
PRAYING AT THE SITE OF A MOSQUE

TO LOCATE A MOSQUE IN YOUR AREA, go to www.islamicfinder.com and type in the Zip Code.

A mosque is the center of Islamic prayer and activity. Muslims are commanded to pray five times a day—and much of this prayer goes forth from the Muslim men in the mosque. The prayer is always the same, based upon tradition and custom, not upon a relationship. Because the women are not given equal rights, they normally do not pray at the mosque, and 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. How then, as Christians, do we effectively pray at the site of a mosque?

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

- Make certain your heart is cleansed before the Lord. Ask God for His heart of mercy, love, and compassion for the people and seek Him for particular scriptures to pray.
- When going near a mosque to intercede, come boldly to the Throne of Grace on behalf of the people of Islam. Go with Christians who recognize they “are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” and who know they have the protection of the Lord through His blood. In other words, go with believers who are confident in their spiritual authority! Unless there is specific purpose in entering the mosque, it is recommended that your prayer take place on the outside. Because a mosque is a male-dominated place, pray in an inconspicuous manner and do not walk around the grounds. You will be very effective even when praying from your vehicle.
- Worship the Lord! Declare and pray the powerful Word of God and proclaim His Lordship! Ask for His strategy in prayer for the people. Pray and sing softly in the Spirit. Ask Him to invade the place with His Holy Spirit. Pray that the Muslims who enter will have dreams and visions of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Our warfare is not in the flesh; rather it is “mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds” (II Cor. 10:3-5). 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. The effect of our prayer is for the people to come out of the darkness of the enemy into the truth of Christ, and this can occur when prayer allows 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. Islam is like a prison, and the Muslims are being held captive in that prison. 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

Ask God to break down the stronghold and the influence of the following:

- The power of the Qur'an (Koran) over the lives and thinking of Muslims.
- The (negative) power of the prayers that Muslims pray five times a day.
- The power of Ramadan month (the month of fasting).
- The power of Muslim mosques and Muslim preaching that is against the Word of God.
- The power of Mecca, specifically the pilgrimage (*hajj*).
- The power that Arab/Muslim culture has over the people.
- The power of the world media, who create an opportunity for the distortions of Islam to spread worldwide and deceive many.
- The power of Muhammad's name, personality and way of life over Muslims.
- The historical stronghold of hatred in Muslims' hearts toward Jews and Israel.
- Pray that God will expose the "hidden things" in the mosque (including terrorism and those with terrorist ties) that are destructive to 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.
- Realizing that it is God's heart for all men to be saved, pray that the blindness will be removed and the light and truth of the gospel will be revealed. Ask the Lord to open the eyes of their hearts to the truth of the gospel. Pray that many will come to the saving knowledge of Christ and be released from the bondage of Islam. Ask Him to reveal and release their redemptive gifts!
- Many Muslims go to the mosques out of obligation and yet are truly searching for God. They do not know the peace of God and the forgiveness of their sins, and they do not have a relationship with our Lord. Their religion is based upon works, not upon grace. They will never in this life be certain 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!
- Ask God to send across the path of the Muslim people laborers who will have great wisdom and sensitivity, godly examples who will present the truth of Christ in a loving manner.
- Often Muslims who come to Christ pay a heavy price: they lose their former community and often 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 body of Christ, and be bound to the plan and purpose of God for their lives.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS

- Ask the Lord to reveal to the Body of Christ and their leaders His heart of love for the Muslim people.
- Pray the "church" will become informed about Islam and pray diligently for the salvation of Muslims.
- Ask God to raise up Christ-like workers who will reach out and minister to Muslims.
- Ask Him for "divine encounters" with Muslim people and a release of the supernatural power of God.
- Pray for the protection of the "Christian soldiers" who are now working on the front lines of Islam,
- bringing to the Muslim people the light and truth of the gospel of Christ.

Send us an e-mail report of your time of prayer!

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