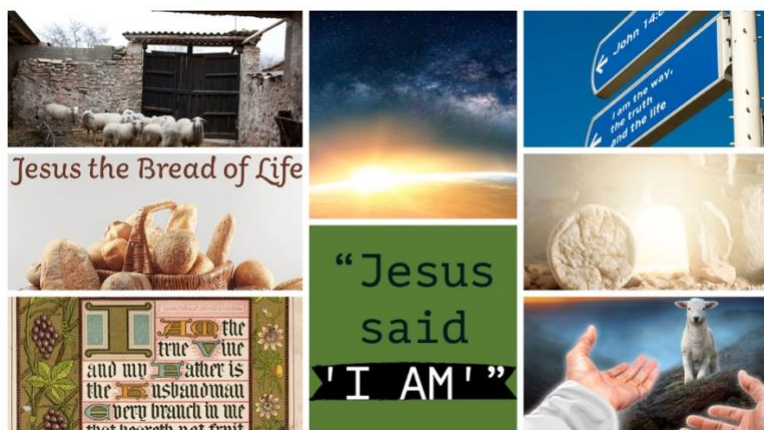


Ramadan 2022



Ramadan week 1

Jesus said, “I AM the Resurrection and the Life” and “I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”

Friday, April 1st – Ramadan begins this weekend. Saudi Muslims prepare ahead of time for the month of fasting, sometimes weeks in advance. They get their apartments or houses in order, preparing for guests. They purchase the items they need for the special food they’ll be making. They want to be ready for Ramadan in every way.

Muslims fast from dawn until dusk during Ramadan to seek God’s favor. They believe that by abstaining from food and other things in their lives, they will please God and He will grant them credit toward salvation. They don’t understand that while God wants us to do good, we can only find eternal life through faith in His work as the great **“I AM”**. In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes 7 **“I AM”** statements. This week we will focus our prayers for Saudi Muslims on two of them: **“I AM the Resurrection and the Life”** and **“I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life”**.

Prayer Point – Pray today that as Saudi Muslims all over the world continue to prepare for Ramadan, God will prepare their hearts and provide opportunities to hear that Jesus is the **“Resurrection and the Life”**.

Saturday, April 2nd – Ramadan officially starts today or tomorrow. Since Muslims follow a lunar calendar, they will watch the skies for the new crescent moon. When they see it, they will declare the first day of Ramadan.

Prayer Point – As Ramadan begins, pray for Saudi followers of Jesus to be able to honor both God and their families during this time. Pray also that they will have the courage to share with their families and friends that Jesus is **“the Resurrection and the Life”**.



Sunday, April 3rd – In John Chapter 11, Jesus tells Martha that He is “**the Resurrection and the Life**” and that whoever believes in Him will live. Saudi Muslims need their eyes opened to see that they are dead in their sin and can only find spiritual life through Jesus.

Prayer Point – Pray that God will use followers of Jesus to “open the eyes of the blind” so that Saudi Muslims will be able to pass from death to life through faith in Him.

Monday, April 4th – Saudi Muslims believe that Jesus is a great prophet, but not God. They don't recognize that if Jesus was only a prophet, He wouldn't have the power to raise Lazarus from the dead.

Prayer Point – Pray that Saudi Muslims will desire to read the Bible throughout the month of Ramadan. Ask that when they read Lazarus' story, they will believe that Jesus is “**the Resurrection and the Life**”, and that His power over physical death reveals His power over eternal life.

Tuesday, April 5th – Jesus desires an intimate relationship with people. We see this in his relationship with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. He wanted them, as well as those around them, to know that He is “**the Resurrection and the Life**”. Saudi Muslims need to know that Jesus desires an intimate relationship with them as well.

Prayer Point – While Saudi Muslims have begun their fasting, pray that they will begin to have visions and dreams of Jesus telling them that He desires a relationship with them and that He is “**the Resurrection and the Life.**”



Wednesday, April 6th – Saudis and other Muslims hold to 5 Pillars of Islam, or 5 spiritual practices they must follow to try to earn their salvation. 1 of these pillars is fasting during the month of Ramadan. Throughout their lives they have been taught that they must earn God’s favor. They believe that people can do enough good works to wipe out all their sins so God will allow them into paradise.

In John chapter 14 Jesus tells His disciples, “**I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life.** No one comes to the Father except through me.” Saudi Muslims need to learn that they can do nothing to earn God’s favor. They need to hear this more than one time in their lives to know that it is true. They need to understand that trying to earn salvation by their own merit is futile and not what God desires at all. God desires a relationship with mankind, and He has provided a way through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Prayer Point – As you pray for Saudi Muslims today, pray that throughout the month of Ramadan they will hear repeatedly how Jesus is “**the Way, the Truth, and the Life**”, and how God desires a relationship with them through Jesus.

Thursday, April 7th – Social media use continues to grow in Saudi Arabia. During Ramadan Saudis may be using social media even more. At the same time, believers in many countries are creating social media content with the goal of sharing Jesus with the lost.

Prayer Point – Pray that throughout the month of Ramadan, Saudi Muslims will come across internet sites, social media pages, and posts that proclaim that Jesus is “**the Way, the Truth, and the Life**”. Ask that they will respond in faith.

Friday, April 8th – Saudi Muslims are taught that God sent the prophet Mohammad after He sent Jesus. According to Islam, the Qur’an, as well as Mohammad’s teachings and practices, reveal the path to follow to get to heaven.

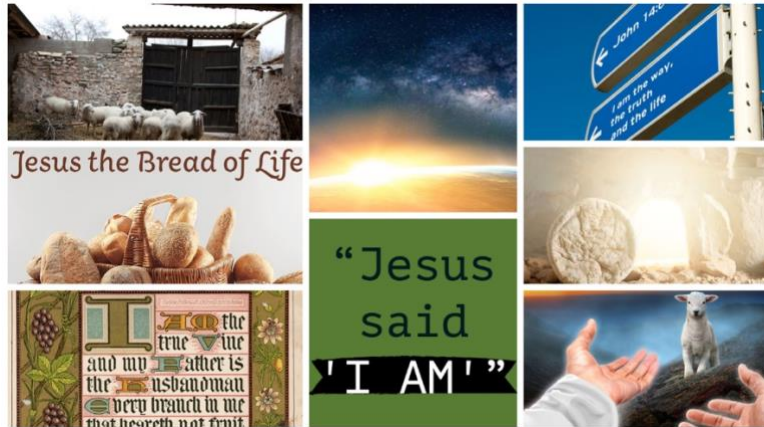
Prayer point – As you continue to pray this week for Saudi Muslims, ask that God will reveal to them that the way of Islam does not lead to life. Pray that they will hear about Jesus Christ, the only “**Way, the Truth, and the Life**”.



Saturday, April 9th – In John Chapter 14, Jesus talks about His Father’s house and how the disciples know the way to where He is going. Saudi Muslims do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God. They are taught that God has no partner, He has no equal, and He wasn’t born. They need to hear about God’s plan from the very beginning of time to send His Son Jesus to be “**the Way, the Truth, and the Life**”.

Prayer point – As we come to the end of this first week of Ramadan, pray that God will have begun to work in the lives of Saudi Muslims. Ask that they will begin to really question whether what they believe is true.





Ramadan Week 2

“I AM the Good Shepherd” and “I AM the Door for the sheep”

Sunday, April 10th – This week we will focus our prayers for Saudi Muslims on the two “I AM” statements, “I AM the Good Shepherd” and “I AM the Door for the sheep.” Even though most Saudis now live in cities, some still live in small villages. They have farms and raise goats, camels, or sheep. Saudis familiar with these traditions would understand the image of care and protection in Jesus’ words, “I AM the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” Those caring for sheep need to protect them from predators and keep them safe.

Prayer Point – During Ramadan, many Saudis travel to be with their families. City dwellers often visit relatives in their ancestral villages. Pray that during Ramadan, Saudi Muslims living in rural areas will have opportunities to hear and understand how Jesus is “the Good Shepherd” who laid down His life for them.

Monday, April 11th – Saudi Arabia’s population is made up of many tribes. The older generation can probably tell you all about their tribe, where they came from, their culture and traditions. Knowing their heritage is very important to them. Jesus says in John chapter 10, “I AM the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

Prayer Point – Pray that throughout the month of Ramadan, the older generation of Saudis will have opportunities to hear how Jesus knows their hearts and histories, and desires to be their “Good Shepherd”. Ask that they’ll be willing to follow Him to a new way of life.



Tuesday, April 12th – The younger generation in Saudi Arabia has begun embracing their national identities as Saudis. They love to celebrate the two national holidays that center around the Al Saudi tribe: National Day and the newly instated Founding Day.

Prayer Point – Pray that the younger generation of Saudi Muslims will hear Jesus’s voice and desire to follow Him as their “**Good Shepherd**”. Ask that they will find their true identity as part of His flock.

Wednesday, April 13th – In John 10:9, Jesus says, “**I AM the Door**. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” As Saudi Muslims fast during the month of Ramadan, they truly believe that they are earning their way to salvation. They think that God has called them to fast all day from dawn until dusk and break the fast with their families. The sad reality is that they are being deceived. What God truly desires is a relationship with them through His saving work in Jesus.

The evil one desires that Saudis remain blinded by Islam, that they continue to walk in darkness and try to earn their salvation. He doesn’t want them to search for Jesus. Jesus says in John 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Prayer Point – As Saudi Muslims continue to fast and try and earn their salvation, pray that their eyes will be opened to Islam’s deception and that they will seek the “**Door for the sheep**”. Pray that Jesus will open the door, and that many Saudi Muslims will find both deliverance from sin’s destruction and entrance to eternal life.



Thursday, April 14th – Throughout the month of Ramadan, Saudis and other Muslims chant special evening prayers, in addition to carefully completing the 5 daily prayers required by Islam. They believe that doing so will help them to engage in sincere worship and repentance, earn forgiveness of their sins, and find peace with Allah. All these prayers are empty rituals that they perform over and over, hoping to earn Allah’s favor. They don’t know or don’t understand that God doesn’t want outward rituals; He wants a relationship with them through Jesus Christ.

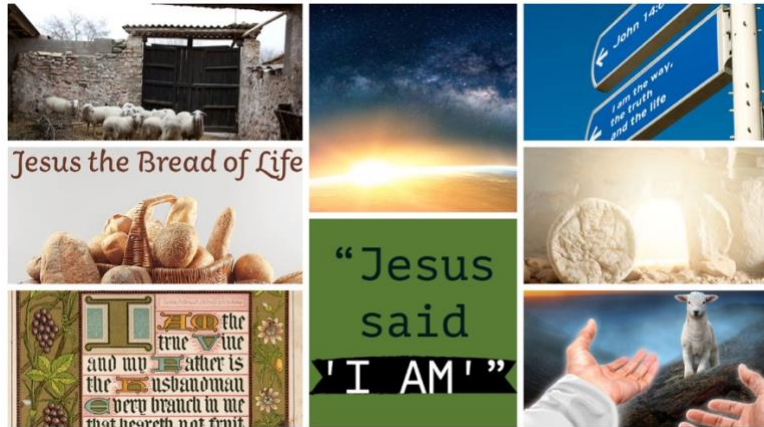
Prayer Point – As Saudi Muslims continue their ritual prayers during Ramadan, pray that they will not be satisfied with their prayers, that they will desire something more. Ask that they will search for “**the Door**” of Truth, find it in Jesus Christ, enter in and have abundant life.

Friday, April 15th – In the last several years, women in Saudi Arabia have been granted more opportunities. They are now able to work in supermarkets and malls, drive, attend sporting events, and even play on an all-female soccer team. But amid this new freedom, Saudi women – like all who don’t know Jesus – are enslaved to their sin and don’t know what true freedom really looks like.

Prayer point – While Saudi women experience more material freedom, pray that throughout Ramadan, they will meet believers who will tell them how Jesus is “**the Door**” to their true freedom.

Saturday, April 16th – Islam teaches its followers not to question things, but just believe and obey. Some Saudi Muslims have begun to question what they have been taught and what they believe. They are sincerely seeking to know what truth really is.

Prayer point – As we come to the end of this week of Ramadan, pray that Saudis seeking to know truth will find Jesus and know that He is “**the Door**” that they must enter to find eternal life.



Ramadan Week 3

Jesus said, “I AM the Light of the world”

Sunday, April 17th – Light plays an important role during Ramadan. Saudi Muslims begin their daily fast at dawn, after a night of feasting with family and friends. They continue their ritual fasting until the sun sets in the evening. As they celebrate through the night, they don’t realize that they are living in spiritual darkness, blinded by their sin. They need to come out into the light of Christ and trust in His saving work on the cross.

In John Chapter 8 Jesus says, “**I AM the light of the world**. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” This week our prayers will focus on Saudi Muslims coming to know “**the Light of the world**”.

Prayer Point: Pray that Saudi Muslims will come out of darkness and into the light of God’s Truth. Ask that they will hear how Jesus is “**the Light of the world**”, and that they will want to know more about who He really is.

Monday, April 18th – Traditional lanterns are popular decorations during Ramadan. They are usually multicolored and brightly lit. They can be found in shops and people’s homes, giving off a beautiful display of lights. Many people see the lanterns as a symbol of the light of Islam or of one of God’s names, “The Light.”

Prayer Point: Ramadan lanterns are beautiful to see, but these lights cannot pierce the darkness caused by sin. Pray that Saudi Muslims will recognize the darkness within them and will be drawn to the true “**Light of the world**”.



Tuesday, April 19th – In the Quran it is written that the previous books, the Torah and the Injeel (Old and New Testaments) are guidance and light.

Prayer Point: Pray that followers of Jesus will be able to read the Bible with Saudi Muslims throughout the rest of Ramadan and that Saudis will see that the Bible is guidance and light. Pray that the Bible will guide Saudis to **“the Light of world”**.

Wednesday, April 20th – Saudi Muslims have a creation story like the Biblical narrative of creation: in the beginning God spoke and there was light. But they don’t believe that Jesus was with God the Father in the beginning and that Jesus is **“the Light of the world”**.

Prayer Point: Pray that Saudi Muslims will have opportunities to read the Biblical creation narrative. Ask that they will see that Jesus was there with God from the beginning and is Himself God.

Thursday, April 21st – Jesus, **“the Light of the world”**, came into this world to pierce the darkness and to draw people into the light. Satan’s lies are keeping many Saudi Muslims in the dark.

Prayer Point: Ask that throughout the rest of Ramadan, many Saudis will have visions and dreams of Jesus calling them to come out of darkness and into the light.

Friday, April 22nd – There are not many Saudis who follow Jesus. Those who do are often afraid to share about Jesus with their family and friends. The fear of losing their lives and families is too great for them.

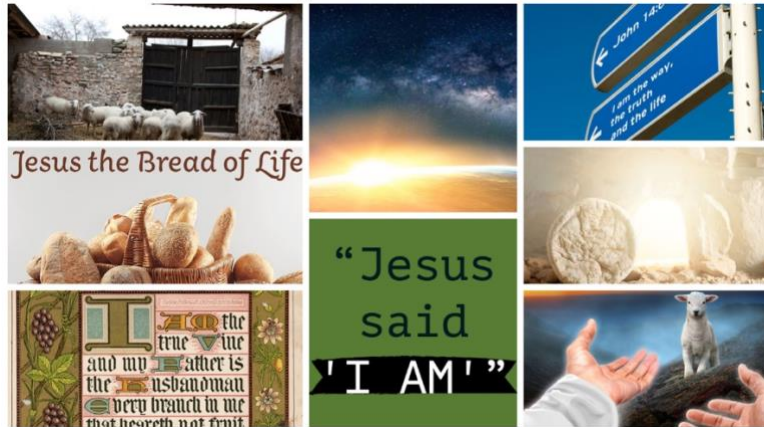
Prayer Point: Ask God to help those Saudis that follow Jesus to overcome their fears. Pray that they will be able to share Jesus with their families and friends, and that they will be able to spread **“the Light of the world”** throughout Saudi Arabia during Ramadan.



Saturday, April 23rd – As we come to the end of another week of Ramadan, we remember that God's light needs to shine through the darkness that is Islam. So many Saudis believe the lies that Satan has told them: that they can earn their own salvation, that they don't need a relationship with God, that no one can die for another person's sins, and so many other lies. Saudis' eyes, ears, minds, and hearts need to be open to the Truth. Also, more people need to go to Saudi Arabia and share the Gospel with Saudis.

Prayer Point: Father God, You have told us that the harvest is white and ready. We pray that You will send your people to Saudi Arabia, and that they will be able to share with Saudis that Jesus, Your Son, is "**the Light of the world**". Cause them to hear and believe that You love them so much that You sent Him to die for them. In Jesus' name, Amen.





Ramadan Week 4

“I AM the Bread of Life”

Sunday, April 24th – Jesus said, “**I AM the Bread of Life**; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst” (John 6:35). In fasting, Muslims subject themselves to physical hunger and thirst to earn a spiritual reward. Many Saudis feel content in their practice of Islam. They believe they are walking on the right path and pleasing God. Yet neither their works nor the teachings of Islam can give them spiritual life.

Prayer Points - Pray that as Saudis continue to fast this week, they will experience a spiritual hunger and thirst that cannot be satisfied by Islam’s teachings and rituals. Ask that the Holy Spirit will lead them to Jesus, the **Bread of Life**.

Night of Power – Muslims believe that on a particular night in the last 10 days of Ramadan, God will forgive sin, answer prayer, and write people's destiny for the coming year. Some pray all night, hoping for an extraordinary spiritual experience. Pray that during this time, many Saudis will experience dreams, visions, or other clear communication from God pointing them to Jesus.

Monday, April 25th – When Jesus said, “**I AM the Bread of Life,**” He was pointing out that He Himself, as God, is the fulfillment of our deepest needs. All humans tend to focus on what we think we need to be happy and fulfilled in life, whether that be security, material comfort, personal freedom, or the approval of others. Yet our ultimate need is the presence of God in our hearts, an abundant life that can only be found through Jesus.

Prayer Point - Pray that as Saudis pray and focus their thoughts on God through the remainder of Ramadan, they will realize that only God Himself can meet their deepest needs. Ask that they will seek a relationship with Him and will learn that it can only be found through Jesus, the **Bread of Life**.



Tuesday, April 26th – In Saudi culture, Ramadan food seems almost as important as the act of fasting. As Saudis fast throughout each day, the thought of the delicious meals and sweets they will enjoy that night makes the long fast more endurable.

Prayer Point - Pray that believers will share and live out the Gospel with Saudis in such a way that they will recognize Jesus as the **Bread of Life**, and that they will find life in Him so rewarding that they are willing to endure hardship for His name and glory.

Wednesday, April 27th – Along with fasting, charity is an important part of Ramadan. During Ramadan, many Saudis contribute money to provide evening meals for poor Muslims. Yet even as Saudis give out of their material abundance, they don't recognize their own spiritual poverty. They don't know that they are walking in spiritual futility, dead in their sins and far from God.

Prayer Point - Pray that as Saudis fast and give to the poor, God will open their eyes to their own spiritual poverty and the futility of Islam. Ask that He will lead them to the abundant life freely offered through Jesus, the **Bread of Life**.

Thursday, April 28th – “Jesus then said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’” –John 6:31-33

Muslims revere Moses as a prophet and leader. They also believe that Jesus was a great prophet, but only a man. They need to see that not only is Jesus greater than all the prophets; He is God Himself.

Prayer Point - Pray that even as Saudis celebrate Islam and the Qur'an through Ramadan, God will fill them with desire to know more about Jesus. Ask that they will read the Bible and believe that Jesus is the true **Bread of Life**, the divine Son who came down from heaven and offers eternal life.



Friday, April 29th – “Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die... And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” –John 6:48-51

When Jesus spoke these words, many of his hearers couldn’t understand or accept His identity or mission. Similarly, Saudi Muslims also deny that Jesus is God and that He offered His life for the sins of the world.

Prayer Point - Pray that millions of Saudi people will hear the Gospel, realize their need for a Savior, believe in Jesus’ identity and work on the cross, and receive Him as the **Bread of Life**.

Saturday, April 30th – “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal...This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” –John 6:27, 29

Prayer Point - Pray that as Ramadan draws to a close in the next few days, the Holy Spirit will reveal to Saudi people that in following Islam, they are “working for the food that perishes.” Ask that they will hear the Gospel, believe in the One whom God has sent, and by faith receive “the food that endures for eternal life.”

