

In the era between 1480 –1502AD, the pomegranate emerged as a symbol of Christ's resurrection and promise of life after death.

The name Baloch is a combination of two Sanskrit words, BAL (strength) and OCH (magnificent) - what better way to describe a rhino.



Day 1

Father, your Word is life and cannot come back empty, instead it will accomplish what you have planned. We, as the church of Jesus Christ, speak your Word of mercy and salvation over the Baloch people today. May there be a huge harvest of Baloch souls, we pray. (Luke 8:4-15).

Day 2

Lord, we pray for the seed of Islam to die in the hearts of the Baloch people in order to receive Gospel seeds so that You can be glorified. (John 12:23)

Day 3

Almighty Father, we pray for the seeds of the Gospel sown by workers and intercessors to grow and make the Baloch people spiritually healthy, just like the health benefits of physical pomegranate seeds and fruit. (Prov 4:20-22; Ps. 107:20)

Day 4

Lord Jesus, just as the robes of Jewish priests were decorated with the symbol of pomegranates, we pray for the Baloch people group to become part of a holy priesthood of all nations. May decorations of pomegranates be seen all over their land. (1 Pet. 2: 5; Ex. 28:33–34)

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Day 5

We pray today for pomegranates, familiar to this region, to bloom in the spirit in season and result in the Baloch declaring their love for you, Lord Jesus, the Lover of all souls. (Song 7:12)

Day 6

Father God, we, as the Church, want to sow our prayers and provision generously to reap a multitude of Baloch souls. (2 Cor. 9:6; Ps. 2:8)

Day 7

Lord God, today we pray for rich, imperishable seeds of your Word to grow amongst the Baloch. (1 Pet. 1:23)

Devotional Idea

Set up a prayer group on WhatsApp and share what you're learning with one another.

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Week 2: Praying against strongholds

The primary stronghold amongst the Baloch is the spirit of Islam or Anti-Christ, which manifests through violence, extremism, fear, lust, fanaticism, tribalism, suppression and control.
Shrines like the spectacular mosque Maji-i-Jami Gazargah, the ancient Sugi monastery and tomb, as well as the Spiritual centre or Mosque of Sacred Cloak of Mohammed (Kandahar), pose significant spiritual strongholds. In fact, the whole Pakistani border region is an area of strong Christian resistance.

Day 1

Lord Jesus, with the authority you have given us in your Word, we rebuke the spirit of Islam that keeps the Baloch from hearing your Good News today. Thank you Lord that you have made a public spectacle of all the powers and authorities at the cross. (Matt. 28:18; Titus 2:15; Col. 2:15)

Day 2

Abba Father, thank you for seating us with Jesus in the heavenly realms high and above all powers and spirits, including the spirit of Islam. Just as Moses stretched out his staff over the Red Sea, we stretch out our hands and authority over the Baloch territory in Afghanistan to open the way to set the people free from the bondage of Islam. (Eph. 2:6; Ex. 15:15-16)

Day 3

We send your Word today Lord, to the Baloch in Afghanistan. Although we are far away, and the bondage is fierce, your Word is not chained and can penetrate the darkest place and strongest fortress. (2 Tim. 2:9; Heb. 4:12)

Day 4

Father, because you have put your Words in our mouths to speak over nations and kingdoms, we uproot the spirit of Islam out of the region; we destroy and tear it down today, in Jesus' name. (Jer. 1:9-10)

Day 5

Lord, only you have the power to demolish the strongholds over the Baloch. Come down and make your name known; make Islam tremble and collapse before you, in Jesus' name. (Zeph. 3:6; Isa. 64:1-2)

Day 6

Father God, just as you instructed the priests to carry the rams' horns in front of the ark and march around the stronghold and blow the trumpets, we blow Your Word and watch closely to see the walls of Islam and the shrines crumble. (Josh. 6:4)

Day 7

Lord Jesus, with the charge to fight the good fight of faith, we hold out a javelin towards the strongholds preventing the Baloch from coming to You, just as Joshua held out the javelin towards the enemy as a symbol of Your presence and assistance to bring victory. (Josh. 8: 1 Tim. 6:12)

Did You Know?

The definition of Islam is 'submission', and a Muslim means 'one who submits' to God.

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Week 3: Proclamations and blessings over the people

Day 1

We declare that Jesus was given authority, glory and sovereign power over everything; all nations and peoples including the Baloch, will worship Him. His dominion is everlasting, will not pass away, and cannot be destroyed. (Dan. 7:14)

Day 2

Although the minds of the Baloch cannot accept this, we proclaim today that Jesus, was with God in the beginning and then as the Word, became flesh to dwell among us. Through him all things were made. Life is in Him alone. (John 1:1-18)

Day 3

As intercessors across the world, we proclaim Christ to the Baloch. Where Jesus is, there are miracles everywhere, evil spirits come out of people, paralytics and cripples are healed. (Acts 8: 4-8)

Day 4

Oh Lord Jesus, thank you for loving the world so much that you were prepared to die on the cross that sinners can be born again by the Spirit. We proclaim to the Baloch that everyone who believes in Jesus is sure of having eternal life. (John 3:1-21)

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Day 5

We speak to the ancient gates of this territory to be lifted up, that the strong and mighty King of glory, the Lord Almighty may came in. Then you will receive a blessing form the Lord. (Ps. 24)

Day 6

Jesus is the true bread of life. If you come to Him, you will never be hungry of thirsty again. (John 6:35)

Day 7

Baloch people, may the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (Num. 6:25-26)

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Week 4: Praying for the field workers

Day 1

Father God, we pray for more workers to go to the Baloch people group and be the salt and light in a dark country. May they truly reflect your light with good deeds, so that You may be receive all praise and honour. (Matt. 5:13-16)

Day 2

Lord Jesus, please breathe your Holy Spirit over all the disciples working in that part of the world. Empower them to boldly proclaim the Gospel message. (John 20:21)

Day 3

Lord, we pray for all the workers in that country to have the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. We pray for enlightened hearts of hope, and that they may know You, and the riches of your incomparably great power. (Eph. 1:16-19)

Day 4

Abba Father, we lift up all workers amongst the Baloch to you today. Help them by your Holy Spirit to be strong and grow in your grace to fulfil the Great Commission.
(2 Tim. 2:1)

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Day 5

Holy Spirit, we ask You to minister to all the workers in the Kingdom today. Remind them that they are Your children, who have a greater power living inside of them than that which is in the world. (1 John 4:4)

Day 6

Lord, we ask today that you will arm your disciples with strength and power to do the work of your ministry amongst the Baloch. (2 Sam. 22:33)

Day 7

Father, we pray for all workers to grow in the knowledge of You, being strengthened with all power, to have endurance and patience, to share the Kingdom of light in this dark country. (Col. 1:10-14)

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Week 5: Praying for the local believers

Day 1

Lord Jesus, we know your Baloch children face many battles. Today we want to hold up their hands in the spirit, just like Aaron and Hur held Moses' hands in battle long ago. (Ex. 17:11-12)

Day 2

Father God, we pray that the Baloch believers may be encouraged, united in love and know Christ, in whom is hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col. 2:2-4)

Day 3

Lord God, in your Word it is very clear that your children are in the world but not of the world. Protect them from the evil one, by the power of Your name. (John 17:11-16)

Day 4

Abba Father, we pray for continuous times of fellowship, teaching, communion and prayers amongst the believers, just as in the first century. May You be glorified through their witness and increase their numbers. (Acts 2:42-47)

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Day 5

Lord Jesus, you have called all your children to be your ambassadors and You gave them the Ministry of reconciliation. Empower the believers to represent You with righteousness, as new creations. (2 Cor. 5:17-20)

Day 6

I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Eph. 3:14-19)

Day 7

Father, we pray for Baloch believers to be righteous, Godly, full of faith, love, endurance and gentleness. May they fight the good fight of faith as Paul encouraged Timothy 2000 years ago.
(1 Tim 6:11-12)

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PEOPLE GROUP PROFILE:

THE BERBERS

The native inhabitants of North Africa, the Amazigh (meaning 'free people' or 'noble men'), also referred to as Berbers, live primarily in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya. Historically pagan, many Amazigh became Christians during the Roman era. Among these were St. Augustine (the father of African missions) and Cyprian and Tertullian of Carthage. With the Arab conquest in the 7th century, under threat of death most Amazigh became Sunni Muslims. Today there is very little Christian witness, but many are questioning what they've been taught and are exploring other religions and philosophies for answers.

Since 2015 one team has focussed on engaging with these people groups and celebrate the first few disciples a few new disciples of what we pray together will become a movement of disciple-making.

The Amazigh people groups of Libya live in towns and villages primarily in the Nafusa mountains, along the northwest coast and in oasis towns across the southwest. The Gaddafi government oppressed the Amazigh, but since the revolution of 2011, the Amazigh have new freedom to speak and educate in their native language Tamazight and express their culture openly.

The Berbers of Libya

- Population: 267 000
- Country: Libya
- Language: Tamazight, Arabic
- Main Religion: Islam
- Scriptures: Being translated into Amazigh. Bible is available in 6 major Berber languages.
- "I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it...." Ezekiel 22:30

Country Profile: **Libya**

Libya is a country in the Maghreb region in North Africa, bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the north, Egypt to the east, Sudan to the southeast, Chad to the south, Niger to the southwest, Algeria to the west, and Tunisia to the northwest. The sovereign state is made of three historical regions: Tripolitania, Fezzan and Cyrenaica.

With an area of almost 1.8 million square kilometres, Libya is the fourth largest country in Africa, and is the 16th largest country in the world. Libya has the 10th-largest proven oil reserves of any country in the world. The largest city and capital, Tripoli, is located in western Libya and contains over one million of Libya's six million people. The second-largest city is Benghazi, which is located in eastern Libya.

Libya became independent as a kingdom in 1951. A military coup in 1969 overthrew King Idris I. The "bloodless" coup leader Muammar Gaddafi ruled the country from 1969 and the Libyan Cultural Revolution in 1973 until he was overthrown and killed in the 2011 Libyan Civil War. Two authorities initially claimed to govern Libya: the Council of Deputies in Tobruk and the 2014 General National Congress

WHERE THE BERBERS LIVE

Population of Libya:
6,375,000

National Flag:

Capital City:
Tripoli

(GNC) in Tripoli. Parts of Libya remain outside either government's control, with various Islamist, rebel and tribal militias administering some areas.

The Latin name Libya referred to the region west of the Nile generally corresponding to its central location in North Africa historically visited by many Mediterranean cultures which referred to its original inhabitants as the "Libúē." The name Libya was introduced in 1934 for Italian Libya.

The Libyan Desert, which covers much of Libya, is one of the most arid and sun-baked places on earth. In places, decades may pass without seeing any rainfall at all, and even in the highlands rainfall seldom happens, once every 5–10 years.

The original inhabitants of Libya belonged predominantly to various Berber ethnic groups; however, the long series of foreign invasions – particularly by Arabs and Turks – have had a profound and lasting linguistic, cultural, and identity influence on Libya's demographics.

Source: Wikipedia

Five weeks of Prayer

FOR **THE BERBERS OF LIBYA**

"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it...."
Ezekiel 22:30

Week 1: Praying for the seeds and harvest

Significance and symbolism of dates

Cultivation of dates originated in ancient Mesopotamia and pre-historic Egypt. Date palms can take 4 to 8 years after planting before bearing fruit, and producing viable yields for commercial harvest after between 7 to 10 years.

Interestingly, Medjool dates are actually harvested from the date palm, cleaned, sorted and packaged right away. There's no processing and they are never physically or chemically dried.

Dates have endless medicinal properties.

- It helps to prevent kidney and liver toxicity or damage.
- It is useful in diabetes, rich in antioxidants and prevents DNA damage.
- It helps to fight various viral infections.
- Dates are also high in fibre.

The Berbers of Libya live in mountainous villages that are sometimes difficult to reach. This is similar to the LEOPARD, which is a solitary animal and difficult to spot.

Day 1

Father, we pray for the Berbers in Libya to taste your goodness. May the nutritional properties of dates, constantly remind them of You as Provider and Healer. (Ps. 34:8)

Day 2

May the Berbers, as a people group, all come to know you, Lord; flourish like palm trees in your courts, and bear much good fruit, in Jesus' name. (Ps. 92:12-14)

Day 3

Lord Jesus, just as the date palm tree flourishes in the desert by sending its roots deep down, we pray that the Berbers will be just like those trees and yield spiritual fruit in season. May Your living water cause the leaves never to wither, but remain evergreen. (Ps. 1:3; Jer. 17:7-8)

Day 4

Thank you Lord, for preparing a table with delicacies for the Berber people. Thank you for wanting all people to feast at Your table as friends. (Ps. 23:5)

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Day 5

Father, we pray today that the Berbers in totality will also be part of the great multitude from every tribe, nation and language, dressed in white robes and holding palm branches before the throne and the Lamb.
(Rev 7:9; John 12:13)

Day 6

Heavenly Father, just like King David blessed the people and gave them gifts of bread and date cakes as celebration when the Ark returned to Jerusalem, we bless the Berbers today. We declare that you are Emmanuel, God who is always with you. (2 Sam. 6:17-19) Something to celebrate indeed.

Day 7

Thank you Father for giving the Berbers abundance of dates with wonderful health properties. We pray that you send Your Word to bring life and healing to dead Berber souls. (Prov 4:20-22; Ps. 107:20)

Did You Know?

There is no official 'translation' of the Qu'ran, it is only meant to be read in Arabic.

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Week 2: Praying against strongholds

The primary strongholds for the Berbers are: the spirit of tribalism, the Islamic Centre, Gamal Abdel Nasser Mosque (a former Catholic cathedral), the Al Fateh University in Tripoli and the Sanusi Monastery of the Sufi sect founded by Muhammad bin Ali (1787-1859) in Cyrenaica, in eastern Libya.

Day 1

Lord, no stronghold or argument can withstand Your immeasurable power. We pray for these strongholds to be nullified, just like the paralysis of the lame man in Acts 3. It is the name of Jesus and faith through Him that Berbers will be able to walk by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 3:1-16)

Day 2

As intercessors, we hold out our staffs of authority you have given your children Lord Jesus. We pray against obstacles preventing the Berbers from crossing over into your Kingdom of Light. (Ex. 14:15-16)

Day 3

Father, we come today and tear down all strongholds and altars preventing the Berbers from worshipping You alone. You are God alone, King of kings and Lord of lords. (Judg. 6:25-26; Heb. 9:23-28)

Day 4

Lord Jesus, we understand our battle is against spiritual forces holding the Berbers captive. We hold out your Word and promises, that are 'yes and amen' in You, towards this people group. We declare victory like Joshua over the city of Ai. (Josh. 8:18; 2 Cor. 1:20)

Day 5

Abba Father, we ask that you come down from heaven and shake the mountains and spiritual strongholds amongst the Berbers. Send forth lightning and scatter the enemy; shoot your arrows and rout (defeat) them, we pray. (Ps. 144:6; Isa. 64:1)

Day 6

Lord, we want to sing Your praises, and worship you on behalf of the Berbers in the face of the enemy strongholds. We desire to see the prison doors open and chains fall off all these spiritual prisoners of Islam. (Acts 16:25-34)

Day 7

Father God, although the god of this age has blinded the minds of the Berbers, we ask that You would shine Your dazzling light into their hearts. Our prayer is for them to consider these false gods and the strongholds holding them captive as garbage, in Jesus' name. (2 Cor. 4:4; Acts 9; Phil. 3:8-9)

Did You Know?

The name "Berber" is derived from the Latin word barbari, meaning "barbarians." This term was used by the Romans in the third century A.D. to describe the "people of the Maghrib." (The regions of North Africa that were conquered by Muslims between 670 and 700 AD)

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Week 3: Proclamations and blessings over the people

Day 1

Thank you Father God for sending true life-giving bread from heaven. We proclaim today that You, Lord Jesus, is indeed the Bread. (John 6:27-51)

Day 2

We proclaim to the Berbers today, that only Jesus' words are Spirit and Life. Father, please enable the people to come to you and experience life in abundance. (John 6:63-69; John 10:10)

Day 3

As intercessors, we invite all thirsty Libyan Berbers to come and drink from the Fountain of Life, Jesus the Living water. (John 7:37-38; Ps. 36:8-9)

Day 4

May God be gracious to you and bless you; may His face shine upon the people the that salvation will be known amongst the Berbers. Praise, sing and be glad Berber people. The Lord will bless you and your land will yield its harvest. (Ps. 67)

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Day 5

Today, we declare God's Light over the Berber people. Those who are still living in the shadow of death, look and see this great light! (Gen. 1:1-3; Isa. 9:2)

Day 6

Lord, how sad that the spiritual wells of salvation were filled with dirt when Islam was forced on the Amazigh centuries ago. We declare these ancient wells will open today. May the Berber people draw living water from these wells, and serve the dry and desert land. (Gen. 26:12-18)

Day 7

Berber people, hear the Word of the Lord. Do not be afraid or dismayed as the Lord is God alone. He will uphold, strengthen and help you. He, himself, is your shield and reward. (Gen. 15:1; Isa. 41:10)

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Week 4: Praying for the field workers

Day 1

Lord Jesus, today we lift up all the disciples working amongst the Berber people. May they experience your nearness and strength, that the Good News will be proclaimed. (2 Tim. 4:17; Acts 23:11)

Day 2

Abba Father, our prayer is that all workers in this vineyard will be strengthened by your Holy Spirit and that Jesus will dwell in their hearts through faith. Anchor and establish them in love that they may be filled with your fullness. (Eph. 3:16-19; Col. 2:9-10)

Day 3

Father God, for centuries now the Berber people have to walk on bypaths and on roads not built up. We pray that all the workers will daily, build the highway to Jesus, remove all stones and obstacles, and raise Your banner for the nation. (Isa. 62:10; Jer. 18:15)

Day 4

Holy Spirit, infuse the workers with your wisdom to be culturally sensitive and proclaim the One True God to the people without compromise. (Acts 17:16-34)

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Day 5

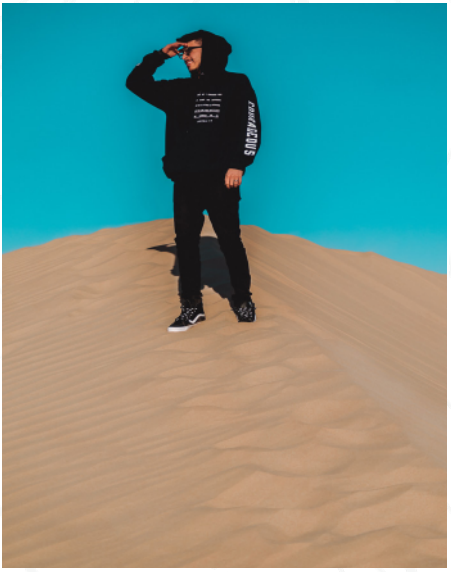
Lord Jesus, we pray for workers to be alert to the plans of the enemy; to love one another in the ministry team; to offer hospitality and to use whatever gift each one has received to serve the community. May You receive the glory through their service. (1 Pet. 4:7-11)

Day 6

Thank you Lord, that You alone are the strength of the Kingdom workers. Enable their feet to walk swiftly and tread on higher ground each day. (Hab. 3:19)

Day 7

Father, as there are many obstacles and opposition just as when Nehemiah built the wall around Jerusalem, hear our prayers for the workers. As they continue to work amongst the lost Berber souls, we will never fail to intercede for them. We use the sword of the Spirit, the shield of faith and all the spiritual armour to protect the work. (Neh. 4: 4-16; Eph. 6: 14-19)



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Week 5: Praying for the local believers

Day 1

Father, we pray for the small group of Berber believers, just as Jesus did before the crucifixion. Protect them Lord by your Holy Spirit. May the world see their unity that You may be glorified. (John 17:6-26)

Day 2

Lord, enable Your children to witness with boldness; stretch out Your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of Jesus. (Acts 4:23-31)

Day 3

Glorious Father, we ask You to give your Berber children the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to know You better. Give them enlightened hearts to know the riches of Your inheritance and Your incomparably great power. (Eph. 1:17-22)

Day 4

We thank you, Lord, that the Berber people group is also a chosen people with believers from other nations, a royal priesthood and your own possession. Thank you for calling Berbers out of darkness into your wonderful light. (1 Pet. 2:9-10)

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Day 5

Lord Jesus, you know there are few Berber believers and that they have little strength. Thank you for Your promise to keep them from the hour of trial, and make each a pillar in the temple with a new heavenly name. (Rev 3:7-13)

Day 6

Holy Spirit, we ask You to empower the believers to be able to love their enemies and be merciful to those who try to harm them. (Luke 6:27-35)

Day 7

Holy Father, we pray for all believers to be clothed with you every day, in true righteousness and holiness. May this bring much glory to Your Name. (Rom. 13:14; Eph. 4: 24)

Devotional Idea

Create a prayer space or board in your church to visually represent your prayers.

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PEOPLE GROUP PROFILE:

THE PASHTUNS

The Pashtuns are predominantly a tribal people, consisting of a kinsman, different clans and sub- clans. Most Pashtun are farmers, combining cultivation of crops with animal husbandry and some migratory herders. Rural-Urban migration has brought Pashtuns to major cities like as Kandahar, Peshawar, Quetta and Kabul.

The Pashtuns are a proud warrior-like race and many Pashtun serve in the military.

In general the origins of the Pashtun are unclear. Pashtun tradition asserts that they are descended from Afghana, grandson of King Saul of Israel.

Traditional male dress isqmis, consists of a loose-fitting shirt that reaches to the knees, and a shalwar, full trousers tied at the waist with a string. Most Pashtun adult males wear pagray, turbans.

Rural women wear baggy black or coloured trousers, a long shirt belted with a sash, and a length of cotton over the head. City women wear the same type of trousers, a qmis (long shirt), and a cotton cloth to cover their heads. Over their clothing, they also usually wear a burqa - a veil that covers them from the head to below the knees.

The majority Pashtuns are Sunni Muslims.

The Pashtuns of Afghanistan and Pakistan

- Population: 32.5 million
- Language: Northern Pashto
- Country: Pakistan and Afghanistan
- Religion: Islam
- Scriptures: Complete Bible. Jesus Film. Gospel Recordings.
- "The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD." Genesis 18:22

Country Profile: **Pakistan**

Pakistan is a country in South Asia. It is the world's sixth-most populous country with a population exceeding 212,742,631 people. Pakistan has a 1,046-kilometre coastline along the Arabian Sea and Gulf of Oman in the south and is bordered by India to the east, Afghanistan to the west, Iran to the southwest, and China in the far northeast. It is separated narrowly from Tajikistan by Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor in the northwest, and also shares a maritime border with Oman.

Pakistan is the only country to have been created in the name of Islam. It is an ethnically and linguistically diverse country, with a similarly diverse geography and wildlife. Initially a dominion, Pakistan adopted a constitution in 1956, becoming an Islamic republic. An ethnic civil war and Indian military intervention in 1971 resulted in the secession of East Pakistan as the new country of Bangladesh. In 1973, Pakistan adopted a new constitution which stipulated that all laws are to conform to the injunctions of Islam as laid down in the Quran and Sunnah.

With its diverse cultures, people, and landscapes, Pakistan attracted around

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Population of Pakistan:
212,742,000

National Flag:

Capital City:
Islamabad

1 million foreign tourists in 2014, which represented a significant decline since the 1970s when the country received unprecedented numbers of foreign tourists due to the popular Hippie trail. The trail attracted thousands of Europeans and Americans in the 1960s and 1970s who travelled via land through Turkey and Iran into India through Pakistan.

At the time of the partition in 1947, Pakistan had a population of 32.5 million, the population increased by ~57.2% between the years 1990 and 2009. By 2030 Pakistan is expected to surpass Indonesia as the largest Muslim-majority country in the world. Pakistan is classified as a "young nation", with a median age of 23.4 in 2016 about 104 million people were under the age of 30 in 2010.

Pashtunwali or Pakhtunwali is a non-written ethical code and traditional lifestyle which the indigenous Pashtun people follow. It is a system of law and governance that is preserved and still in use today, mostly in the rural tribal areas. Pashtunwali is widely practiced among Pashtuns.

Source: Wikipedia

Five weeks of Prayer

FOR **THE PASHTUNS**

"The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD."
Genesis 18:22

Week 1: Praying for the seeds and harvest

Significance and symbolism of Almond tree and fruit

Almond trees originated in China and Central Asia. Explorers ate almonds while traveling the "Silk Road" between Asia and the Mediterranean. Nearly every ancient civilization used almonds. By 4,000 B.C. people were cultivating almond trees, which blossomed well in the lands surrounding the Mediterranean Sea. The white, five-parted flowers are up to 5cm across and come in the late winter before the leaves of the tree develop, hence resemble snowflakes.

Hebrew literature from 2,000 B.C. mentions almonds. In the Christian tradition, the almond is a well-known symbol of resurrection because it is the first tree to flower in the new season.

Almonds are mentioned six times in the Old Testament:

- Jacob desired his sons to take with them into Egypt of the best fruits of the land, almonds, etc., as a present to Joseph (Genesis 43:11)
- Aaron's rod yielded almonds (Numbers 17:8 ; Hebrews 9:4)
- Moses was directed to make certain parts of the candlestick for the ark of carved work "like unto almonds" (Exodus 25:33-34.
- God uses the almond tree as a symbol of his watchfulness. (Jeremiah 1:11-12)

The Pashtuns are a fiercely independent people, proud and warrior-like. We can compare them to a lion.

Day 1

How blessed to have the almond tree as a symbol of new life and resurrection! Even if new life is not yet visible amongst the Pashtuns, we call them into a new birth and life in Christ. (Rom. 4:17; 1 Pet 1:3-4)

Day 2

Thank you Lord God for the good plans you have for the Pashtun and all people. Just as Jacob sent the best products, including almonds to Joseph, you gave mankind your best, yourself. (Gen. 43:11; Jer. 29:11)

Day 3

Father God, your word declares that you want all people to be saved and come to knowledge of you. We watch in anticipation, just as the almond flower buds even before the season, for your word to be fulfilled for the Pashtuns. (Jer. 1:11-12; 1 Tim 2:4)

Day 4

Abba Father, we know nothing is too difficult or impossible for you. You can make dry bones come to life and Aaron's staff, a dry piece of wood allowed to bud, blossom and produce almonds. We now pray for new life in Jesus to come into this people group and produce fruit. (Num. 17:1-8; Ezek.17:24; Ezek. 37:4-8)

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Day 5

Lord, just as the lampstand in the temple had cups shaped in almond flowers with buds and blossoms, we pray for the Pashtuns to become a light in the region. (Ex. 25: 31-36)

Day 6

Father, you can make the desert blossom, and the almond even when it is still winter. Lord, we desire to see the spiritual desert of the Pashtuns in full bloom and splendour. (Isa. 35:1-2)

Day 7

Father God, we ask to prepare the hearts and soil of the Pashtuns by your Holy Spirit, to receive the seed of the Good news and produce a bumper harvest, in Jesus name.
(Matt. 13:8-26)

Did You Know?

Pashtuns, sometimes spelled Pushtuns, or Pakhtuns, or Pukhtuns, (Urdu: Pathan, Persian: Afghan), are the largest ethnic group in Afghanistan and the second largest in Pakistan.

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Week 2: Praying against strongholds

Islam which is synonymous with the spirit of the fear, extremism, violence, fanaticism, tribalism, control and the Anti-Christ. Mosques and religious shrines throughout the country are also symbols of spiritual bondage. The most important of these shrines can be found near the Pakistani border.

The following are the most significant:

- The Maij-i-Jami Gazargah, a spectacular mosque with ancient Sugi tombs.
- The Mosque of the Sacred cloak of Mohammed in Kandahar

Day 1

Almighty Father, thank you that your power with us, your children, is greater than that of Islam. We are confident that you will fight for the lost Pashtun souls. (2 Chron. 32:7-8)

Day 2

Lord, you promised that you will give us enemy territory wherever we put our foot down. Today we claim possession of the Pashtun people for the Kingdom. (Josh. 1:3-5)

Day 3

Father, today we toss our sandals on the Pashtun territories and shout in victory for defeating the control of Islam over their lives. We stand on your word and promises, Lord, in Jesus name. (Ps. 60:6-12)

Day 4

As intercessors we speak to the many very dry and dead Pashtun souls and say, 'Come alive in Jesus name'. We are waiting to hear the rattling sound of the bones coming together and the life-giving Spirit making them breathe again. (Ezek. 37:1-10)

Day 5

Lord Jesus, you have given us your word as a double-edge sword to use defensive and offensively. Today we want to use your word against the enemy, and like Ehud the Judge, plunge your word of truth into the heart of Islam. (Judg. 3:16-29)

Day 6

Lord Jesus, all authority, power and dominion are under your feet, including the power of Islam. Although this Anti -Christ spirit rebel against your Lordship, your power cannot be matched. Your staff will always swallow up and overpower the others. (Ex. 7:12)

Day 7

We pray, lord, to reveal yourself in dreams and visions to break the stronghold over the Pashtuns. (Joel 2:28-30; Isa. 65:1)

Did You Know?

The tribal council, called Jirga, is where people solve their disputes and arguments.

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Week 3: Proclamations and blessings over the people

Day 1

We bless the Pashtun people with Solomon's prayer when the Temple was dedicated, that all people on earth may know and have reverence for the name of the Lord. Almighty God in heaven hear your prayers. (2 Chron. 6:32-33)

Day 2

Lord Jesus, we proclaim that you are the Way, Truth and Life and the only Way to the Father (John 14:5-1)

Day 3

We proclaim Abba Father that you are the Gardner and Jesus the True Vine. Without the vine, the branches are nothing. Branches that are not grafted in you, have no life. Our prayer is that the Pashtuns will also be grafted into You and bear fruit in the region. (John 15: 1-17)

Day 4

As intercessors we proclaim Jesus as the living water for all people including the Pashtuns. His water becomes a spring welling up to eternal life. (John 4:7-15)

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Day 5

We declare today with King David, that the earth is the Lord's and everything in it. This includes the Pashtun people and the territory they live in. We invite the King of glory, the Lord Almighty to this region and the hearts of the people. (Ps. 24)

Day 6

The Lord is gracious to you, and bless you, and make His face shine on you Pashtun people, so that God's ways may be known on earth, and his salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you Lord, God. (Ps. 67)

Day 7

We bless the emptiness and darkness in the hearts of the Pashtuns, with your dazzling, wonderful Light, Father God. (Gen. 1:1-3)

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Week 4: Praying for the field workers

Day 1

Father, we pray for more workers to go and work in the Pashtun field. We also pray for resident workers to see the harvest field and be encouraged to just start reaping. (John 4:35-42)

Day 2

Lord Jesus, we ask to give workers wise words to fearlessly proclaim the gospel amongst the Pashtuns. (Eph. 6:19-20)

Day 3

Abba Father, today we pray for the workers to walk and live in your Light, have fellowship with each other and be purified from all sin every day.
(1 John 1:6-10)

Day 4

Father, our prayer for our brothers and sisters working in the Pashtun field is that they will stay close to you and work out your salvation with fear and trembling. (Phil. 2:12)

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Day 5

"The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."(Isa. 58:11)

Day 6

Holy Spirit, empower the workers to be bold, to love the people, to be self-disciplined and not ashamed of the Gospel. (2 Tim. 1:7-9)

Day 7

Father God, we pray that workers take good care of themselves and the flock they look after. Remind them Lord that you purchased each believer with your own blood. We commit them to you and your word of grace. (Acts 20:28-35; 2 Pet. 3:18)

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Week 5: Praying for the local believers

Day 1

Lord Jesus, the cost to follow you in this culture is very high. Strengthen the small group of believers to not delay in proclaiming your Kingdom. (Luke 9:57-60)

Day 2

Father, we ask today to dispatch your angels to protect your Pashtun children. Deliver them from their troubles and that they may look in triumph on their foes. (1 Sam. 26; Ps. 54)

Day 3

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask to empower your Pashtun children so that they may be strong in grace, be good soldiers for the Kingdom, diligent athletes running to receive the crown and hardworking farmers. (2 Tim. 2:1-6)

Day 4

'Now, Lord, consider the enemy threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.' Shake the meeting place, fill them with your Holy Spirit anew that they will be able to speak your message boldly. (Acts 4:23-31)

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Day 5

Lord Jesus, help the Pashtun disciples to give up their lives to follow you and never lose their saltiness in the nation. (Luke 14:25-35)

Day 6

Father, today we come and spread out our hands to you on behalf of the believers in this nation. We trust you to bring your provision and breakthrough. Rescue them from their enemies and teach them by your Holy Spirit to do your will. (Ps. 143)

Day 7

Father of all comfort, some of your children might be in prison right now because of their faith in you. It is very comforting to know that your word is not chained and can penetrate the darkest and secure place. Thank you for your promise to answer when they call and share great and unsearchable things. (Jer. 33:1-3; 2 Tim. 2:9)

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PEOPLE GROUP PROFILE:

THE SHAIKH

Shaikh is an Arabic word meaning 'elder or chief' and implies someone who executes justice. They were the first people to embrace Islam on the advice of Prophet Mohammed and were given the title of Shaikh.

The Shaikh people group consists of twenty-eight main subgroups. They are employed in small businesses, as traders, teachers, farmers or work in government offices and for private organizations. In Karnataka, many Shaikh are self-employed auto-rickshaw drivers and fruit merchants.

The Shaikh community is moderately literate. Both boys and girls receive education, but girls are usually taken from school earlier.

Marriages usually take place between adults, arranged by negotiation among family members, but also by mutual consent. Polygamy is permitted but is not common. Divorce, due to maladjustment, adultery or barrenness is permitted under Sharia (Islamic) law. Currently there is a trend of living apart from the extended family after a marriage.

Traditional head dress for Shaikh men is a white cap with a broad base, while women wear a burqa (veil) when not at home. However, younger women from cities do not always follow this practice.

The Shaikh of West Bengal, India

- Population: 23 million
- Language: Bengali
- Country: India
- Religion: Islam
- Scriptures: Bible. Jesus film. Christian material available.
- "So he said he would destroy them; had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them." Psalm 106:23

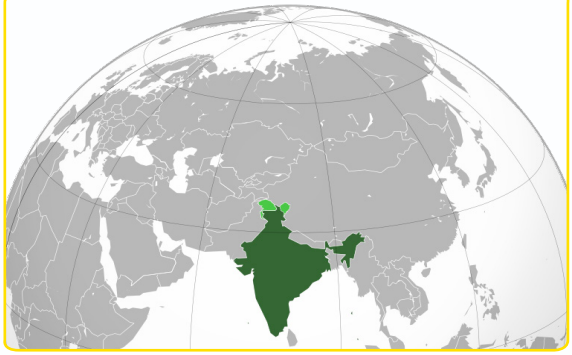
Country Profile: **India**

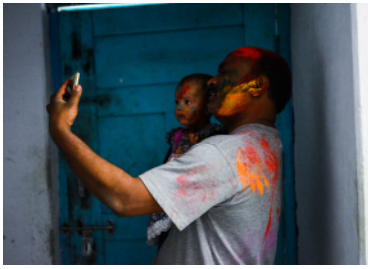
India is a country in South Asia. It is the seventh largest country by area and with more than 1.3 billion people, it is the second most populous country as well as the most populous democracy in the world. Bounded by the Indian Ocean on the south, the Arabian Sea on the southwest, and the Bay of Bengal on the southeast, it shares land borders with Pakistan to the west; China, Nepal, and Bhutan to the northeast; and Bangladesh and Myanmar to the east.

In 2017, the Indian economy was the world's sixth largest by nominal GDP and third largest by purchasing power parity. Following market-based economic reforms in 1991, India became one of the fastest-growing major economies and is considered a newly industrialised country. However, it continues to face the challenges of poverty, corruption, malnutrition, and inadequate public healthcare. A nuclear weapons state and regional power, it has the second largest standing army in the world.

India is the world's second-most populous country. Its population grew by 17.64% during 2001–2011. The median age was 27.6 as of 2016. Medical advances made in the last 50 years as well as increased

WHERE THE SHAIKH LIVE





Population of India:
1, 339,00,000

National Flag:

Capital City:
New Delhi

agricultural productivity brought about by the "Green Revolution" have caused India's population to grow rapidly. Life expectancy in India is at 68 years, with life expectancy for women being 69.6 years and for men being 67.3. There are around 50 physicians per 100,000 Indians. Migration from rural to urban areas has been an important dynamic in the recent history of India.

The Indian film industry produces the world's most-watched cinema. South Indian cinema attracts more than 75% of national film revenue.

The 2011 census reported that the religion in India with the largest number of followers was Hinduism (79.80% of the population), followed by Islam (14.23%); the remaining were Christianity (2.30%), Sikhism (1.72%), Buddhism (0.70%), Jainism (0.36%) and others[c] (0.9%). India has the world's largest Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Zoroastrian, and Bahá'í populations, and has the third-largest Muslim population—the largest for a non-Muslim majority country.

Source: Wikipedia

Five weeks of Prayer

FOR **THE SHAIKH**

"So he said he would destroy them; had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him to keep his wrath from destroying them."
Psalm 106:23

Week 1: Praying for the seeds and harvest

Significance and symbolism of the night flowering jasmine

The night flowering jasmine, a strong scented plant, originates in the tropical and warm or temperate regions of the old world and the Himalayas in western China.

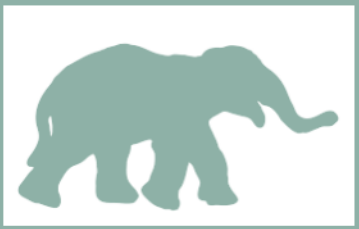
Jasmine meaning 'Gift from God', is known for several medicinal uses:

- Liver disease (hepatitis), liver pain due to cirrhosis.
- Abdominal pain cause by severe dysentery.
- Cancer treatment.
- It is also used as a relaxant and sedative.

The essential oil is as special as the flower and helps relax muscles and calm the nervous system. It is used in a myriad of skin products, especially because it has been shown to rejuvenate and brighten the skin.

Jasmine oil is also used in lamps.

The African elephant has an Asian nephew, the Indian elephant. This creates a natural link with India.



Day 1

Lord God, although the Shaikh people are familiar with jasmine, the strongest scented plant, we pray for this people group to encounter the sweet aroma of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 2:14-16)

Day 2

We praise You Lord, for Your amazing gift of eternal life through Christ. Thank You for coming to earth to save the Shaikh people as well. (John 3:16-18; Rom. 6:23; John 3:10)

Day 3

Lord Jesus, open the eyes of the Shaikh people to see You, the Light of the world, who disperses the darkness more than lamps using jasmine oil. (John 3:19-21; 1 John 1:5; John 8:12)

Day 4

Father, we give You thanks for giving the jasmine plant to the people to use for many physical ailments. Thank You Lord for Your promises to heal people from all disease, including sin, and that by Your stripes received at the cross, complete healing is possible. (Ps. 103:1-5; 1 Pet. 3:24)

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Day 5

Lord Jesus, people look at jasmine essential oil to reduce stress levels, but You as the Prince of Peace are the only one who can give the Shaikh everlasting peace. May great numbers meet and experience You, the source of true peace. (John 14:27; John 16:33)

Day 6

If jasmine oil can rejuvenate the skin, just imagine what a spoken word of the Messiah can accomplish. We pray that not only ten people will call out to You for healing Lord Jesus, but multitudes of Shaikh people. (Luke 17:11-17)

Day 7

Oh great Physician, Your oil and balm is the only treatment for the sins and redemption of the Shaikh people. Come, Lord Jesus, find this people group lost in Islam, bind up their wounds and pour out Your healing balm, we pray. (Isa. 1:6; Jer. 8:22; Ezek.34:15)

Did You Know?

India is the third largest Muslim nation in the world after Indonesia and Pakistan.

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Week 2: Praying against strongholds

Islam is synonymous with the spirit of the fear, extremism, violence, fanaticism, tribalism and control. The presence of mosques and religious shrines throughout the country are binding the people with an Anti-Christ spirit.

Day 1

Though the enemy of Islam may appear strong and powerful, nothing can withstand or come against Your Spirit Lord God. Thank You Lord for Your promise to fight on our behalf. (Zech. 4:6; Deut. 3:22)

Day 2

Father, thank You for Your faithfulness and promises to give protection from the evil one. No religion or 'ism' is strong enough to withstand Your love. (2 Thess. 3:3; Rom. 12:21)

Day 3

Lord Jesus, You have given Your children authority to bind and loose on earth in Your name. We bind the spirit and control of Islam over the Shaikh people and set them free to hear Your voice and message in Jesus' name. (Matt. 18:18-19)

Day 4

We praise You Lord for Your precious blood by which the Shaikh people will overcome. Death has no sting anymore. (Rev 12:10-12)

Day 5

Father, the enemy is strong and has surrounded the Shaikh people group like an army of horses and chariots. It seems there is no way out. Open their eyes to see that those with God's children are more than the enemy. We are more than conquerors in Jesus' name.
(2 Kings 6:15-17; Rom. 8:31)

Day 6

Lord God, in the mighty name of Jesus, we break down the altars and shrines of Islam, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles in the Spirit. We cut down the idols of this god and wipe out Islam from West Bengal. You alone are worthy of praise and worship.
(Deut. 12:2-4; Deut. 6:13-14)

Day 7

Lord Jesus, You came that mankind and also the Shaikh people can be freed from slavery and their fear of death. We come today and bind the strongman of Islam. We pray for the children of God to be revealed and to take their place of light and salt in the society.
(Rom. 8:19-20; Mark 3:24-27; Heb. 2:14-16)

Did You Know?

The origin of the name Bengal (Bangla and Bongo in Bengali) is unknown. One theory, however, suggests that the word derives from "Bang", a Dravidian tribe that settled in the region around 1000 BC.

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Week 3: Proclamations and blessings over the people

Day 1

Jesus, is the Light of the world. Only He can shine out of darkness into the hearts of the Shaikh people to bring knowledge of God's glory. (John 8:12; John 12:46; 2 Cor. 4:6)

Day 2

I will praise You, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing Your praise. I will bow down towards Your holy temple and will praise Your name for Your unfailing love and Your faithfulness. May all the kings of the earth praise You, LORD, when they hear what You have decreed. May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. (Ps. 138)

Day 3

We declare that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who can give eternal life. Once part of His flock, nobody can snatch His people out of the Father's hand. (John 10:27-29)

Day 4

'The LORD longs to be gracious to You; therefore, he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!' Thank You Father for Your great love which You lavish on Your children. (1 John 3:1; Isa. 30:18)

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Day 5

We proclaim today that the Lord is good to all He has made. He delivers You from hunger, thirst, distress and brings people from darkness to light. He breaks iron chains of imprisonment. Give thanks! (Ps. 107)

Day 6

Shaikh people, may God be gracious to you and bless you and make His face shine on you so that His ways may be known on earth, and His salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise You, God; may all the peoples praise You. (Ps. 67)

Day 7

May God arise, may His enemies, the spirits of Islam, be scattered; may His foes flee before Him. May You blow them away like smoke— as wax melts before the fire. We proclaim Your power, Lord. You, God, are awesome in Your sanctuary. (Ps. 68)

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Week 4: Praying for the field workers

Day 1

Father God, we pray today that all the workers in the Shaikh vineyard will be devoted to prayer, watchful, thankful and wise. We pray that You will open a door to share the good news and that all conversations will be filled with Your 'salt'. (Col. 4:2-6)

Day 2

Our prayer is, Lord, that all the workers in this people group will be ready to preach the Word, in and out of season, to correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience. Enable them to stand firm, keep their heads in all situations, endure hardship and be evangelists. (2 Tim. 4:2-5)

Day 3

Abba Father, we pray that You will daily provide new power to all the workers and enable them to stay focused on Jesus, to run the race with perseverance and not lose heart. (Heb. 12:1-3)

Day 4

Lord Jesus, we ask that by Your Holy Spirit, all the workers in the Shaikh's field, be built up in faith and prayer, merciful to those who doubt and keep themselves in Your love daily. (Jude 20-22)

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Day 5

Lord Jesus, we give You all the praise. Keep the field workers humble and thankful that their names are recorded in heaven. Remind them, Lord, that You have given them authority to trample on snakes and scorpions. (Luke 10:18-21)

Day 6

Heavenly Father, may the workers always put their trust in You and keep their eyes on You to handle all situations. Teach them and show them the way to go every day when connecting to the lost Shaikh sheep. (Ps. 25:1-15)

Day 7

Abba Father, we pray that Psalm 71: 14-16 will always be on the lips of the field workers in West Bengal: "As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise You more and more. My mouth will tell of Your righteous deeds,….I will come and proclaim Your mighty acts, Sovereign LORD; I will proclaim Your righteous deeds, Yours alone."

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Week 5: Praying for the local believers

Day 1

'We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way.' (Col. 1:3-14)

Day 2

Lord Jesus, we pray for endurance amongst Shaikh believers to follow You, no matter what. Strengthen them to be able to be without a permanent home and everyday commodities as they serve the Kingdom of God. (Luke 9:57-62)

Day 3

Abba Father, these Shaikh believers accepted to give up their lives to follow Jesus. Help them to be able to carry their crosses every day and be true disciples. (Luke 14:25-35)

Day 4

Thank You Lord Jesus, for always interceding for Your children and all those who will still accept You in the future. Protect these precious believers from the evil around them and sanctify them by the truth of Your Word. (John 17:6-26)

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Day 5

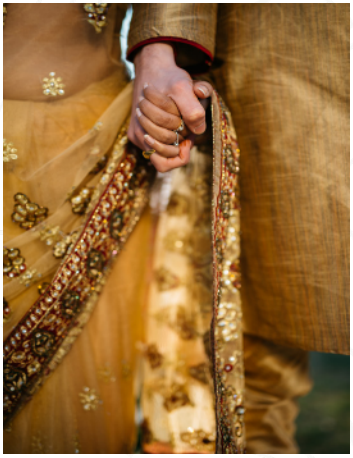
We bring the believers in West Bengal to You today, Lord. We pray that they will continue to live in You, Lord Jesus, be strengthened in faith and overflowing with faithfulness. Keep them from being deceived and entangled by human tradition. (Col. 2:6-10)

Day 6

Heavenly Father, we lift up all believers to You today. Help them to rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks, not quench the Holy Spirit and not treat prophecies with contempt, but reject evil and hold on to what is good. (1 Thess. 5:13-22)

Day 7

Lord God, we ask today to empower all Shaikh believers to stand firm and hold on to the Truth. (2 Thess. 2:14-15)



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THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR EACH OF THE 5 PEOPLE GROUPS!

Your prayers are part of something so much bigger than a project or initiative. You have been partnering with God to see the Great Commission of Jesus fulfilled. In the place of intercessory prayer, you have lifted up an unengaged Muslim people group that they might, too, have the joy of knowing Christ as their Lord and worship Him around His Throne with all the other peoples, tribes and nations! (Rev 7:9) May this be the start of a great spiritual awakening among the unreached, to the praise of God's glorious grace! (Eph. 1:6)

NEXT STEPS

- Continue to pray for the 5 unreached People Groups
- Follow Frontiers South Africa on Social Media
- Attend a Prepsteps seminar series
- Invite Frontiers to speak at your church about the amazing things God is doing in the Muslim world today.

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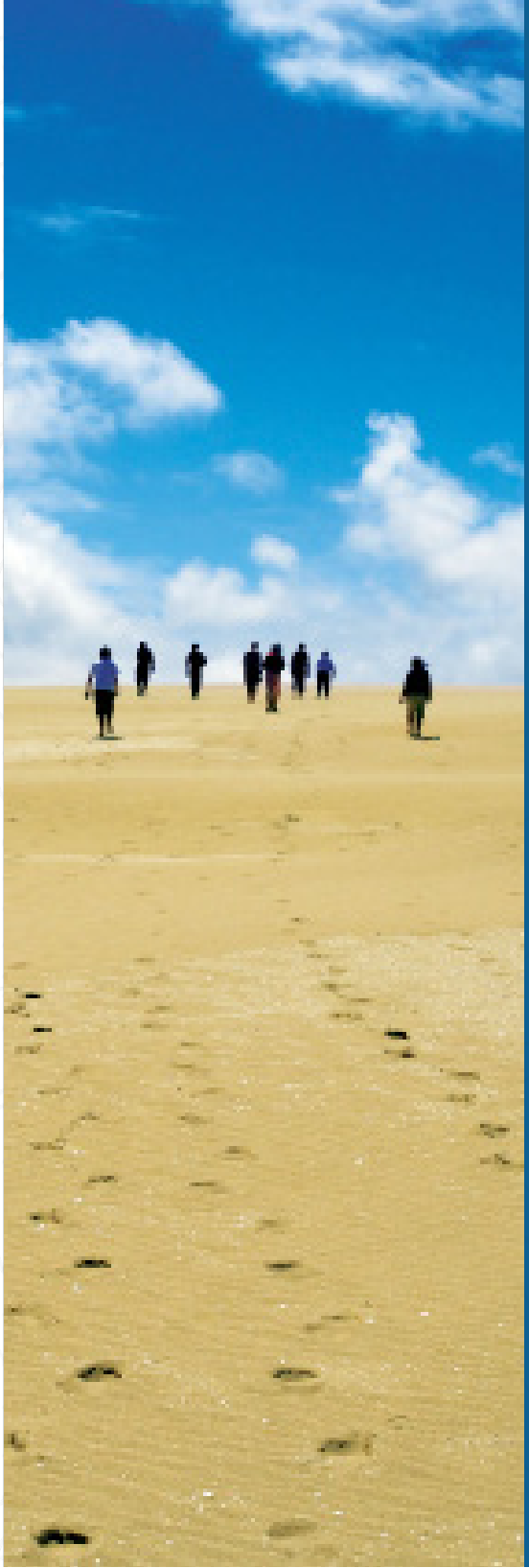

FINDING *YOUR* FRONTIER

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you..."

- John 20:21

What a privilege it is to be sent on mission by Jesus! Below are some options that Frontiers South Africa can offer to help you find your frontier in God's plan for the nations. Please contact us for further information.

TEAM LEADERS

Has God equipped you and put in your heart a desire to lead a church planting team, to take the Good News where Christ is not known?

TEAM MEMBERS

Could you use your unique skills and gifting as part of an existing church planting team?

SUPPORTERS

Do you have the commitment to be part of the home support team, whether prayerfully, financially or in other practical ways?

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