

# The 20th Edition of “30 Days”

*Two decades of praying with faith, hope and love for the Muslim world*

## *What has changed during 20 Ramadans ?*

So much has happened during these last 20 years. God is at work using many different means to make Himself known among Muslims. “30 Days” has played a part in raising awareness and promoting prayer for Muslims among believers worldwide. However “30 Days” is just one aspect of what God is doing! Lots of things have happened:

### **Positively:**

- *Some estimate that three to four million Muslims have come to faith in the Messiah in the last 20-30 years. This is more than anytime during the entire last 1,400 years (Mohammed lived from AD 570 to AD 632).*
- *The number of ministries involving the internet, radio, satellite television and other media efforts directed toward Muslims has exploded.*
- *The amount of literature, CDs, DVDs, Bibles and downloadable resources that are available for Muslims has increased very significantly.*
- *The number of actual missionaries working in the Muslim world has grown significantly.*
- *Thousands of former Muslims are proclaiming the Messiah to their peoples.*

- *There are more prayer efforts directed toward the Muslim world than ever before.*
- *We know more about Muslim peoples than ever before (their demographics, their cultural affinities, their history and the progress of the Gospel among them).*
- *Efforts to establish believing communities in all ethnic groups is becoming a reality.*
- *Muslims are exposed to other cultures and religious beliefs more at the present time than at any point during the last 1,400 years.*

### **Negatively:**

- *Muslim terrorists have become established in many places around the world. Their most famous attacks on 11 September 2001 shocked the whole world.*
- *These attacks and others inspired two very difficult wars in Afghanistan and Iraq as well as many other military and police interventions across the whole world with positive and negative repercussions. Muslims have not always been in agreement with the “war against terrorism.” Some situations are very complex.*
- *More Islamic television, internet, radio and other*



*Each year between 240,000 and 400,000 prayer booklets have been distributed worldwide in various languages.*

*See our main web site: [www.30-days.net](http://www.30-days.net)*

*Also on:*



*media is available now more than ever before.*

- *The number of Muslims and mosques in most Western countries has grown significantly.*
- *The Islamic presence in Europe and in Western countries in general has become a menace for many nations. The largely secular societies in Western countries have difficulties knowing how to handle the increased Islamic presence. The fear of terrorism, the fear of the unknown, as well as, prejudice and bigotry toward Muslims have grown in most Western countries.*

# Some people ask, “Why pray for Muslims?”



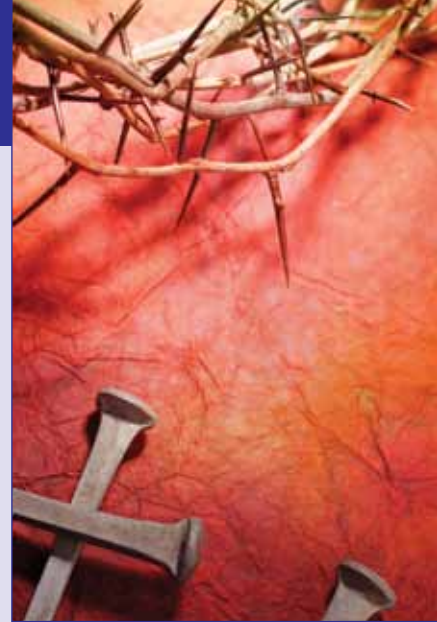
## **Muslims do not generally realise :**

- ... that Jesus, the Messiah, is to be obeyed.*
- ... that Jesus has the ability to forgive sins.*
- ... that Jesus has conquered death through his resurrection.*
- ... that Jesus has power over evil spirits.*

*“Worthy are you ... for you were slain, and purchased for God with your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.” (Rev. 5:9)*

***This is why we are praying.***

- Muslims think of Jesus as a great prophet who preached an earlier form of Islam. They believe that Jesus is God’s Messiah, based on the Qur’anic texts, but they usually have no idea that actually means that Jesus is God’s anointed King and Saviour for all humanity.*
- Muslims generally believe that they can earn God’s approval through religious activities (prayers, fasting, giving money).*
- Muslims do not think that they can know God. They only think that they can know about Him.*



*... for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).*



**Answer:**

**... because Jesus shed his blood**

# Saudi Arabian tribes

There are about 150 major tribes in Saudi Arabia. This year we are asking believers to pray specifically for the Utaybah tribe (also spelled Utaiba, Otaibah or Otayba). The Utaybah tribe has traditionally lived just north of the present Riyadh-Mecca highway in the desert between the Saudi capital, Riyadh, and Jeddah on the Red Sea. The residence of the tribal leader is Afif, a small town of 90,000 about 600 kilometres West of Riyadh. Many Utaybah are found in Riyadh, Jeddah and as far away as Kuwait. The Utaybah tribe has historically had an important role in the Saudi army dating to the early days of the reign of Abdul Aziz Al Saud, founder of the present ruling dynasty. The Utaybah tribe is composed of three major branches: the Barga (the largest branch), the Rwog, and the Banu Saad (Sons of Saad). Each of these branches are divided into many clans and families.

**The Rwog clans and families are :**  
**The Talhah clan includes the following families:** Alasa'adah, Alhufah, Alsumarrah, Alhanateesh, Algharbiah, Alkarashemah, Alddalabehah, Alhawariah,

Altheebah, Alhamameed, Alhezman, Almaghaibah, Thoi Zarrag, Alghadhabeen and Alawazem.

**The Mezhem clan includes the following families:** Thoi Thubait, Alothyan, Alghubaiat, Almarshedah, Aljetha'an, Alseaheen, Thoi A'ali and Thoi A'tyah.

**The Bano Saad clan includes the following families:** the Albatnain, Allessah, Alsurairat and others.

## Prayer ideas:

► *Worship God, the Lord of the desert. Read the Messianic Psalm 72:1-20. Proclaim God's sovereignty over the desert and the Utaybah tribe. Pray for the revelation of the Messiah among them and for their salvation. See verse 9: "Let the nomads of the desert bow before him, and his enemies lick the dust." Pray for at least one of the three sub-clans listed above. You are among some of the first persons to ever specifically mention these sub-clans in prayer.*

*(See the site [www.lovesaudis.com](http://www.lovesaudis.com) for additional information about Saudi Arabia).*

*The Tahrir Square in central Cairo which was the scene of the 2011 uprising that ousted Hosni Mubarak from power.*



**Libyan uprising**

**The Egyptian Revolution**

**Bahrain Protests**

**Freedom in Tunisia**

**Yemeni struggle**

**Unsatisfied in Algeria**

*The mosque where Mohammed is buried in Medina, Saudi Arabia*





## Muslims in New York City

*God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because he has fixed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom he has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising him from the dead.” (Acts 17:30-31)*

In the summer of 2010 the whole world had its eyes directed toward New York City in the USA. A new mosque was being proposed just two blocks away from the “September 11th Ground Zero” site in lower Manhattan. Suddenly the entire planet knew that there were Muslims in New York City. Most Americans also discovered to their surprise that there are possibly 600,000 Muslims in the New York City area as well as over 100 mosques. In 1970 there were fewer than ten mosques. One mosque, located four blocks from “Ground Zero,” even lost several of its members in the famous terrorist attack in 2001.

No matter what people may think and feel about Muslims building a mosque near the “Ground Zero” site, we as believers are all called to pray for the accomplishing of God’s purposes among the Muslims of the city of New York. He is certainly calling many Muslims into his eternal Kingdom. Jesus’ blood was shed for them. Let’s pray for Muslims in the New York City area.

### Prayer ideas:

- ▶ *Search your own heart concerning September 11th. Has the event made you bitter, prejudiced and angry toward Muslims in general because of this attack? (Hebrews 12:15)*
- ▶ *Pray for the families who have lost loved ones in the September 11th attacks. Pray that they will be able to make peace with the past and be ready to move forward with the rest of their lives, leaving any bitterness behind. God is the only one who can bring help to the families who suffered these losses.*
- ▶ *Pray for members of the Muslim community in New York that have suffered prejudice and abuse simply for being Muslims as a result of the attacks.*
- ▶ *Remember that there is a spiritual battle in the heavens for the salvation of the many Muslims in the city who are still very much in the hands of the enemy. They*

*need deliverance from the guilt and shame of sin, from the power of death and from fear of the evil one. “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12). Proclaim Hebrews 2:14 over the city.*

- ▶ *Pray for Muslims in the New York area to discover the truth about the Messiah, Jesus through friendships with believers, through supernatural intervention, and traditional radio, television, internet, books, tracts, DVD’s and the Bible.*
- ▶ *Many new workers are needed. Believers from New York are needed to proclaim the Good News in the Muslim community.*

## Al Jadida, Morocco

Al Jadida is a port city on the Atlantic coast of Morocco with massive stone walls. The Portuguese established an important fortress city at this location called Mazghan in 1502 in order to suppress the local pirates. Moroccan Muslims took the fortress from the Portuguese in 1769. The Muslims gave the city the name “Al-Jadida” which is simply Arabic for “new.” The city now has about 150,000 inhabitants. Al-Jadida truly comes alive in summer. The many fine beaches in the area (Oualidia Haouzia, as well as Sidi Bouzid, Lalla Fatna and Jorf) attract primarily Moroccans on holidays, but there are also a few Western tourists. Holidaying Moroccans are about as relaxed and easy-going as one could wish for anyone to be!

For more info see the site: [www.ariseshinemorocco.org](http://www.ariseshinemorocco.org)



### Prayer ideas:

- ▶ *Over the decades many Moroccans in Al Jadida have heard and been influenced by the Gospel either through media or by direct contact with believers. Many need to commit/recommit their lives to the Messiah. Some need to reconcile themselves with other believers (see James 1:6-8 and 4:8).*
- ▶ *Pray for the handful of scattered believers in the area that they would grow bold and have a yearning in their heart to share their faith with others and meet together. The Moroccan believers often do not regularly meet together because of fear (see 2 Timothy 1:7).*
- ▶ *Pray for Moroccans on holiday to discover the Messiah. He is the only one who can bring real peace, joy and rest. Years ago the Apostle Peter was staying on the coast of Israel. Some dramatic events happened which led others to encounter the Messiah a little further up the coast (see Acts 10:1-48). Pray for God’s interventions!*
- ▶ *Pray for this coastal region from Azemour to Jadida to Safi to Essaouira. May the wind of the Holy Spirit blow in from the sea and further inland to the heart of the nation.*

## JESUS IN THE QUR’AN

You can find out more about the Islamic perspective on Jesus by reading about him in the Qur’an. Various chapters (suras) and verses are indicated below. Jesus is usually referred to in the Qur’an by the name Isa. Various titles, roles and activities are attributed to Jesus. Here are a few examples:

### **Jesus is the word of God:**

Sura: 3:45; 5:46, 110 and 57:27

### **Jesus is Messiah:**

Sura: 3:45; 4:171; 5:17, 72, 75

### **Prophet or a Messenger from God:**

Sura: 3:49; 6:85; 19:30; 57:27

### **Raised the dead and healed the sick:**

Sura: 3:49; 5:110

### **Pure, sinless:**

Sura: 19:19

*Even if the Qur’anic ideas listed above are the same or similar to Biblical ideas, Muslims never think of Jesus as being divine or as saving us through his death and resurrection. They think of him as a prophet who brought a book called the “Injil” (Gospel).*

