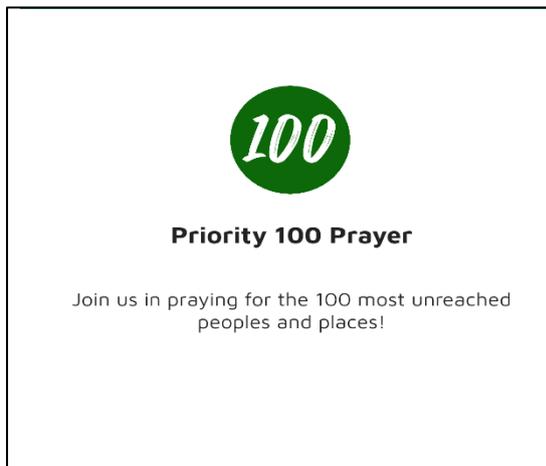


**Monday 8th February**

**Frontiers' 100 Priority Peoples and Places**



For the past two years, Frontiers has produced a list within the organisation of 100 Priority Peoples and Places with least access to the gospel. This gives a central focus for Frontiers pioneering efforts, helping to recruit and send teams to one of the peoples or places listed. Once a team has been sent, that people and place is replaced with a new one with the least access to the gospel.

A new prayer app has been created that focusses entirely on our Priority 100 list. It is available for download now to a smartphone. It can be found by searching for Priority 100 in the App store or on Google play store.

iOS - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/priority-100-prayer/id1506574492>

Android - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.prayerforusapp.ppp100>

Every day information is sent about a people or place from our Priority 100 list, together with a prayer point. We know that these peoples and places will be eternally impacted through prayer. We want to see the spiritual atmosphere changed, more workers sent, and movements to Jesus among all of these peoples and places.

Will you join with us to see a breakthrough?

Please feel free to share information about the app and encourage your friends, groups and churches to download and use it to pray.

- Pray for the app for our Priority 100 list to spread far and wide, raising up fervent prayer that will see a breakthrough among the least reached in the Muslim world.
- Pray this app will be a tool to mobilise more workers for the harvest, to go to those who have never yet met a follower of Jesus.
- Pray for movements to Jesus among all the priority peoples and places.
- Pray for the smooth running of the 24/7 prayer event that begins this evening, that many will be prompted and able to join the Zoom prayer sessions.

**Tuesday 9th February**

**Moroccan Arabs**

The Moroccan Arabs are on Frontiers' Priority 100 list. Morocco is more than 99% Sunni Muslim.

The ancestors of the Moroccan Arabs originated in the Arabian Desert. From there, they gradually migrated into northern Africa. Moroccan Arabs live mainly in the north and west portions of Morocco, preferring to live in the more fertile regions near the Mediterranean Sea. Over the centuries, the Arabs have become somewhat intermingled with the Berbers, the original inhabitants, and this has influenced their way of life. Nevertheless, the two groups have remained distinct.

Life can be hard for them. Although Morocco has made economic progress in recent years, unemployment remains relatively high, especially among young people. Morocco's economy is impacted by problems with drought and severe land degradation, caused by extensive farming and overgrazing. The coronavirus pandemic has hit this country too; affecting livelihoods, as we will read tomorrow and on Thursday, and impacting the tourism industry which is one of the main sectors of the economy.

For Muslim background believers (MBBs) there are further challenges. Whilst a small number of people are more daring in demonstrating their faith in Jesus (and so hoping to make a stand for religious freedom), most are fearful of persecution from their families, community members and the authorities. Many don't have the freedom to practise their faith openly and some believers follow Jesus in complete secrecy, fearful of discovery and persecution. The government keeps a close eye on believers and churches. Some believers are occasionally detained and questioned. Morocco is ranked at 27 on this year's Open Doors World Watch List. It is illegal to criticise Islam, and non-Muslims are also forbidden to 'shake the faith' of Muslim citizens or 'convert a Muslim to another religion'. Breaking this law can lead to a fine, imprisonment or dismissal from the country.

You can read more about the persecution of Morocco's MBBs on the Priority 100 app entry for January 16th.

Watch this moving video from PrayerCast about Moroccan Arabs to inspire your prayers;  
<https://prayercast.com/moroccan-arab.html>

- Pray for those who are seeking God but are fearful of being exposed. May they become strong believers who are effective and fruitful in sowing God's word among their family and friends.
- Pray for fellowship and freedom from fear for isolated believers. Ask God to refresh their souls and provide opportunities for fellowship.
- Pray that a strong movement to Jesus will bring whole Moroccan Arab families and communities into a rich experience of God's blessing.
- Pray for the 24/7 prayer event that continues until 8pm tonight and for many young adults to join in prayer to see hundreds of unreached Muslims come into a relationship with Jesus in Morocco, North Africa and across the world.

Sources: <https://www.sat7uk.org/country/morocco/?cn-reloaded=1>  
<https://prayercast.com/moroccan-arab.html>

**Wednesday 10th February**

**Kingdom fruit**

*“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Acts 2:21*

The following story is from a couple, Danny and Jenny, who work with Frontiers in Morocco and who regularly pray for encounters with people of peace. These are unsaved people who welcome and are open to the gospel message and either draw in others to listen to the messenger or are willing to pass it on themselves.

Danny and Jenny recently wrote: “One of our main activities here is to meet people and, through conversations, understand if they are interested in the good news. We would like such encounters to be more frequent and although they are occasional, we are grateful for them. We were blessed with such an encounter very recently. A fruit and vegetable shopkeeper has recently settled in our neighbourhood. We already knew him because we used to buy fruit and vegetables from him at the big Sunday market which has had to close because of the coronavirus pandemic. Shopkeepers lost their source of income so set up corner shops in different parts of our town. Danny gradually built up trust with them and one of them asked him if he was a Muslim. Danny replied, “I haven’t found a better example than Jesus so that’s why I follow Him!”

People often listen to find out what is different about our religion and in an oral society such as this, the message is repeated to others around them.

Danny recently bought a piece of pumpkin from the fruit and vegetable man who laughed and asked him if he was going to make couscous. Danny said that he was going to use it to make a cake and that he would give him some to taste. The shopkeeper next door joined them for a chat and explained his understanding of Christianity as he had a friend who was a believer. This friend lived in their town and so Danny asked for his phone number. This friend is a secret believer and there have been a few conversations between him and Danny and they hope to meet up soon. The shopkeeper could have chosen not to talk about his friend, but was open to the connection being made.

We were also contacted by an organisation that told us that a seeker in our town would like to make contact with a worker, so that is another exciting piece of news.

We continue to keep in touch with Muslims who have heard the gospel message with interest, but have not yet made the step of commitment. The father of one family we have been praying for said he loved Jesus – a very significant declaration in this country. Sadly, there are others we have known for a while who are resistant to the good news, as they are convinced that the Quran is truth and the Bible is corrupted.

We would value prayer for these first encounters as well as for other workers trying to be in touch with people of interest.”

- Please pray for these first encounters with seekers and new believers to go well and for workers to meet and connect with people of peace.
- Pray for believers known to this couple who struggle with tensions with family members because of their faith, but also with financial pressures and health problems.

- Pray for Danny and Jenny and other field workers to be encouraged even when Kingdom fruit is not evident, trusting that God is working even when they can't see it.
- Let's thank God for people of peace in Morocco who are open to the gospel message and to sharing it with others.

## Thursday 11th February

### Mrs Rania

The following story is also from Danny and Jenny who work with Frontiers in Morocco:

"We run a language project teaching children. We share the teaching space with a lady called Mrs Rania who has taught private classes there for years. She teaches during the day and we teach in the evenings.

The coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact on her work. The school was closed last March, her wages stopped and she fell behind in her rent. She had hoped to reopen the school in late summer, but the authorities wouldn't allow it because of a lack of air circulation in the classroom. Her mother died from the coronavirus and she was feeling very low. We went to visit her and as we entered the corridor of her small house, we saw her sitting alone. She explained the situation she found herself in and the pain she was going through. We listened and tried to comfort her and told her that God knew and understood her pain and suffering. We suggested praying together in accordance with Matthew 18:20: *"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."*

She was clearly touched and called the next day to thank us for praying. We had already decided as we were on the way home from seeing her that we would take some food on our next visit. We returned a few days later, and that very same day, the authorities inspected her classroom and allowed her to reopen it under certain conditions. After telling us this and with her daughter sitting next to her, she said; "please, pray again for me now." Both mother and daughter closed their eyes and lifted their hands.

Now, after our classes she invite us to stay for tea and to eat with her. We continue to sow in her heart through the stories in the Bible. She asked us to give her prayers that she could repeat herself, believing that on certain days the prayers are more effective. We explained that she can pray at any time, but the most important thing is to open her heart to God who hears our prayers. We have found it is often necessary to repeat and explain these things, because of the misunderstandings from Islam."

- Please pray for this lady to discover for herself that God answers prayers and longs to bless her. Let's pray that she discovers her true identity as a daughter of the King of Kings.
- Pray for Mrs Rania, her husband, daughter and wider family to grasp the truth of the gospel message and the hope and freedom it brings and to share it with others.
- Pray for wisdom, protection and favour for our workers as they reach out to this lady, the children and families in their teaching classes and their local community.

**Friday 12th February**

### **Moroccan believers**

We know from many notable North African Christians, including Perpetua and Felicitas, Tertullian, Augustine and Cyprian, that there was an early church in Morocco that disappeared several hundred years after the Arab Islamic conquests of the late seventh century.



Today in a population of more than 36 million, there are thought to be only 6,000 Moroccan Christians, although it is very difficult to accurately assess their number. There are a number of informal networks of underground house churches. There are also foreign workers in the country with varying levels of involvement with and connection to Moroccan believers.

You may want to watch this 1-minute clip from Moroccan Muslim background believers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUDnEgMgJYk>

The fruit of the gospel in Morocco has grown over the years and continues to do so. Much of the work that is seen today can be linked to ministries that began in the 1980s. At the time, radio broadcasting brought in a lot of interest, particularly from young men, and bibles were distributed to those who wanted to learn more. Several media ministries that have had a lot of response from Morocco over the years speak of dozens of house churches and thousands of believers.

Field workers involved in midwifery were also seeing fruit in sharing the gospel with women during their pregnancies. Families of believers have since stemmed from these roots, with some of the men becoming leaders of local fellowships.

More recently during the coronavirus pandemic, workers have distributed food parcels to help families who are struggling to meet their basic needs. State support is almost non-existent. They have brought practical help, together with a message of hope.

Non-Muslim religious literature is restricted, but the Scriptures, the Jesus Film, and many other resources are available in Moroccan and in Standard Arabic, and there is now a Bible in colloquial Arabic.

There are still very few workers in this country to reach the large Muslim population. Let's pray for this to change.

- In countries like Morocco where ministries of workers are always at risk of being closed down, let's pray for protection and wisdom for each one and for more workers to go to the unreached there.
- Let's pray for God's name to be honoured, His Kingdom to come and His will be done in this country. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work powerfully through those witnessing to the Moroccan people.
- Pray for the indigenous Church, that it will grow and be a blessing to its Muslim neighbours as Christians reach out in many practical ways.

**Saturday 13th February**

### **Youssef's testimony**

You can listen to Youssef's full testimony here: <https://www.prayercast.com/youssef.html> It highlights the difficulties and challenges living as a follower of Christ in a Muslim country.

Youssef's parents were Muslims who became followers of Jesus just before he was born. Living in a Muslim community in Morocco, he faced rejection from his neighbours. They were afraid of him and his family and he was afraid of them and what they thought of him.

Growing up, Youssef was confused about this and began to question his beliefs. If God is love as he believed, how could millions of Muslims be wrong? After all, if your parents were Christian, then you were a Christian. And if your parents were Muslim, then you were Muslim.

He realised that many Muslims did not live by the values they believed in, whereas Christians lived out what they believed. Nevertheless, he was still afraid of his neighbours and when they asked him why he was a Christian, he denied it.

During one Sunday service at his home, the teaching was on Matthew 10:32-33; *"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven."*

Youssef was challenged by these words and prayed; "Lord I want to be yours and You to be mine."

From that day onwards, God began to work in his life and now he is no longer fearful of what others think of him and is growing stronger and bolder in his faith.

- Let's pray for courage and protection for Youssef and other Moroccan believers as they share their faith in difficult and challenging circumstances.
- Pray for millions of Moroccan Muslims to receive salvation in Jesus!
- Pray for Youssef and other believers to find people of peace who are open to hearing the good news and sharing it with others.

Source: <https://www.prayercast.com/youssef.html>