

"The Cry of Ishmael"



Ramadan 2018

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World.

JUNE 4 - JUNE 10

"I know you will kill me, but I give you my Bible"

ISIS FIGHTER SEEKS JESUS

"Recently, one of our workers in the Middle East was introduced to an ISIS fighter who said that he had killed many Christians. The fighter admitted that he had enjoyed doing so. He told this mission leader that he had begun having dreams of a man in white who had told him, "You are killing my people." He began to feel sick. In another dream, Jesus asked him, "Follow me." The fighter said that before he killed one Christian, the man said, "I know you will kill me, but I give to you my Bible". The Christian was killed, but this ISIS fighter took the Bible and began to read it. He was now asking to become a follower of Christ and to be disciples". (YWAM Frontiers: www.ywamfrontiers.com).

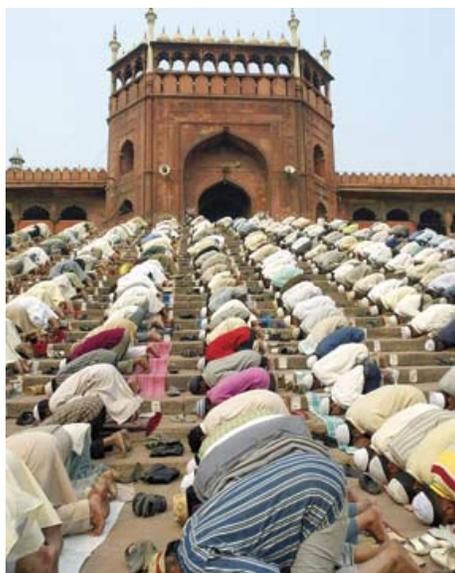
Praying through the 9 rooms.

This week we will be praying through the following Rooms

4) the Persian room, 5) the Arab room and 6) Turkestan room.

THE PERSIAN ROOM

The Iranians since the rise of Ayatollah's Islamic republic have experienced wars, great brutality and untold suffering under the Islamic regime. As a result hundreds of thousands have fled Iran, and many have turned to Christ. Iran is said to be experiencing one of the greatest movements of Muslims to Christ, as a result many house churches are springing up.



Nation	3
Muslim people groups	105
Total population	99,009,985
Muslim population	97,957,533

(David Garrison: A Wind in the House of Islam).

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

"And yet we hear them speaking in our own native language! Here we are-Parthians, Medes, Elamites...we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" Acts 2:8-11. (NLT).

The Elamites are Persians, they were there on Pentecost when Peter shared the gospel for the first time after the Lord's resurrection.

1) Ask the Lord to visit the Persians in dreams and visions.

- 2) Pray for the protection of the house churches and their leaders.
- 3) Pray that those who are seeking for the truth will come across Christians.
- 4) Pray for the protection and bold witness of those who have converted to Christianity.

THE ARAB ROOM

Arabs are a Semitic people, the elder brothers of the Jews, tracing back to Abraham and Ishmael (**Genesis 16:11**), and Zipporah the Midianite wife of Moses, daughter of Jethro an Arab Midianite priest who gave refuge to Moses when he was a fugitive fleeing Egypt (**Exodus 2:18-22**).

Today the Arab speaking people comprise the fourth or fifth largest language speaking group in the world.

The two most significant events that have shaped the Arab world are: the exploitation of oil in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries. Prior to 1938 the primary source of income for Saudi was the hajj tax from pilgrims visiting Mecca. Today Saudi controls 20% of the world's oil reserve. The Arab petrodollar has advanced global Islam, many Arab billionaires have used their money to fund and fuel Muslim mission enterprises.

The second event to shape the Arab world is the establishment of The state of Israel in 1948, the Arabs have used this as a rallying cry for Arab unity and jihad. The Arabs, especially Saudi Arabia are the guardians of Islam, though many are turning to Christ.

Nations	21
Muslim people groups	240
Total population	236,992,225

Muslim population 204,473,479
(David Garrison: A Wind in the House of Islam).

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

"Vast caravans of camels will converge on you, the camels of Midianite and Ephah. The people of Sheba will bring gold and frankincense and will come worshipping the Lord. The flocks of Kedar will be given to you, and the dans of Nebaioth will be brought for my altars. I will accept their offerings, and I will make my temple glorious". Isaiah 60:6-7 (NLT).

- 1) Ask the Lord to restrain the activities from this region.
- 2) Pray that many from the Arab world will seek after Jesus.
- 3) Pray for the protection and bold witness of those who have converted to Christianity.
- 4) Pray for the progress and protection of the missionaries working in this region.
- 5) Ask the Lord to visit many Arabs in dreams and visions.
- 6) Pray for the effectiveness of Christian TV and radio programs in reaching the Arab world.

THE TURKESTAN ROOM

The Turkestan room comprises 15 nations of 227 Turkic people groups, of over 200 million people. Islam entered Turkestan following the Arab conquest of the Persian empire.

After the fall of the iron curtain in 1989, thousands of Christian missionaries entered Central Asia for the first time with the gospel. Today, many churches have been shut and Western

missionaries expelled, but Turkestan Muslim background believers are advancing the gospel.

Nations	15
Muslim people groups	227
Total population	203,251,345
Muslim population	159,225,454

(David Garrison: A Wind in the House of Islam).

HOW CAN WE PRAY?

"Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants". 2 Timothy 2:26 (NLT).

- 1) Pray for the persecuted Muslim background believers and churches of Turkestan.
- 2) Pray for the progress of the missionaries working in this region.
- 3) Pray for thousand of Turkestan villages that have no gospel witness.
- 4) Ask the Lord to visit Turkestani seekers in dreams and visions.
- 5) Ask the Lord to free these captives to hear the gospel.