

Email

Dear Friend,

Ramadan is ending this week and Muslims all over the world will be celebrating with time spent as a family. We will finish our Ramadan prayer guide and then we will be praying for Muslim families, and different generations of Muslims for the rest of the week.

There is still time to book tickets join us for Pray Now Live on Monday 29th April 8-9.30pm and we'd love it if you would also invite a friend! 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 8th April – Day 29 Ramadan

Shashlik

Location: Central Asia and the Caucasus

After a busy day in the office, Umed broke his Ramadan fast with some shashlik from a little restaurant next to his workplace. Although the kebabs were delicious, it wasn't the same as his mother's cooking. He hadn't shared a meal with his parents since he'd argued with his father years before about moving to the city for a job. He'd quickly risen up the ranks into a top-level position, and his hard work had brought him financial security. But all the money in the world could not fill the hole of loneliness in him. He longed for true friendship and family.



Hope for the Day

My father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the Lord will take me in.

— Psalm 27:10

Ways to Pray

- Pray that Muslims will discover how much God longs for a relationship with them through Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to comfort and sustain lonely and isolated Muslims so they will turn to Him.
- Pray that estranged Muslim families will be reunited and seek the Lord together.

For more information see

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

Tuesday 9th April - Day 30 Ramadan

Baklava

Location: Middle East and Türkiye

A joyful hum of voices filled the palatial home of Qasim's cousin. The whole family had gathered for Eid al-Fitr, the celebration that marked the end of Ramadan. Qasim returned many wishes of Eid Mubarak or "blessed feast," but he didn't feel this Ramadan had been blessed at all. Even the sweet baklava, which he enjoyed every year, was like paper in his mouth. He had prayed more than ever before, fasted precisely, and donated generously to the poor, yet God seemed so far away. He wondered if anything he did could truly earn God's favour.



Hope for the Day

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

— Romans 5:1

Prayer

- Pray that all Muslims will hear Jesus' invitation to stop striving for favour and choose to follow Him.
- Ask God to reveal Himself to Muslim men and women longing for rest and peace.
- Praise God that He offers grace and mercy to all peoples through His Son Jesus Christ.

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Wednesday 10th April

Vision for the Family



The following story is from Lisa, a Frontiers worker living overseas:

“When Mariama’s 6-year-old boy became seriously ill, she had little faith that the doctor in her poor Southeast Asian community could save him. So the distraught mother decided to take him to a traditional healer. It would cost a month’s salary, and she and her husband didn’t have much.

Twice a week, Mariama met with Frontiers worker Lisa for prayer and to chat. Mariama decided to ask Lisa for help to pay the healer to cast out her son’s illness.

Lisa understood Mariama for wanting to do everything she could to help her son. “But before you try going to the healer,” Lisa asked, “why don’t we first see what happens if we ask Jesus to heal him?”

Mariama agreed. Lisa’s prayers always left her feeling peaceful. Mariama had even seen improvements in her marriage after Lisa prayed for her and her husband. Days after Mariama asked Jesus to heal her son, he recovered. The boy later described how Jesus had come and held him when he was sick.

After seeing Jesus’ power to heal, Mariama began studying the Bible with Lisa. Soon after, she declared Christ as her Saviour and committed to following Him with all her heart.

With encouragement from Lisa, she began sharing the gospel with others and reading the Bible to her children. The two women loved meeting together, and they spent hours praying for Mariama’s entire family to know Christ and receive His gift of eternal life.

As Jesus transformed Mariama, her husband, Rahman, noticed she had more joy and peace. He started reading the Bible with Mariama and within weeks, he began following Jesus too. Mariama’s father, Habib, watched all this with interest. He enjoyed listening to the Bible stories his daughter read to her family. But Habib insisted he’d always be a Muslim and would never follow another way. Mariama continued sharing the gospel with her father. And every day, she and her husband prayed for Habib to know Christ.

They prayed for 13 years until Habib could no longer deny the truth of the gospel. He surrendered his life to the Saviour and embraced the joy of eternal life. Just like his daughter and son-in-law, Habib’s life was transformed by Christ. So drastic were the changes in Habib’s life that 10 more family members also believed in Jesus. Mariama and Rahman disciplined them all.

The last family member to accept the gospel was Mariama’s elderly grandfather, a respected Muslim elder in the community. But as he lay on his deathbed surrounded by his family of believers, he put his faith in Christ, too. Full of calm joy, he breathed his last words, “Jesus is here to pick me up.”

As news of his deathbed profession spread, other Muslim families in the community asked Mariama and her relatives for Bibles. Groups of Muslims started gathering to read God’s Word together. The number of new believers continues to multiply in Mariama’s community as men and women encounter Christ’s power to heal and save.”

- Let's praise God for the miracle of healing of Mariama's son and for answering the faithful prayers of her and her husband that led to the salvation of their entire family and others in their community.
- Boldly ask that many more Muslims will gather to read the Bible and believe. Pray that entire households in Muslim communities will love and serve Jesus Christ.
- Pray for more workers for the harvest in every unreached Muslim people group.

Source: <https://frontiersusa.org/blog/vision-for-the-family/>

Thursday 11th April

Families

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!” Psalm 127:3-5a

Islam teaches that family is the building block of society. Children are the centre of family life: a blessing at birth, a constant presence in daily life, and a built-in social safety net to look after parents and support them when are old.

But it is the birth of boys that is especially celebrated. They experience life with few limitations, while girls often live with many restrictions. Sadly, the birth of girls can sometimes be a disappointment. In more traditional societies, girls’ lives revolve around the home and taking care of others, while boys have more freedom in the outside world.

Sisters often have to yield to the needs and wishes of their brothers, even if the boys are younger. This can foster a sense of entitlement in boys early in life, as they realise they have power over the women of the household, even their mothers. Families in the Muslim world are, almost always, thoroughly patriarchal: fathers, uncles, brothers, and sometimes even sons have authority over women. When this authority is abused, women and girls suffer greatly.

Girls are responsible for preserving the honour of the family. A family’s name and reputation are supremely important. Childlessness is considered to bring shame on the family. Since most Muslim societies highly value honour and fear being shamed, anything that dishonours the family can lead to punishment, up to and including death. The

U.N. estimates that more than 5,000 women and girls are murdered each year in ‘honour killings’ as families seek to restore their lost honour.

You can watch a Prayercast video if you want to learn more to inspire your prayers for Muslim families:

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

- Pray for the love of Jesus to fill homes, ending abuse, inequality and disunity.
- As all children are a heritage from the Lord, pray for girls to be valued and honoured and treated with the same respect as boys.
- Pray for the faith of children to lead entire families and even communities to Christ.

Friday 12th April

Youth

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.” Psalm 119:9

When Islam emerged in seventh century Arabia, a teenager was considered an adult and would usually marry before the age of twenty. This is still true in parts of the Muslim world today. Islam encourages youthful devotion. The Quran commends young people who “believe in their Lord” (18:13) and assures them that Allah will have mercy on them if they worship only Allah (18:16).

More than half the people in Muslim-majority countries today are under the age of 30. These young Muslims are often at the centre of political reform movements in their home countries, disillusioned with corrupt governments and lack of opportunities. The unemployment rate for the Arab region of the world is nearly twice as high as averages elsewhere. Radical Muslim groups like Islamic State take advantage of this discontent and recruit frustrated youth with promises of higher purpose. Muslim parents worry that as their children let go of their traditional values, they will become alienated from their families. But many young people are increasingly disillusioned with Islam.

Millions of young Muslims today emigrate to the West to work, study, or seek asylum. These migrations are profoundly impacting Muslim family dynamics around the world. However they do provide opportunities that didn't exist before to hear the good news.

Prayercast have produced a video about Muslim youth to inspire your prayers:

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

- Pray for those youths disillusioned with Islam to search for the Truth.
- Pray for Muslim students around the world to hear the gospel from believing friends.
- Pray for youth to find their true identity in Jesus.

Saturday 13th April

Surrendering an Angry Heart for a Future Hope

The following story is from a Frontiers worker living overseas:

“Faruq barely remembers the home he fled when he was a just a small boy. But he recalls the terror in his mother’s face as she pulled him away from their house, urging him to walk faster. He remembers how his father’s eyes burned with rage as their home was raided and their village seized.

Faruq’s family—and nearly every other family from their Muslim community—ended up in a camp for displaced people. He grew up there, surrounded by families that had lost



everything in brutal waves of violence. Hearing their stories of terror, Faruq’s young heart filled with hopelessness over the uncertainty he and his people faced.

His one hope was his education. Proving to be a good student, Faruq diligently studied in the hope of a promising future, a meaningful life, and a way out of poverty.

As an educated young man, Faruq found a good job. But he still struggled with hopelessness and hatred. Then Faruq met Michael, a Frontiers worker, in a café. They became good friends and started meeting regularly. Initially, Faruq wasn’t interested in

hearing Michael talk about Christ, but something about Michael intrigued him. He seemed to genuinely love Jesus and spoke about Him as if he knew Him. There was a calm peace in his life, and when talking about uncertainty, Michael said that he wasn’t afraid of the unknown because he knew God was in it.

Faruq wondered what his life would look like if he trusted God too. He started studying the Bible with Michael. And as he read the Word, Faruq’s love for Jesus grew. Then Faruq encountered these powerful words that transformed his heart and his future:

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” Luke 6:27–28

He realised that if he was going to follow Jesus, then there could no longer be room for hate in his heart. As Faruq laid down a lifetime of anger, a wonderful joy surged through him. This joy was so profound that Faruq couldn’t keep silent about it. He hadn’t yet declared Christ as his Saviour. But with Michael’s encouragement, Faruq began telling his friends about how Jesus had transformed his hatred to hope. One of his friends, Hakim, agreed to start reading the Bible with him and Michael. Not long after, Faruq and Hakim both gave their lives to Jesus and walked into the Kingdom together.

Convinced that others needed to discover Jesus, Faruq and Hakim gathered their friends in a weekly small group to discuss a Bible passage, pray together, and celebrate answered prayers. As that small group grew and then multiplied, Michael helped the two new believers start envisioning a future in which their entire people—even their enemies—had a chance to discover hope and peace in Christ. Together the three men prayed for God to help them start a

movement of faith that would impact their entire city and nation. God has heard these prayers and is answering them! In the years since Faruq and Hakim first entered the Kingdom, they've introduced countless others to Jesus. Today they're helping train Muslim-background believers to lead dozens of fellowships across the country.

- Let's praise God for using Michael and his team to introduce Muslims to Jesus and empower them as bold witnesses of the Kingdom.
- Pray that the testimonies of believers like Faruq and Hakim will open the hearts of many to the hope of Christ.
- Pray for new teams of workers who will go to the least-reached places to give more Muslims the chance to hear about and respond to the gospel.

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