

Ramadan Prayer Guide

FRI. 28TH FEB. TO SAT. 30TH MAR. 2025



Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam, which means it is a requirement of the religion. Muslims are required to fast from food and drink from sunrise to sunset and usually break their fast with dates. This year, Ramadan is expected to begin on the evening of Friday 28th February and end on Saturday 30th March, depending on the sighting of the moon.

It's estimated that there are 1.8 billion Muslims worldwide. This means that around 25% of the global population will be taking part in this important fast.

Much like Christmas is in the West, Ramadan is a time of community, family and good-will. Donations to charity increase, community kitchens open nightly and breaking fast with neighbours and family is standard. Community is a vital part of Middle Eastern culture and this is especially true during this holy month.

Ramadan is seen as a very powerful time for prayer and faith which is why it is also a time of piety. While most Muslims attend mosque on Fridays, it's common to attend daily during Ramadan, some even attending multiple services.

Ramadan is a vital month during the Islamic calendar and is broken down into 3 ashra.

Days of Mercy 28TH February - 9TH March

Rahmah / Mercy

IN THE FIRST ASHRA (FIRST 10 DAYS) WE WILL BE PRAYING THROUGH THE CONCEPT OF RAHMAH - MERCY



PRAYER

The First Ashra of Ramadan represents the boundless mercy of Allah. It is a time when Muslims seek his compassion, forgiveness and blessings through increased worship and acts of kindness. This period encourages believers to reflect on their actions, show mercy to others and strengthen their connection with Allah through prayer and recitation of the Quran. The special prayer for this Ashra, "O Allah, have mercy on me, you are the most merciful of those who show mercy," reminds Muslims to embrace humility and strive for spiritual purification.

Region:

- The Middle East saw vast changes in 2024, pray that God pours out His mercy onto the region.
- Lift Syria to the Lord; this wonderful nation has an opportunity to build something good for all citizens. Pray that God will work through the de facto leaders – let them show God's mercy to all their citizens without bias.

People:

- Muslims are often very pious people. Pray that during this time of prayer and seeking, they would come to find His Mercy.
- As people break their fast in families and communities, pray that conversations would be turning to faith, prompting deeper questions around who God is.

Our Ministry:

- Pray that God's love and mercy would shine on children and parents through our Kingdom Platform project.
- Lift up our media teams in countries where persecution is high, such as Libya and Sudan. Pray for our teams to continue to show mercy to those who persecute them. Thank God for giving them a passion to share the Gospel with their people.

Mounir's Story

Mounir, a 25-year-old from Syria, reached out on our Changemaker Facebook page, expressing his desire to explore Christianity due to the suffering he experienced, including kidnapping, torture and the loss of his sisters during the war. We sent him a digital Bible and explained its message, introducing him to the love, truth and mercy of Christ. After some time, Mounir accepted Jesus as his Saviour and prayed the prayer of salvation with us. Despite difficult circumstances, Mounir is growing in his faith, regularly reading the Bible with us and drawing closer to Jesus each day. He recently joined one of our online meetings and shared that it brought him deep comfort and encouragement.





Days of Forgiveness 10TH March - 19TH March

Maghfirah / Forgiveness

IN THE MIDDLE 10 DAYS WE PRAY
THROUGH THE ASHRA OF MAGHFIRAH -
FORGIVENESS FROM ALLAH

The Second Ashra of Ramadan is a period of seeking Allah's pardon for past sins and striving for spiritual purification. It is a time when Muslims sincerely repent, asking for forgiveness with humility and devotion. This Ashra emphasises the infinite mercy of Allah, reminding believers that no sin is too great to be forgiven if one repents sincerely. The special prayer for this period is: "O Allah, forgive my sins."

During these ten days, Muslims are encouraged to seek forgiveness not only for themselves but also for their loved ones and the entire global Muslim community, strengthening their faith and drawing closer to Allah.

Region:

- We have seen families in the Middle East torn apart last year. Pray that Christian communities in Sudan, Palestine and Israel can be peacemakers and leaders with the ongoing conflicts and tensions.
- There is so much hurt and heartbreak in the Middle East at the moment. Pray that the region would find forgiveness to help build a stronger future.

People:

- As people pray for forgiveness during this time, pray that they would be challenged on what true forgiveness is and how they can practise God's forgiveness in their lives.
- Pray for new believers in Jesus as they navigate this difficult month. Pray for protection over them and their families.

Story

A pastor in the Middle East shares with us about new believers who hide their new faith from their families for fear of death.

"They have to fast during the month of Ramadan even if they no longer believe in it. They also have to pray with their families, especially if invited to join in prayer. Another difficulty is that, when non-Christians leave the house, they usually say the phrase "There is no God but Allah" and the other person should reply "Mohamed is the Prophet of Allah". But for a new Christian to say this is pretty tough. And it's even tougher if they refuse to reply, as it will raise suspicions about their faith."

Our Ministry:

- Pray that our 3D animation project, Life in the Desert, would continue to bring healing to children living in refugee camps and disadvantaged communities across the region.
- Pray for our staff members as they navigate normal life during Ramadan. Pray that God would keep them safe.



Najat / Salvation

IN THE FINAL TEN DAYS WE'RE
PRAYING THROUGH THE FINAL ASHRA
OF NAJAT - SAFETY FROM HELL

The Third Ashra of Ramadan is dedicated to seeking protection from Hellfire and striving for ultimate success in the Hereafter. It is a time of deep reflection, increased worship and sincere supplication to Allah for deliverance from punishment. This Ashra highlights the importance of taqwa (God-consciousness) and encourages believers to strengthen their faith through acts of devotion, charity and self-discipline. The special prayer for this period is: "O Allah, save me from the fire (of Hell)."

Laylatul Qadr (Night of Power) is on the 27th night of Ramadan. It is the night that the Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Mohammed and it is believed that a prayer on this night gives more reward than a thousand months of prayer.

Region:

- Pray that the people of the Middle East will find Jesus' peace and life everlasting.
- Pray for the media teams we train and mentor across the region – that they will know what social media, radio and TV content to create for these vital last 10 days.

People:

- During Laylatul Qadr (Night of Power) people will be praying and seeking. Pray that God will reveal Himself to them in dreams and visions.
- Pray that as Ramadan comes to an end, Muslims will stay healthy through the last days of their fasting.



Our Ministry:

- We know that women in the Arabian Gulf need Jesus' love, so we lift our Desert Roses social media pages to God. We pray that our social media posts would reach many feeds.
- Pray that our teams in North Africa and the Gulf would continue to be beacons of hope and love and that they would be safe and protected.

