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Ramadan Week 1

“And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow.”
Matthew | 13:3ESV



Viewpoint:

Ramadan begins this week. During this month, Muslims not only fast during daylight hours but also focus on prayer and reading the Qur'an. We invite you to pray with us daily for Saudi people throughout Ramadan, asking God to set them free from Islam and open their eyes to His true character and work through Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is going out to Saudis, yet the Enemy has built barriers to keep more from hearing. For example, there are few Christ-followers in KSA compared to the country's 21 million citizens. Believers who intentionally share the Gospel with Saudis can only interact with a small fraction of the population, usually particular segments of society such as urban professionals. Another barrier is fear: Saudis may fear shame or divine punishment for just listening to a non-Muslim message; believers may also fear sharing the Truth and risk persecution. This week, pray that Saudis from all segments of society will hear the Gospel and that the Holy Spirit will prepare their hearts.

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Prayer Points:



Pray that Saudis living in **Mecca** will hear the Gospel despite the ban on non-Muslims entering their city. Ask that they will recognize the futility of Islam and have the courage to turn to Jesus.



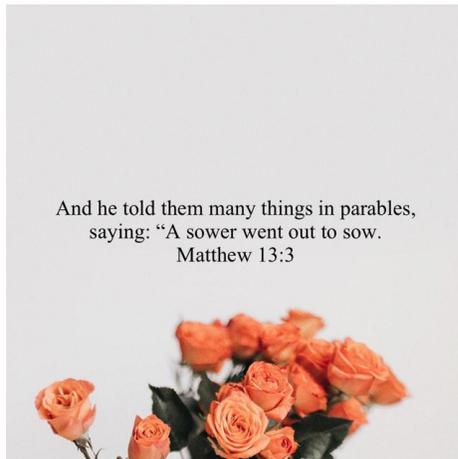
Pray that the Holy Spirit will break down all barriers to the Gospel for Saudis in **Medina**, bringing many to new life in Christ.

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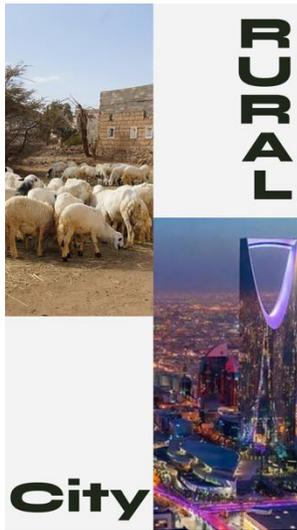
Pray that the Holy Spirit will **break down all barriers that prevent Saudis from hearing His Truth:** lack of contact with believers, Islam's deception, complacency, fear, wariness toward outsiders, etc.



Pray that He will move in Saudis' hearts to create **“good soil”**, so they’ll be ready to receive the Gospel when they hear it.

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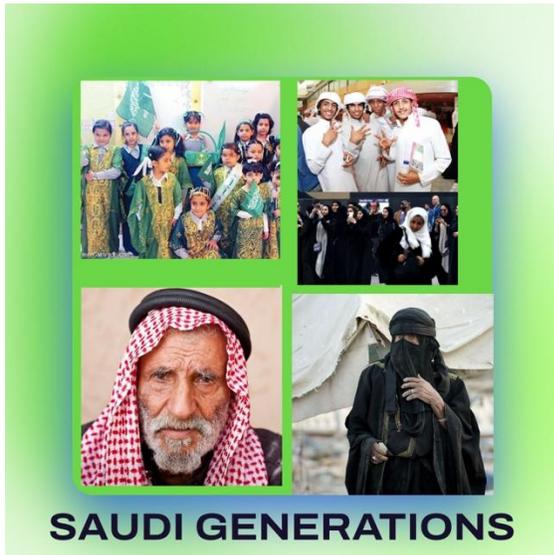
Pray that the Lord will enable Christ followers in Saudi Arabia to share the Gospel not only in **cities**, but also in **villages and rural areas**.



Saudi men tend to interact more in society, while women may be hidden within homes or protected from outsiders. **Pray** that Saudi **women, as well as men**, will have opportunities to hear Truth.

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Pray that all generations—children, young adults, middle-aged, and older Saudis—will have access to a Gospel witness.



Pray that believers will be able to interact and share the Gospel with Saudis from all economic and professional sectors.

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Ramadan Week 2

“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it.” - Luke 8:5ESV



Viewpoint:

Believers are sharing the Gospel message with Saudis inside KSA as well as outside; as they do so, they are looking for persons of peace who will open up their homes and communities so that more can hear the Truth; the Gospel message needs to be shared clearly and understandably so that Saudis will receive it as Good News. For most Saudis, hearing the Gospel message just once isn't enough. Saudis need to have repeated encounters with Christ-followers over a long period of time before they come to faith; for this reason, more believers need the courage and wisdom to share with Saudi people.

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Prayer Points:



Jeddah is a very "open" city, pray that many Saudis living there would be open to hearing and receiving the Good News.



Pray that believers in Taif have joy about sharing the Gospel rather than fear.

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Pray for wisdom for believers about **the best way to start Gospel conversations with Saudis**. Pray for boldness to initiate conversations and ask deep questions that lead to heart-to-heart sharing.



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Pray that Christ-followers **find Saudi persons of peace** who will open their homes and communities to Gospel witness.



Pray that those who hear **will be receptive to the Gospel** and that the Holy Spirit will convict them of its Truth.

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Pray that believers **have many opportunities to share Truth with Saudis** and that Saudis begin to share with those around them so that churches will begin to form.



Pray that Christ followers in **KSA will have compassion for the lost around them that compels them to share.**

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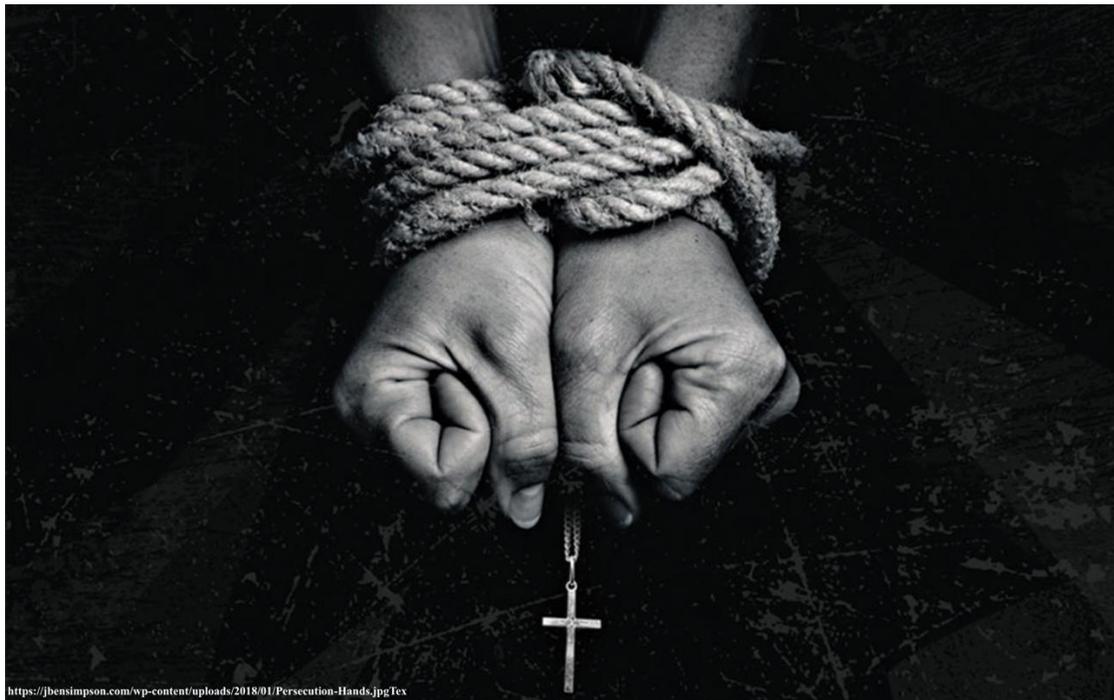
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Ramadan Week 3

“And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.” Luke 8:6ESV



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Viewpoint:

God is working among the Saudi people. The number of Saudi Christ-followers is small but growing. Saudi believers experience many trials as well as peace and joy in Christ. Social and government restrictions, isolation, and fear can make it difficult for Saudi believers to find discipleship and worship together. Also, the threat of persecution is real: Saudi Christ-followers may experience rejection by friends and family, loss of livelihood, physical harm, or even death. Please join us in praying that the Lord will protect Saudi believers from the Enemy's attacks and grow them to maturity in Christ.

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Pray Points:



Pray that God will cause Living Water to spring up in **Al Hasa**, bringing new life in Christ to many Saudis there.



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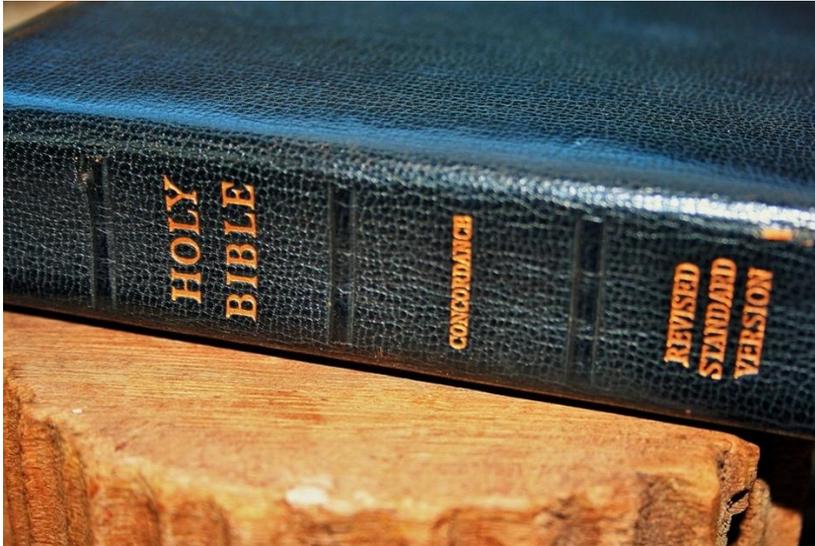


Khobar

Pray that many Saudis in **Dammam, Dhahran, and Khobar**, a former fishing and pearl diving center, will receive life in Jesus as the "pearl of great price" and become "fishers of men" who lead others to Him.

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Pray that new believers in KSA will have access to good discipleship relationships that will help them learn to study the Word and walk with Christ.



“And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.” Luke | 8:6ESV

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Pray that Saudi believers will understand their new identity in Christ and have transformed lives by the Holy Spirit. Ask that they will abide in Christ and bear spiritual fruit.



Pray that isolated believers will find community by fellowshipping with other believers or that families or friends will come to believe. **Pray that He will overcome every obstacle that keeps Saudi Christ-followers from gathering regularly** with other believers.

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Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower Saudi believers to share the Gospel with their families, friends, and others around them. Ask that they will count the cost and **are willing to endure the persecution that could result from their witness.**

Always Keep The Faith

Pray that God will give comfort and strength to Saudi believers who are facing persecution. Ask that they stand firm in their faith and glorify God through their perseverance.

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Ramadan Week 4

“And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.”
Luke 8:7ESV



Viewpoint:

The Saudi church is still in its infancy, with a few small groups of believers meeting secretly. Yet believers around the world share a vision for the Saudi church: a network of "faith families" through which Saudi Christ-followers can worship, pray, study the Word, and build one another up in Christ in which churches birth new churches as the Lord adds believers to their number; in which the Kingdom of God spreads throughout the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in a way that no opposition can stop. May the Lord transform this vision into reality soon!

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Prayer Points:



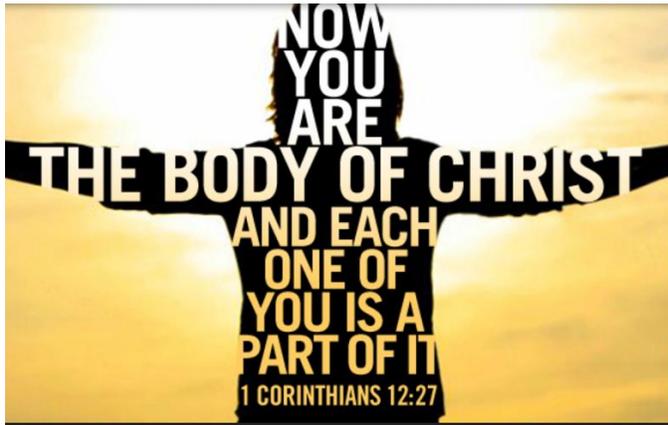
(Sunday) Pray that one day **Tabuk** will become a hub for a “**Gospel route**” throughout Saudi Arabia.



(Monday) Pray that God will meet the physical needs of **Jizan’s** people and give them a **spiritual hunger** to know God through Jesus Christ.

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(Tuesday) Pray that God will grow and multiply **His church** throughout all regions of KSA, to the 2nd and 3rd generations and beyond.



(Tuesday) “And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.” Luke 8:7ESV.

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Muslims believe God began revealing the Qur'an to Mohammed one night during the last ten days of Ramadan. This night is called the "Night of Power." They believe each year on this night, God will forgive sin, answer prayer, write people's destinies for the coming year, and send angels down to earth. Some Muslims spend all night praying in the mosque, hoping for an extraordinary spiritual experience. We pray that God will reveal the Truth of Jesus to these seekers, turning them from the darkness of Islam to the light of Christ.



(Wednesday) Pray that Saudis praying on the Night of Power will experience **God's power** in a way they didn't expect—through a revelation of the Truth of Jesus Christ.

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(Wednesday) Pray that they realize the **power** of Jesus to forgive, the **power** of the Cross to overcome sin and death, and the **power** of the Holy Spirit to transform their hearts and lives through Christ.



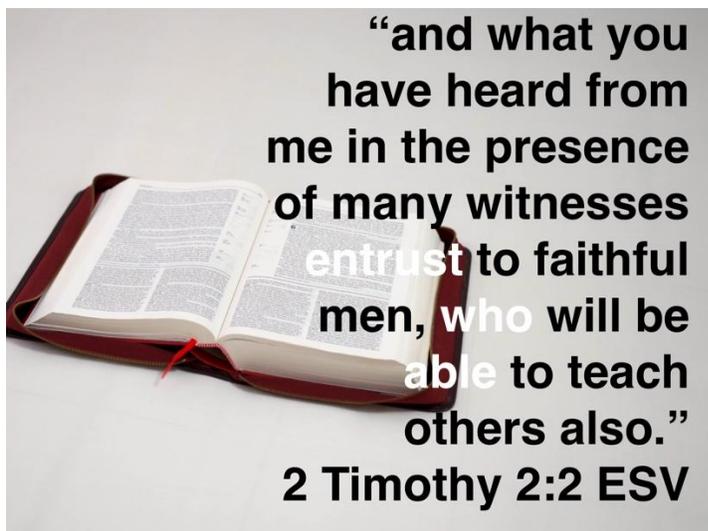
(Wednesday) Hear from a Muslim-Background Believer.
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(Thursday) Pray that the Lord will build trust and **unity between Saudi believers**. Ask that He will deliver them from every attempt of the Enemy to divide them.



(Friday) Pray that God raises up strong Biblical teachers and leaders within the church **who will train others to lead**.

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(Saturday) Pray that Saudi believers will stand firm together through persecution. Ask that persecution will not snuff out the church but cause it to grow.



(Saturday) Hear from a Muslim-Background Believer.

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Ramadan Week 5

“Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude...crying out, ‘Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready...’” --Revelation 19:6-7 ESV



Viewpoint:

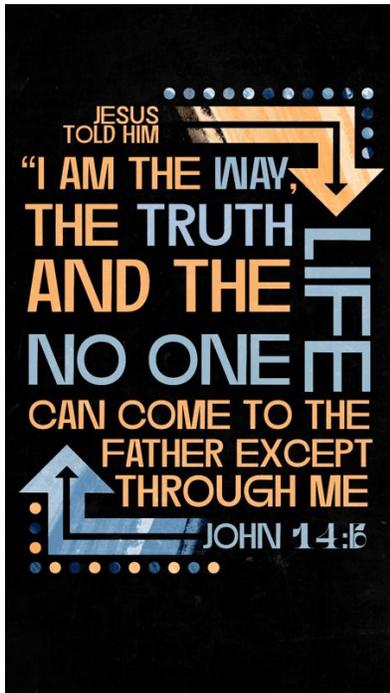
Eid al Fitr marks the end of the month of fasting. Saudis celebrate the holiday with a special Eid prayer at the mosque, family feasts, and visits to relatives and friends. People of all ages wear new clothes, and children collect gifts of candy and money. It's a time of celebration, community, generosity, and hospitality.

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Prayer Points:



(Monday) While Saudis celebrate do they feel satisfied; is there still an emptiness they can't seem to fill? **Pray** that they will encounter **followers of Jesus** who will tell them that Jesus is the **only way to fill the emptiness.**

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(Tuesday) Pray that streams of Living Water will spring up in the desert, making **Riyadh** and its people a “**garden**” of abundant life in Jesus.

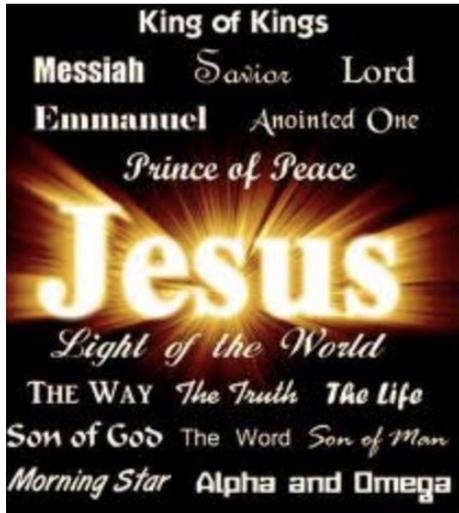


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(Wednesday) Pray that millions of **Saudis** will experience true joy, peace, and relief from sin's burden, which can only come through knowing **Jesus as Savior and Lord**.



(Thursday) Pray that they'll recognize the **Father's generosity in giving Jesus**, receive the gift of eternal life through Jesus, experience the filling of the Holy Spirit, & one day share in the wedding feast of the Lamb with all of Christ's followers.

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(Friday) Did they draw closer to God? Pray that as the end of the month of Ramadan draws near, God will draw many Saudis to Himself.

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(Saturday) Hear from a Muslim-Background Believer
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