

Monday 3rd May

DAY 21 RIYADH, The Gardens in Saudi Arabia

Pop: Approx. 6.9 million

In the early 20th century, Riyadh was a small city of less than 20,000 people. It was surrounded by palm groves, gardens, oases and small villages.



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Today the city is a vast, sprawling, affluent metropolis. As the Saudi capital and the largest city in the region, Riyadh serves as the country's political, economic, and administrative centre. It also boasts the world's largest all-female university, Princess Nora bint Abdul Rahman University.

Throughout the year, bone-dry winds often blow into the city and cover it in a haze of sand.

Hope from God's Word:

“They shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.” Isaiah 49:10

- Ask God to open the hearts of Riyadh's residents to the message of the gospel and to guide them to the Living Water.
- Pray that the ruling family of Saudi Arabia will lead the country in the way of peace, justice and righteousness.
- Ask the Lord to open hearts to the gospel as Saudi Arabia's society undergoes rapid social transformation.
- Pray for local believers to stand firm in their faith and boldly to share the good news with those around them.

Learn More

A Frontiers worker shares about her favourite pastime—drinking coffee with Muslim friends—and how every cup of coffee is a chance to share Christ: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/coffee-and-geesebumps/>

Tuesday 4th May

DAY 22 SURABAYA, The Sparkling City on the island of Java in Indonesia

Pop: Approx. 2.9 million

Surabaya is the second-most populous city in Indonesia in Southeast Asia and has been an important seaport and trading centre since the 14th century. The city exports most of the region's agricultural products, including coffee, sugar, tobacco and spices.

Surabaya is a bright and dazzling city. By night, its modern skyscrapers are decked with festive lights. About 80% of the city's population is Muslim and 18% Christian.

Hope from God's Word:

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.” Isaiah 60:1–2

- Pray that Surabaya will shine as its people encounter the Lord of glory and praise Him above all other gods.
- Pray for a spiritual breakthrough among the Javanese and Madurese, two Muslim people groups who make up the majority of the city's population.
- Pray for effective partnerships between churches and sending agencies to reach Surabaya's Muslims.
- Pray that many from this coastal city will be saved and go out to bring the gospel to other shores.

Learn More

With its unlimited adventures, perpetual smiles, and more than 10,000 islands, Southeast Asia is a famously beautiful region with a dynamic spiritual landscape. Discover more about the region:

<https://frontiersusa.org/regions/southeast-asia>

Wednesday 5th May

DAY 23 TOUBA, The Sacred City of Eternal Bliss

Pop: Approx. 530,000

Located in central Senegal, in Sub-Saharan Africa, Touba means ‘bliss’ in Arabic and refers to the sacred tree that Muslims believe to be growing in Paradise.

The city holds the tomb of Sheikh Amadou Bamba, the founder of Mouridism, an Islamic order of Sufi mystics. Touba is considered the holy city of Mouridism and a centre of Muslim practice and Islamic scholarship in the region. Every year, up to two million people join in a mass pilgrimage to pay homage to the founder at his tomb.

Hope from God's Word

“And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.” Revelation 21:22–23

- Ask God to raise up Senegalese believers who will boldly proclaim that the way to salvation is not through temples or tombs, but the glorious Lamb of God.
- Pray that Mouride devotees who come to Touba seeking the straight path of righteousness will turn away from Islam and toward eternal life through Christ.
- Pray for the approximately five million West Africans who consider Touba a sacred city and ask the Lord to reveal to them the true blessing of putting faith in Jesus.

Learn More

A Frontiers worker asks if loving 200 vulnerable Muslim boys is worth risking his family's health. Read his story here: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/whole-world-in-his-hands/>

Thursday 6th May

DAY 24 KARACHI, The City of Lights in Pakistan

Pop: Approx. 15.4 million



Photo by Faisal Ali

Karachi is a major transport hub located on the Arabian Sea. It is Pakistan's largest city and also its most diverse. Nearly every ethnic group in the country is represented in Karachi, which is one of the fastest-growing urban centres in the world.

After Pakistan's independence in 1947 and partition from India, Karachi's demographics shifted dramatically. Most non-Muslims left the city as hundreds of thousands of Indian Muslims settled in their place.

Hope from God's Word:

"The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." Matthew 4:16

- Ask the Lord to shine His light on Karachi and inundate its people with the joy of knowing Jesus.
- Pray for men and women in this religiously complex city to recognise their spiritual need for the Saviour.
- Pray for the millions of Muslim refugees from Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Myanmar living in Karachi to find their true, lasting home with Christ.
- Ask God to raise up new leaders in the Pakistani church who will sound the call to share the gospel and make disciples among Muslims.

Learn More

The nights of Ramadan are for feasting. Join a Frontiers worker as he dines from dusk to dawn with his Muslim friends: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/midnight-meals/>

Friday 7th May

DAY 25 DAMASCUS, The City of Jasmine in Syria

Pop: Approx. 2.3 million



Mosque in Damascus

Damascus, Syria's capital, is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Sitting at the crossroads between Africa and Asia, the city has served as an important cultural and commercial centre throughout ancient civilisations and empires.

Since 2011, Damascus has been caught up in the ongoing Syrian Civil War, and many neighbourhoods have been turned to rubble. Damascus was recently ranked the world's least liveable city in the Global Liveability Ranking.

Hope from God's Word:

"They will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the Lord; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate." Ezekiel 36:35–36

- Pray for an end to the Syrian Civil War and ask the Lord to restore desolate neighbourhoods and ruined lives.
- Pray that God will rebuild the city with the hope of the gospel and revive war-weary hearts with the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for housing and provision for millions of internally displaced people who have inundated Damascus after fleeing violence in other regions.
- Ask God for a movement of faith in Christ to sweep through the city and pray for Syrian believers to boldly share the gospel.

Learn More

Invited into a social group for Muslim women, a field worker discovers the unparalleled hospitality of Syrian refugees: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/as-welcoming-as-a-refugee/>

Saturday 8th May

DAY 26 FES, The Athens of Africa in Morocco

Pop: Approx. 1.2 million

The maze-like medina of Fes' old city teems with activity as vendors, locals and tourists crowd its alleys. The medieval urban labyrinth is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the world's largest municipal car-free zones.

Fes serves as Morocco's cultural capital. In the 13th century, the city developed into an intellectual centre and a hub for Islamic education, earning its name as the Athens of Africa. Fes remains a spiritually influential city for the entire country.

Hope from God's Word:

"Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!" Psalm 24:9–10

- Pray that the people of Fes will lift up their eyes and open their doors to welcome the King of glory into their hearts, homes, and neighbourhoods.
- Pray for God to transform the city into a centre of learning about Jesus Christ.
- Ask the Lord to raise up Muslim-background believers to share the gospel with boldness and confidence. Pray that the underground Moroccan church will thrive and multiply in Fes.
- You may be able to meet with friends or church members in person or online to pray on this special night of power. Let's ask for Muslims to find blessing and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Learn More

A Frontiers worker discovers the hidden treasures of Morocco's best-preserved medieval city while studying language in the ancient urban centre: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/north-african-medina/>