

Email

Dear Friend,

This week we will be praying for the Middle East Region and specifically into the theme of renewal across the Middle East Region. During the first few centuries following Jesus' life, death, and resurrection the Middle East was a hotbed of Christian thought and faith, and was the dominant faith across the region by the 7th Century. However the explosion of Islam out of the Arabian peninsula in the 7th Century swept much of this away, and by the early 20th century only around 13% of Middle Easterners were Christians. Today following years of conflict and population change only around 5% remain. Please join us as we pray for the 95% majority in the region. That they would meet Jesus and that His name would be worshiped once again across these ancient lands.

We would also like to invite you to join us for Pray Now Live on Monday 29th April 8-9.30pm. We are back on zoom and we will have workers from the Middle East and Central Asia joining us to share stories of what God is doing in their midst as they seek to reach communities of Muslims with the gospel. We will also hear from one of the teams we previously prayed for. They were coaching a small group of believers which has now grown to over a thousand people.

Click the link below to book: <https://geni.us/praynowlive>

May God bless you as you pray and intercede this week.

For His glory in the nations,

Charlotte and Richard

Prayer Mobilisation Team

Monday 29th April

Home

Across the Middle East small communities that follow Jesus have been springing up. In cities, towns, refugee camps, everywhere.

All of the people who are part of these communities have an idea of what the word home means. For some, they can gather in the homes that they have occupied for generations and share fellowship together. For others, 'home' means a place left behind due to war or famine, rather than the current temporary shelter under which they are trying to survive. And yet in the Kingdom of God both the generational home and the temporary tent can fulfil the idea of home.

For all Middle Easterners the idea of home is central to who they are. Pray that as people across the Middle East begin to follow Jesus they would build homes that are welcoming, authentic, and honouring, which are full of faith, creativity, joy, rest, justice and mercy.

Prayer

- Pray that communities of believers across the ME will continue to grow and build home together.
- Pray for new followers of Jesus, that they would feel a welcome from other Jesus followers that is authentic and honouring.
- Pray that the new Church of ME would be one marked out by faith, creativity, joy, rest, justice and mercy.

For more information see

<https://www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php>

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Tuesday 30th April

Encounter

Spend some time sitting with Jesus – listen to [Fairest by Upperroom](#).

God loves to meet with His people! We are invited to encounter Him and to allow our worship of Him to overflow so that he might be known throughout the earth as the God who saves.

As we pray for the Middle East, ask that Middle Eastern followers of Jesus (both Christian- and Muslim-background) will grow deeper in their relationships with Jesus. Pray that as these communities gather together that they would increasingly reveal who He is.

Prayer

- Pray that believers in the Middle East will have a hunger to press in for a more tangible sense of God's presence as individuals and as a community together.
- Pray that there will be an increase of God pouring out his blessing through physical and emotional healings throughout the Middle East.
- Pray for those who lead communities of Jesus followers across the Middle East, whether officially sanctioned Bishops or a family head leading his children and grandchildren in the Jesus presence.

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Wednesday 1st May

Growth

And then Jesus told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone” – Mark 16:15.

The message of the Gospel really is amazing: Jesus changes everything, and He really is enough. It’s a message that our broken, hurting world desperately needs to hear.

As I write the world waits to see what Israel’s response to Iran’s drone and rocket attacks will be. This context of tension, war and violence needs the Good News of Jesus more than ever.

Pray that in the midst of war and rumours of war there will be a growth of opportunities for Christ followers to share about the wonder of Jesus, and for a growth in the numbers of people seeking to encounter Jesus for themselves.

Prayer

- Pray that followers of Jesus across the ME will have opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with those that they live and work with in their everyday life.
- Pray that followers of Jesus across the ME will have opportunities and boldness to speak in more depth to those that they have spoken to before about Jesus, and that hearts would be changed through those conversations.
- Pray that God will bring peace and reconciliation between the peoples of the Middle East. Pray for those seeking peace between Israelis, Gazans and Muslims across the Middle East.

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Thursday 2nd May

Suffering

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armour and protection.
Psalm 91:1-4

Jesus doesn't promise believers a life free from suffering, but he does promise that he will be with us whatever we are living with and living through. In the ME suffering as a believer is a daily possibility.

Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and Oman are all in the top 50 countries of the Open Doors UK World Watch list, which details the countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution.

As a worldwide community of believers, we are invited into the privilege of standing with other believers (regardless of where they live) in times of suffering through prayer, companionship and practical support.

Prayer

- Pray for those in the ME who suffer persecution and discrimination because they follow Jesus. Pray that God would help them to thrive in spite of the opposition.
- Pray that believers in the ME would know fellowship with other believers, and that as iron sharpening iron they would grow in maturity in Jesus together.
- Pray that believers in the ME would find ways to practically support one another, sharing God's love in a way



that
is attractive and radically different
to the communities around them.

For more information see

<https://www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php>

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/>

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Friday 3rd May

Ask and Receive

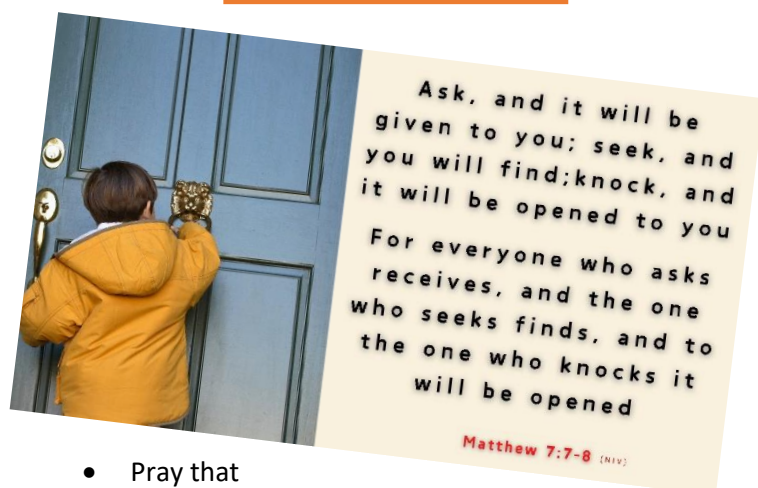
“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”
Matthew 7:7-8

As workers in the ME and around the world we have all got stories of God’s provision for us. We have stories of his financial provision. We have stories of practical provision. We have stories of supernatural provision, whether that is of dreams and visions, healings, words of knowledge, or simply supernatural connections with people of peace. Our heavenly Father loves to give good gifts, but he calls us to ask for them.

Frontiers is part of the Vision 5:9 network and has signed up to their 10/10 call to pray and fast for 10 years for 10% of the Muslim world to come to faith in Jesus. This initiative started in 2018 and now has another 3.5 years left to run. We are therefore asking our Heavenly Father, who loves to give good gifts for 10% of the people of Saudi Arabia to meet Jesus, and for 10% of Yemenis, and 10% of Syrians, and 10% of Iraqis, and 10% of Jordanians, and 10% of Omanis.

Prayer

- Join with many others around the world in asking our Heavenly Father for a harvest of 10% of people in the ME region to meet Jesus by 2028.
- April’s 10/10 prayer priority was to pray for Muslims to encounter Jesus through dreams and visions. Pray that many Muslims across the ME will encounter Jesus, the ‘Man in White’, in the dreams and in visions in the coming days.



- Pray that believers in the nations of the ME will be ready to welcome and disciple the many new followers of Jesus as they meet Him and are transformed by him.

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Saturday 4th May

Aleppo - A New Hope

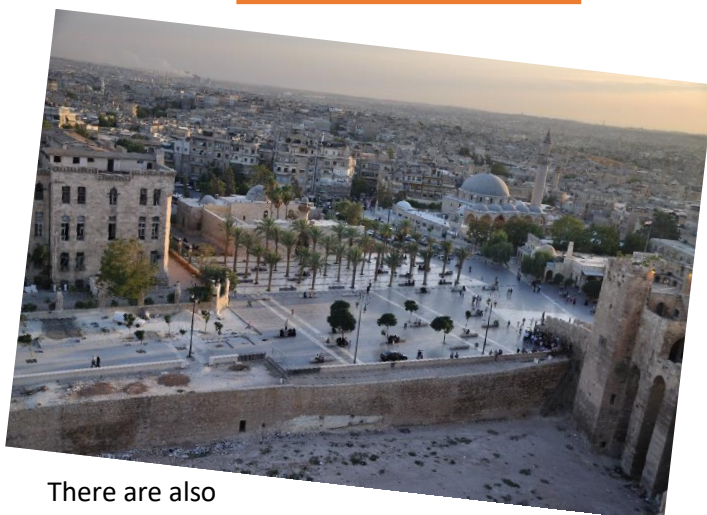
In 2011 sitting in a university lecture room in the country in which I had just moved to, some Circassian-Syrian students told me about their hometown, Aleppo. They showed me photos of a beautiful city with a park and river running through it. At the end of the university semester most of them returned to Syria for their summer vacation. Then, in August, protests grew and Syria began to slide into civil war. I do not know if the students who were so proud of their hometown ever returned to complete their studies after the summer, but their obvious love for Aleppo remains with me to this day.

Since 2011 Aleppo has endured disasters, man-made and natural and most residents have had multiple traumatic experiences due to the war years and the earthquake.

The war reduced parts of the city, with some of its oldest and most iconic neighbourhoods and buildings to rubble, killed an estimated 13,500 people and injured a further 23,000. Whilst Wikipedia tells us that the city is now decisively held by Syrian government forces, colleagues in the ME say that parts of the city remain in Kurdish control.

During the 2023 Syrian-Turkish earthquake Aleppo was badly affected, again figures from Wikipedia say that dozens of buildings collapsed, about 20,000 homes were affected, leaving 70,000 homeless, at least 444 people dead, including 163 children.

There are various Christian churches represented within Aleppo. The ancient Syriac and Armenian churches are present as are some from evangelical traditions, but there is not much unity. There is still much work to be done amongst Syrian believers to envision them for the work of the gospel amongst their many unreached Muslim neighbours.



There are also Kurdish believers. Pray that they too will grow in depth and breadth, and that they will have a heart to reach out to their own Kurdish communities.

Prayer

- Pray for a new sense of unity amongst the various believers in Aleppo. A unity of purpose to serve their city, and a unity of purpose to reach their city with the Good News of Jesus.
- Pray that Jesus followers will reach out in love and kindness to their neighbours, family, and friends
- Pray that there will be a time of new hope for the people of Aleppo, that a growing movement of Jesus followers within the city and region would result in a restoration of this ancient city, and new life for those living there.

For more information see

<https://www.frontiers.org.uk/latest/pray-now.php>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aleppo>