

Ramadan 2024 Week 1



“How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

--Romans 10:14-15

During Ramadan, how will Saudi people hear the Gospel, which will lead them to life in Jesus?

According to statistics from 2017, Saudi Arabia has a population of 32,552,336 (about twice the population of New York), of which 20,408,362 are Saudi Citizens.

* A specific Saudi identity is a recent idea; most people identify themselves through their tribe or region. They may identify themselves more as Saudis when they go overseas than while they are in the country. However, Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman is keen to push nationalism; three new holidays have been instituted in the kingdom over recent years to celebrate Saudi identity: National Day, Founders Day, and Flag Day. Many young millennials are happy to identify themselves as Saudi but want to keep their tribal identity. Muslim identity is meaningful to Saudis, as their country is considered the birthplace of Islam.

This week, please pray that believers in Saudi Arabia will have more opportunities to interact with Saudis throughout the country so that all will have a chance to hear and believe. We will focus on the five main regions in Saudi Arabia: Central, East, West, North, and South. **

*Official Statistics from National Census, <https://www.stats.gov.sa/ar>**<http://www.arabianhekayat.com>



Daily Prayer Points

Day 1:

Please pray that during Ramadan, all Saudi Arabs will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and that many of them will have their hearts and minds opened to the Truth.

Day 2: Central Region (Also called Najd)

This region's major cities are Buraydah and Riyadh. Please ask that all the tribes in this region have an opportunity to hear and accept the Truth. Pray that Father will move in their hearts and that they desire to know who Jesus Christ is.

Day 3: Eastern Region

This region includes cities and areas like the Empty Quarter, Al Hassa, Dammam, Dhahran, Al Khobar, and Hafr Al Batin. Please ask that all the tribes in this region will have the opportunity to know God through Jesus Christ. Ask that Saudis in this region will question what they believe and wonder why they don't feel satisfied when Ramadan is over.

Day 4: Northern Region

This region includes cities and areas such as Hail, Tabuk, Arar, and the Northern Border. Please pray for all the tribes in the Northern region. Ask that God calls them by name and open their hearts and minds to who Jesus is. Pray that they will seek and find Him through Jesus Christ.

Day 5: Western Region

This region includes cities like Taif, Jeddah, Mecca, and Medina, two of the most prominent cities in Islam. Pray that as Saudis in this region seek to earn their salvation through Islam, they will instead find a loving God who sent his one and only Son for them. Ask that instead of seeking redemption, they will seek others to share Jesus with. Also, ask that Mecca and Medina will no longer be cities for Islam but will become cities for Jesus Christ.

Day 6: Southern Region

This region includes cities and areas like Al Baha, Asir, Jizan, and Najran. Many of the tribes in this region are remote and cut off from the rest of the country; please ask that God sends the Gospel to all these tribes. Pray that when Saudis hear the Gospel in this region, they accept it.

Day 7:

Please pray that throughout the rest of Ramadan, all Saudis will have visions and dreams of Jesus and will want to seek God.

How can they call on the one they have not *believed* in?
How can they believe in the one of whom they have not *heard*?
How can they hear without someone *preaching* to them?

ROMANS 10:14

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And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

Ramadan 2024 Week 2



“And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground...and immediately they sprang up...but when the sun came up they were scorched...Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them...Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.” --Matthew 13:4-8 ESV

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



Daily Prayer Points

Day 1:

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

Day 2:

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

Day 3:

Pray that believers have the wisdom to know the best way to start Gospel conversations with Saudis. Ask that they will have the boldness to initiate conversations and that they'll ask deep questions that lead to heart-to-heart sharing.

Day 4:

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

Day 5:

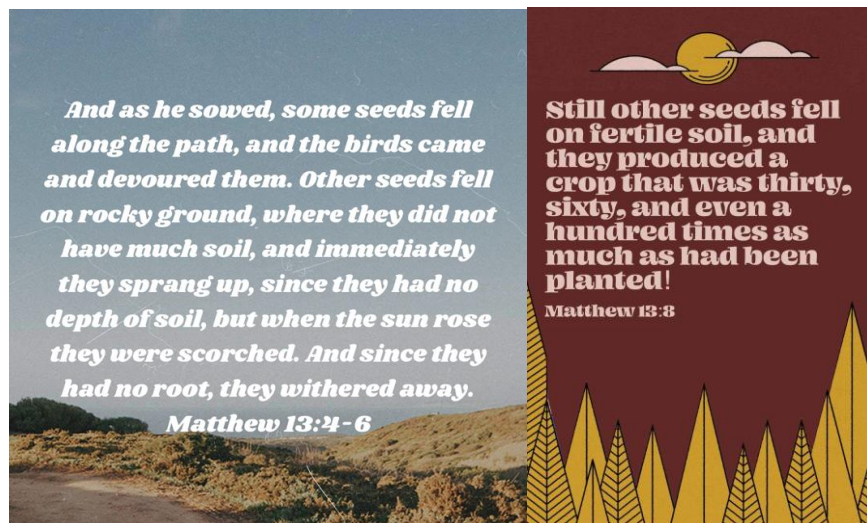
Pray that those who hear will be receptive to the Gospel and that the Holy Spirit will convict them of its truth.

Day 6:

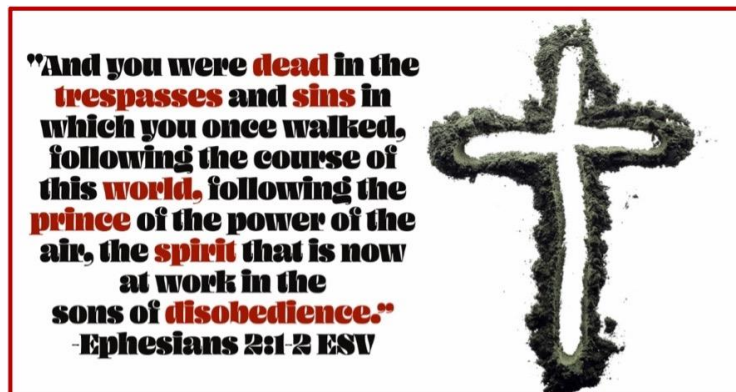
Ask that believers will have many opportunities to share Truth with Saudis and that Saudis, in turn, will begin to share with those around them so that churches will begin to form.

Day 7:

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



Ramadan 2024 Week 3



“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—” Ephesians 2:1-2 ESV

Islam teaches that Jesus didn't die on the cross; instead, God raised him directly to Paradise. Most Muslims believe that God caused Judas to look like Jesus and put him on the cross in Jesus' place. When asked why God would do this, Muslims often answer that God wouldn't allow His prophet to suffer a humiliating death and that rescuing Jesus from the cross showed God's power. “We are responsible for our sin. No one can pay for the sin of another.” Muslims believe that not only is Jesus' sacrifice for sins unnecessary, but it is also impossible. Many Muslims learn that the Bible predicts the coming of Mohammad as God's final prophet. They point to Moses' words – “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you” (Deut. 18:15) – and Jesus' words – “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper, to be with you forever” (John 14:16) – as prophecies about Mohammad. Islam teaches that when God spoke to the prophets, he sometimes gave new revelations that canceled out or replaced previous messages. Muslims point to this idea of “abrogation” to explain contradictions between different sections of the Qur'an. Some Muslims also use this concept to clarify the contrasting practices of Jews, Christians, and Muslims and to explain why they believe the Bible is no longer relevant while the Qur'an is “all they need.” “You have your religion, and we have ours. You were born Christian, and we were born Muslim. We can't change. In the Western worldview,

it's normal to see following Jesus as a personal choice. For Saudis, big decisions tend to be group-based. In an honor-based society, decisions can impact the whole family; for this reason, Saudis often consult with family members and decide together. The most prominent family members usually have the final say. This cultural norm can be a considerable barrier for Saudis considering the Gospel. Fear of persecution is also a sizable barrier to Saudis turning to Jesus. Saudi seekers know that turning away from Islam and following the Way of Jesus could result in the loss of their jobs, their families, their homes, and even their lives. For some Saudis, even having a Bible or mentioning the Gospel could bring down the wrath of their family members on them.





Daily Prayer Points

Day 1:

Pray that the Holy Spirit will break down this barrier in Saudis' hearts and minds. Ask that Saudis will hear why the cross was part of God's sovereign plan and how Jesus' death and resurrection reveal God's power over sin and death. Pray that they will believe the Gospel and find new life in Jesus.

Day 2:

Pray that Saudis will realize that they can never pay for their sins and that while no mere man could pay for the sins of humans, Jesus, as perfect God and perfect man, is our perfect sacrifice.

Day 3:

Pray that Saudi people will hear and understand that these prophecies point to Jesus and the Holy Spirit, not Mohammad. Ask that they will receive the Gospel and accept it.

Day 4:

Pray that as Saudis read the Qur'an this month, God will reveal that He doesn't change His mind and that His Word stands forever. Ask that they read the Bible and discover that it all points to Jesus Christ.

Day 5:

Pray that even as Saudis celebrate the traditions of Islam during Ramadan, God will reveal to them that true faith requires a decision from the heart. Pray that many Saudis will hear the Gospel, understand that salvation through Jesus is available to all, and follow Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Day 6:

Pray that God will give Saudi seekers the conviction and courage they need to make a personal decision to follow Jesus. Also, pray that the Holy Spirit will overcome this barrier by leading Saudi families to faith in Christ together.

Day 7:

Pray that God will reveal so clearly to Saudi seekers that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life that they will be willing to forsake all and follow Him. Ask that He will show them that He is worth it all. Also, pray that the Holy Spirit will move in Saudi society to allow seekers more freedom to consider and receive the Gospel.

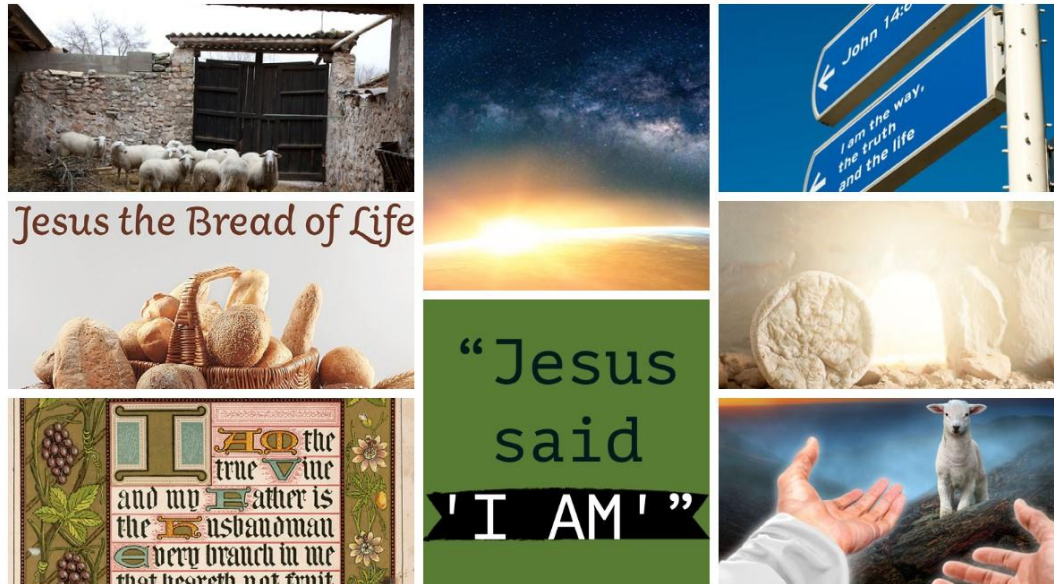
**"For God, who said,
'Let light shine out of
darkness,' has shone
in our hearts to give
the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in
the face of Jesus
Christ."
-2 Corinthians 4:6
ESV**



**"Behold, now
is the favorable
time; behold,
now is the day
of salvation."
-2 Corinthians
6:2 ESV**



Ramadan 2024 Week 4



“Jesus said to them, “**I am the bread of life**; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” - John 6:35 ESV

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.

When Jesus said, “**I AM the Bread of Life,**” He was saying that as God, He 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 only found through Jesus.

In Saudi culture, Ramadan food seems almost as important as 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.

Along with fasting, charity is a significant 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

spiritual poverty. They don't know that they are walking in spiritual futility, dead in their sins and far from God.

“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, but He is also God Himself.

“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. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” —John 6:49-51 When Jesus spoke these words, many of his hearers could not 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.

“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.” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” —John 6:27, 29 This week is the last week of Ramadan. During this week, Muslims will try to earn even more favor with God. Their attitudes towards others will not reflect their desire to gain favor with humanity. They may encounter followers of Jesus, as they do; hopefully they will see that what God really desires are their hearts not their works.





Daily Prayer Points

Day 1:

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

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

Day 2:

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

Day 3:

Pray that believers will share and live out the Gospel with Saudis in 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.

Day 4:

Pray that as Saudis fast and give to the poor, God will open their eyes to their 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**.

Day 5:

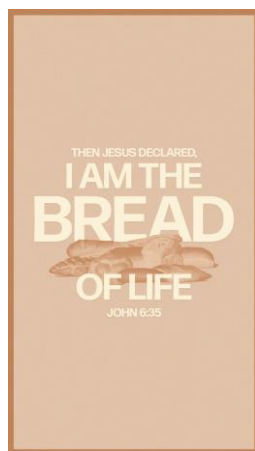
Pray that even as Saudis celebrate Islam and the Qur'an through Ramadan, God will fill them with a desire to know more about Jesus. Ask that they read the Bible and believe that Jesus is the **Bread of Life**, the divine Son who came down from heaven and offers eternal life.

Day 6:

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**.

Day 7:

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."



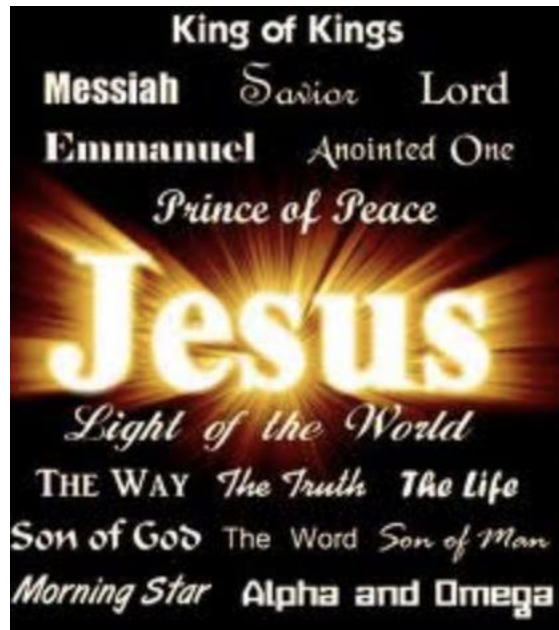
Ramadan 2024 Week 5 Eid Al-Fitr



“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

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 is a time of celebration, community, generosity, and hospitality. Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan with a 3-day holiday, Eid al Fitr. Families gather to feast together, and it's common for children to receive gifts.

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” (2 Cor. 4:4). God calls believers to proclaim the Gospel, but only the Holy Spirit can work in hearts and minds to lead people to faith. The Enemy has used Islam to blind millions of Saudi people to the light of Jesus. Even after hearing the Gospel, many don't recognize it as God's Truth.



Daily Prayer Points

Day 1:

While Saudis celebrate, do they feel satisfied; is there still an emptiness they cannot 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**.

Day 2:

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

Day 3:

Pray that millions of **Saudis** will experience true joy, peace, and relief from sins burden, which can only come through knowing **Jesus as Savior and Lord**.

Day 4:

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.

Day 5:

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.**

Day 6:

Pray that God will break the power of Islam over the Saudi people. Ask that the Holy Spirit will work miraculously in hearts and minds, enabling millions of Saudis to walk from darkness into the light of Christ.

Day 7:

Pray that the celebration will feel empty for those who have worked hard to earn God's favor but haven't found what they were seeking from Him. Ask that they become aware of their emptiness; then they can invite God to fill it. Ask that millions of Saudi people recognize the Father's generosity in giving Jesus, receive the gift of eternal life through Christ, experience the filling of the Holy Spirit, and one day share in the wedding feast of the Lamb with all of Christ's followers.



Thank you for praying. Feel free to share this with whomever you think would like to pray too.