



PRAYING FOR MUSLIMS IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND NATION

Nine out of ten Muslims around the world have never met a Christian. From childhood they are taught that we are the “infidel.” Unfortunately many have a “Hollywood image” of Christianity. Sadly, in western nations (Europe, United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand) only one out of 100 Muslims have ever been invited into a Christian home. Our loving prayers will change their image of us and open the door of their hearts.

Muslims worship in an Islamic Center (mosque), which is the center of Islamic prayer and activity. They are commanded to pray five times a day and most of this prayer goes forth from the men in the mosque. The prayer is always the same; it is based upon tradition and custom, not upon a relationship with their god. The women are not given equal rights and normally do not pray at the mosque. If they do, they are in a different location than the men.

To a Christian, the mosque is not a holy place, but rather a place where “another gospel” is preached. The Word of God tells us in Galatians 1:8 that if what is being preached is another gospel than the gospel of Christ, the place is already “under a curse.” As believers we do not curse; rather we are to speak the goodness of God over the people. It is the goodness of God that will lead them to repentance (Rom. 2:4).

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYER FOR MUSLIMS IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND NATION

- Be certain your heart is cleansed before the Lord. Ask God for His heart of mercy, love and compassion for the Muslim people and seek Him for particular scriptures to pray.
- It is very effective to pray from the privacy of your home or in small groups. We intercede without fear! Instead, pray with confidence in our spiritual authority and come boldly to God’s “Throne of Grace” on behalf of the people of Islam. We recognize that in the spirit realm we “are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” and have the protection of the Lord through His blood.
- If you pray near a mosque or Islamic Center it is not necessary to go inside to be effective. Because a mosque is a male-dominated place, pray where it is not noticeable and do not walk around the grounds. You will be very effective when praying from your vehicle.
- We are told in II Cor. 10:3-5 that our warfare is not in the flesh; rather it is “mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.” One former Muslim stated that the strongholds over the minds of many Muslims include fear, control, hatred, revenge, lying, deceit, lust, death, etc. We have the authority to bind these strongholds over their minds in the name of Jesus. The effective way to take down a stronghold is to batter it with the Word of God. Remember that saturating prayer will bring down a spiritual stronghold. Each prayer is a reminder that no matter how strong and tall a tree may be, small raindrops of saturating rain can eventually bring it down!

PRAY POSITIVE PRAYERS. Do not pray against the darkness in the heavenlies or “pull down enemy strongholds” in the heavenlies. Our God-given authority is over the strongholds in the minds of the people. Our desire for the people is to see them come out of all the darkness of the enemy into the truth of Christ. This can occur when through prayer, the light of God to come into their minds.

Note: A word picture will help us see the difference between Islam and the Muslim people. Like those in a prison, the Muslims are being held captive. One part in spiritual warfare is to pray that the prison bars of Islam will be bent or broken so that many

Muslims will be released from the captivity of spiritual bondage and blindness— released and set free to hear and believe the gospel of Jesus Christ. Then we ask the Holy Spirit to draw them into an understanding of salvation and redemption through His blood.

SPECIFIC PRAYERS

More Muslims have come to Christ in the past 15 years than the first 1400 years of Islam! This is incredible! Ask God to continue to break down the stronghold and the influence of the following:

- The power of the Qur'an (Koran) over the lives and the minds of Muslims.
- The deception of believing that the Bible has been corrupted. (They are forbidden to read it for themselves.)
- The (negative) power of the prayers that Muslims pray five times a day.
- The power of Ramadan month (the month of fasting).
- The power preaching in Islam that is against the Word of God.
- The power of Mecca, specifically the pilgrimage (hajj).
- The power that Muslim culture and tradition has over the people that prevents them from converting.
- The power of the world media - who promote Islam worldwide.
- The historical stronghold of hatred toward Jews and Israel that has been taught to Muslims.
- Pray that God will expose all things hidden, especially if there is activity or ties that are destructive to Jews and Christians, to communities or to the gospel of Christ.
- The Word of God tells us explicitly that we overcome evil with good. We are to speak the heart of God for the Muslim people. Declare His truth, His love, His mercy and His forgiveness over their lives, resulting in a revelation of the gospel of Christ.
- Ask God give them dreams and visions of Christ and reveal their destiny and release their redemptive gifts!
- Many Muslims go to the mosques out of obligation and yet have good hearts and are truly searching for God. They do not know the peace of God, the forgiveness of their sins, and they do not have a relationship with our Lord. Their religion is based upon works, not upon grace. In this life they will never be assured that they will go to heaven. Pray that God will reveal these things to them and give them a hunger to have a true relationship with Him!
- Often Muslims who come to Christ pay a heavy price; they lose their former community and their relationship with their family. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help them become established in the Word of God, make strong friendships with Christians, be "adopted" by the family of God, and bound to the plan and purpose of God for their lives.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS

- Pray that Christians will become informed about the beliefs of Islam.
- Ask the Lord to reveal to the body of Christ and their leaders His heart of love for the Muslim people.
- Ask Him to send laborers across the path of the Muslim people who have great wisdom and sensitivity; godly examples who will present the truth of Christ and lovingly reach out to them.
- Ask Him for "divine encounters" with Muslim people and a release of the supernatural power of God.
- Pray for the protection of Christian missionaries who are now working on the front lines in Muslims nations.
- **BELIEVE GOD FOR A GREAT HARVEST OF SOULS!**