

Monday 22nd November



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Today we are beginning our week dedicated to praying for Muslim Background Believers. This is a broad term which refers to those who are now following Christ but were brought up in Islam.

We know that Jesus “came to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10). This includes our Muslim brothers and sisters who may not have ever even heard the Good News.

There is so much to be encouraged by; over the last 15 years, more Muslims have come to know Jesus as their Lord and saviour than in the last 1400 years put together. Praise God!

However, there are still so many places where Jesus is not known. Over 1.8 billion Muslims are living without knowing connection with their heavenly Father through Jesus. Many of these people fall within the Joshua Project’s category of Unreached People Groups with estimated Christian adherents less than or equal to 0.1% and without clear evidence of a sufficient gospel movement adequate to impact the whole group. (See: <https://joshuaproject.net/frontier>)

Jesus said, “My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way? Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14: 2-6)

- Let us come to the Lord with thanksgiving and praise for the work he has done to bring salvation to many Muslim Background Believers. We know that He can do “immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20) and we ask for this over the Muslim world as followers of Jesus share with their Muslim friends, family, and neighbours.
- We thank our Father in heaven that he has gone to prepare a place for our Muslim brothers and sisters. We pray that they might know the saving grace of Jesus that allows us to come to the Father with confidence.
- We pray that the Good News of Jesus would reach every corner of the earth, and that He might guide us as we seek to do our part in the great commission.

Source of some material: <https://www.prayercast.com/love-muslims-landing.html#sign-up>

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ABDOULAYE

God is drawing more Muslims to Jesus Christ
than any other time in history

Let's watch this testimony from Abdoulaye in Mali:

<https://www.prayercast.com/abdoulaye.html>

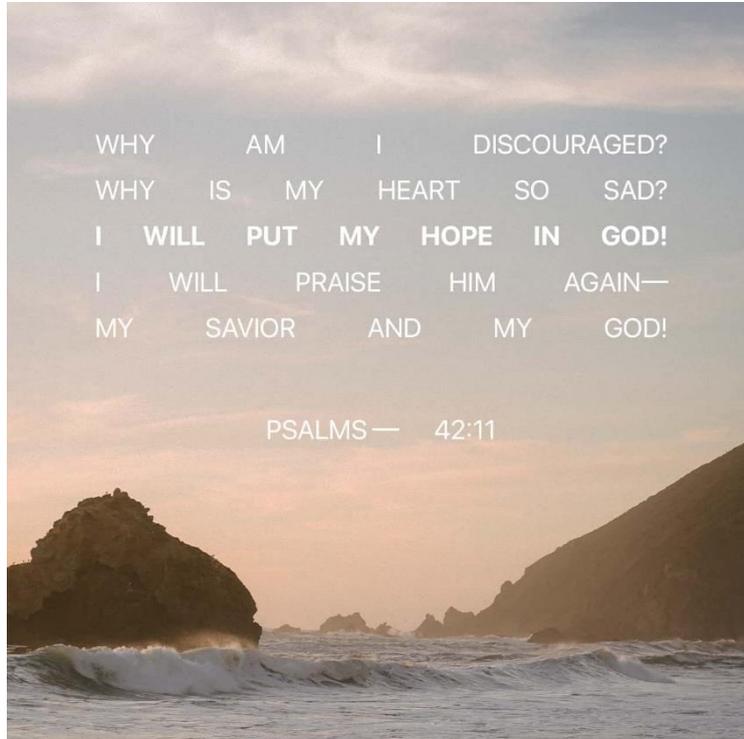
Jesus warned his disciples that he would be soon leaving them but assured them with the promise

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you" (John 14:18).

What a joy it is to hear that orphans like Abdoulaye can find their home in Jesus, who has made a way for us to "receive adoption to sonship" (Galatians 4:5). Not only does Jesus provide families for the fatherless, but He also gives us the most intimate relationship with our heavenly father, "Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out "Abba, Father". So you are no longer a slave, but God's child" (Galatians 4:6).

- Let's thank God for Abdoulaye and pray that his testimony may continue to encourage and show others the light of Jesus.
- Let's pray for more believers to join Abdoulaye and others who come to Jesus and experience the hardship of lacking Christ-centred community in their people group. Let's pray for the church to rise up in places like Mali.
- We thank God for the assurance of his salvation in Jesus and we pray that more Muslims would hear the Good News and know the amazing grace of God through Jesus.

Wednesday 24th November



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Let us spend some time today reflecting on the huge sacrifice many Muslim Background Believers have to make in order to pursue following Jesus while listening to this song shared by MBB Global to encourage Muslim Background Believers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4htobxQzIU&t=100s>

In Afghanistan, it is illegal to follow any faith other than Islam and many followers of Christ have to live in hiding. Believers are widely viewed as insane for their conversion.

In Somalia, where an estimated 99% of the population is Muslim, Muslim Background Believers are seen as easy targets for attack, and many are instantly killed upon discovery.

In Libya, followers of Christ face exclusion from their wider community and even their closest family members for declaring faith in Jesus. Some of the most severe violence against Christians occurs in Libya.

- Let's pray for Muslim Background Believers who feel alone, discouraged, downcast, and isolated. Would our Lord meet with them like He met with the psalmist in the depth of his despair: "Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God." (Psalm 42:5)
- Let's pray for God to build his church with Muslim Background Believers, that community would rise up and thrive in spite of persecution.

- Let's pray for large-scale change in countries such as the ones mentioned above, where those in charge are hostile to Christ. We ask for stories like the conversion of Paul where those who are persecuting followers of Jesus would have transformative encounters with Him.

Source of background information: <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories/11-christians-killed-every-day-for-their-decision-to-follow-jesus/>

Thursday 25th November

"AIGUL'S" STORY

"Here I am. I stand at the door and knock." Rev. 3:20



Let's hear this testimony from Aigul in Central Asia who came to know Jesus:

<https://www.prayercast.com/aigul.html>

We are so thankful for the Lord bringing households to know him by the saving grace of Jesus. Aigul speaks of feeling disillusioned with Islam when her leaders did not practise what they preached. Even though none of our Christian leaders are perfect, we have the ultimate example in Jesus, and we can be so thankful that "We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:14-16).

So many Muslims fear eternal punishment for not being good enough for God, but in Christ we can know that because Jesus was the perfect and eternal answer for our sin, the Father will never withhold His love from us.

- We thank God that through the reading of his Word, Muslims are coming to know Jesus, "For the word of God is alive and active" (Hebrews 4:12). We pray for more in Central Asia to be able to read the New Testament in their heart language.
- We thank God for knocking on the door of Aigul's heart, and we pray that through her story many more might come to believe.
- We ask for God to open the hearts of more people of peace within families across Central Asia, that he might bring whole households and communities to know Him.

Friday 26th November



Today we are sharing a few testimonies from Muslim Background Believers in Saudi Arabia from [MBB Global](#).

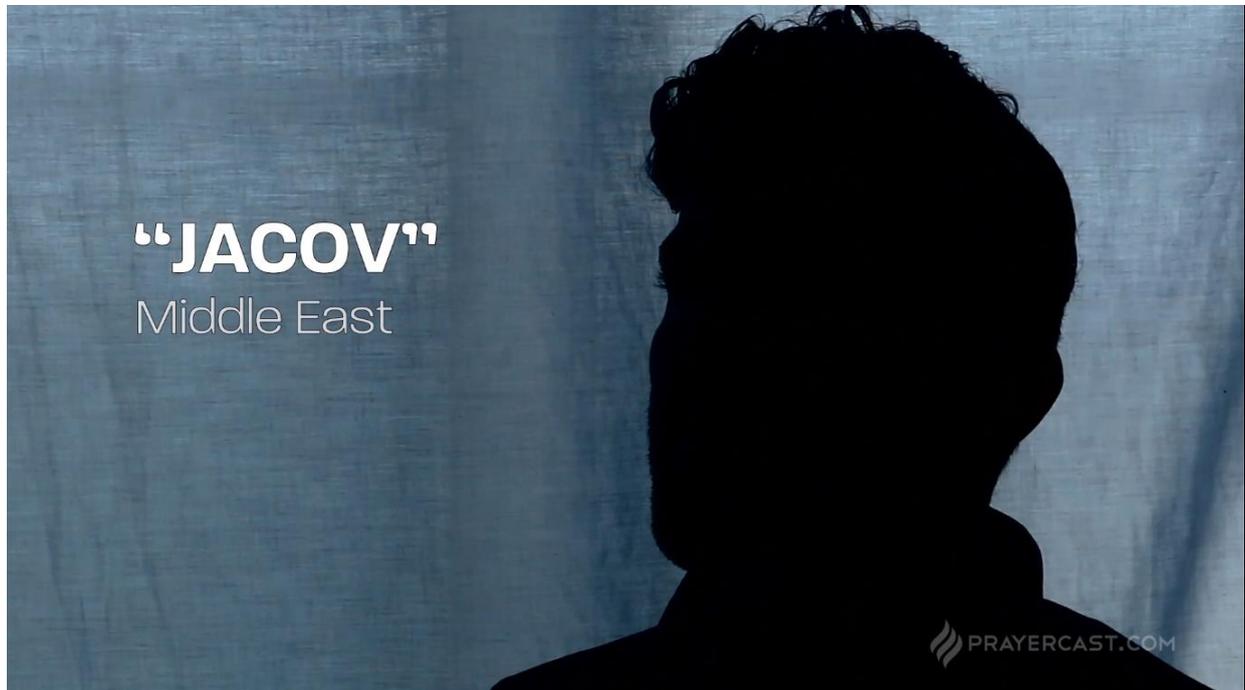
I am from Saudi Arabia and I don't dare to share about my faith. I was blind, but because of you, now I see!

We really need to pray consistently for Muslims, especially during Ramadan! I remember how hard it was for me as a new convert, especially because I was an Imam having to continue leading people in prayers every day and preaching at the mosque each Friday... You cannot imagine how difficult the last 10 days of Ramadan were when we had to stay at the mosque night and day [...] Please pray for our MBB brothers and sisters, for the Lord to protect them and give them peace. Also let's not forget to pray for all Muslims, to know the truth and see the light!

I'm an MBB and came to the Lord through a Christian TV program. Please pray for me, [...] so that I can be free to practise my faith and worship God without fear of persecution.

- We pray for those on the field in Saudi Arabia, that their presence would powerfully transform the spiritual atmosphere and spread the aroma of Christ across this land.
- We pray for Christian media reaching the places where there are no believers. We pray that God would use the digital world to bring the Good News to those who do not know Him.
- We pray for wisdom and discernment for MBBs in Saudi Arabia to know when and how to share with their Muslim friends, family, and neighbours

Saturday 27th November



Today we're hearing one final testimony, this time from a MBB in the Middle East whose life was turned around by Jesus, from argumentative activist to a witness of God's joy:

<https://www.prayercast.com/jacov.html>

How amazing it is to hear Jacov talking of starting a new part of his life with Jesus, and with his love. We are reminded in Jacov's story how radically God can create new life in us when we allow him into our hearts.

As Paul tells us: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

- We thank God for people like Jacov who can testify to God's amazing power to change the hearts of those who are steadfastly against Jesus.
- May our faith be increased to know that God can make new creations for His good and His glory out of those who seem far off from knowing Him.
- We pray for the act of reading God's word to spread across this region of the Middle East to bring MBBs the same joy of the Lord that Jacov experienced.