

# A Year of Prayer

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the Moslems

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“There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.”

“Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.”

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**Continuing daily with one accord in prayer for the Moslems**

**First Day.** Praise for increasing accessibility in the Moslem World. Of its 235,000,000 no less than four-fifths are now open to Missionary approach.

Pray for all rulers and all in authority in Moslem lands, that nothing may arise politically to close doors to the Gospel.

**Second Day.** Pray for the native Christian Churches in Moslem lands. May they be powerfully cleansed and revived and set on fire to boldly evangelise the Moslems, and may they lovingly welcome into their midst the Moslem converts and make the church a real home for them.

**Third Day.** For Palestine and Syria. Praise for unlimited openings in every part of Palestine and pray that the opportunities may be fully bought up. Praise for the increase in the number of enquirers, pray that many of them may become true believers. Pray for the hospitals and the Schools that through them the Gospel may be fully preached and many homes reached. Pray for the work at Ammaan and the openings among the Hedjaz Arabs. For inquirers and baptised converts, that the problem of their finding work and a livelihood may be solved.

Pray for the Missionaries and Christians in Syria, that they may be kept in safety during these troublous times and that all that is happening there may turn out by God's overruling power for the furtherance of the Gospel.

**Fourth Day.** For Arabia. That the Medical Mission and educational work that is being done may lead to the breaking down of barriers and the opening up of the interior.

For a blessing on the circulation of Christian literature.

For the re-occupation of Hodeideh and Sanaa in the Yamen. That the urgent need for a Mission Hospital in El Hasa may be supplied.

**Fifth Day.** For Mesopotamia (Iraq). Praise for increased desire for literature and education.

Pray that a strong Christian literature policy may come into operation at Baghdad to meet this demand, and that all grades of Christian educational work may be established.

Pray that itinerant medical missionary work may be developed in the villages, accompanied by definite and sustained evangelistic effort. May the need of the women and children especially be met by qualified women doctors and nurses.

**Sixth Day.** Persia and Kurdistan. Praise God for answered prayer in the wonderful accessibility and definite results in Persia.

Pray for the large regions still unoccupied ; Mazandaran, on the shores of the Caspian, and all territory south of Shiraz, between the 25th and 29th degrees of latitude. That the problem for the distribution of workers may be solved so as to occupy the whole land most speedily and effectively for Christ. Pray that the existing political barriers in Kurdistan may be broken down and a way made for the Gospel to reach these wild tribes.

**Seventh Day.** For Turkey. That the hostile attitude of the Government towards evangelistic work, may be changed and that the severe restrictions on medical and educational work may be withdrawn.

For the many Christian women and girls in Moslem harems.

For special wisdom and guidance to the missionaries in these difficult days. For all secret believers.

That God will overthrow any attempt at an alliance between Turkey and the Bolsheviks.

**Eighth Day.** For the Moslems of Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro, Roumania, and the Serb-Croat-Slovene State. Many of the two and a half million Moslems in these countries are peculiarly open to approach at present.

Pray for the special effort being made to reach the Bulgarian Moslems, and that definite work may be started amongst the others.

**Ninth Day.** For the 13,900,000 Moslems of Russia, including Siberia, Russian Turkestan, Bukhara and the Azerbaijan Republic.

May Christian literature be prepared in the languages Tater, Sart Turki and Azerbaijani Turki, and may missionaries be specially equipped and set apart to resume this literary work which was so well started before the war. May the way be opened up for the establishment of Mission centres in these almost unoccupied territories, and may Russian Christians be liberated from Bolshevik oppression and set on fire to evangelise their Moslem fellow-countrymen.

**Tenth Day.** For Afghanistan. Thanksgiving that from Peshawar in India and Meshed in Persia Christian literature is entering Afghanistan, and missionaries have been allowed to penetrate as far as Herat. May permanent mission work be established there and at other centres.

**Eleventh Day.** For the 69,000,000 Moslems of India. There are 5,925 foreign workers in India, Burma and Ceylon, but out of that number it is doubtful if there are one hundred who give themselves wholly to work for the Moslems and who have received special training for such work.

Pray that the neglected field of Moslem India may be occupied for Jesus Christ.

Pray for a great growth of interest in and endeavour for the Moslems of India on the part of organised churches and missionary bodies both in India and at the home bases.

Thanks for converts from Islam and their work as Evangelists and Pastors. Pray that their children may follow them in faith and endeavour.

**Twelfth Day.** For the Moslems of the Punjab and Sindh, the North-West Frontier Province, Baluchistan and Kashmir.

Pray for the circulation of the scriptures in the colloquial languages of the millions of simple, village folk.

For the spread of education. Ninety-six per cent. of the people in India are illiterate, and very few of the women can read.

**Thirteenth Day.** For Moslems in the United and Central Provinces, Bihar and Orissa, Bengal and Assam. That prayer and effort in Bhopal, the principal Moslem State in Central India may be followed by much blessing.

That converts from Islam and from Hinduism may lay aside their hereditary variance and may unite as one in Christ.

**Fourteenth Day.** For the Moslems of Bombay, Hyderabad, Madras, Mysore and Ceylon.

May the Mecca pilgrims and other emigrants for whom Bombay is the centre be reached with the Gospel.

For the English-speaking and reading Moslems of India. May a far wider use be made of Christian literature to meet them. May new plans, methods and spiritual power be given for the distribution of the literature that already exists.

**Fifteenth Day.** For the Moslems of S.E. Asia, including British Malaya and the Dutch East Indian Empire. Also for the Moslems of the Philippine Islands.

Thanksgiving for the 40,000 Moslem converts in the Dutch area. Pray that they may be kept faithful and imbued with the missionary spirit.

That misconceptions in the minds of the Moslems regarding the Christian religion may be removed. That a suitable Christian literature may be provided for those who are learning to read in the British and Dutch vernacular schools.

That something may be done for the many Malaysian pilgrims to Mecca.

**Sixteenth Day.** For the many million Moslems of China and of Chinese Turkestan.

Thanksgiving for quickened interest both in China and at the home bases in these almost untouched people.

Pray that many young men and women may hear God's call to evangelise the Moslems of China and that the Chinese Christian Church may awake to its responsibility.

**Seventeenth Day.** For Egypt. Praise for open doors and the wonderful way in which the work has gone forward in spite of political troubles. Praise for greater accessibility ; for increasing numbers of Moslems attending the Mission Schools and coming to the Mission dispensaries and hospitals. Pray for every effort being made to reach the untouched villages with the Gospel. Pray for the pastors and members of the Evangelical Church, that they may be so filled with the Holy Spirit that they will care for the souls of their Moslem neighbours and seek to win them for Christ. Pray for the converts, that they may be kept faithful and that those who have back-slidden may be restored. Pray that as Egypt becomes increasingly the centre of the Mohammedan World missionary activity there may become more and more conformed to God's plan, and that all efforts to help forward the work in other Mohammedan countries may be greatly blessed.

**Eighteenth Day.** For the Moslems in the Eastern and Central Sudan and in Abyssinia. That the Christian Sunday may be *officially* observed by the Government throughout the Sudan instead of the Moslem Friday. That the Gordon College may be changed from a Moslem school to one where Christ is honoured. That the severe restrictions forbidding the preaching of the Gospel in Moslem districts may be removed.

Thanksgiving for the recent opening of Abyssinia to missionaries, and for an encouraging movement towards Christianity of Abyssinian Moslems.

Pray that the Abyssinian Church may be reformed and quickened and that Christian schools may be established.

**Nineteenth Day.** Praise God for the increasing number of Scriptures circulated by sale and gift amongst the Arabs and Kabyles in the Barbary States. Pray that the many thousands of North Africans in France may be reached by the workers specially seeking their salvation. Praise God that there are so many open doors, and so many attentive hearers of the Gospel. - Pray that the ministry made possible by the Mission motor cars in many towns and villages, representing a very large population of Moslems, hitherto untouched by the Lord's messengers may be in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Pray that the War in Morocco may be overruled of God for the further opening up of the interior. Pray for all Moslems in Tripoli, Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco.

North Africa is a highway to the Sudan ; railways are already planned across the Sahara. Let us pray that as the Sudan is thus opened up Christian enterprise may keep pace with the developments.

Pray for the adequate occupation of unoccupied areas such as Tripoli, which has only one missionary for its million or more Moslems. From Fez to Oran, 300 miles without a missionary. Between Algiers and Constantine another 300 miles, between Constantine and Tunis still another 300 miles, without a mission station.

**Twentieth Day.** For Sierra Leone and Nigeria and the French Territory of Niger and all West Africa. The Niger Valley, like those of the Nile and the Shari, is a highway for the advance of Islam.

Pray for a complete change in the whole policy of our Government with regard to mission work amongst Moslems in Nigeria, which constitutes one of the principal hindrances to the Gospel. Pray for the native Christian Church of Sierra Leone and Nigeria, that it may be strong to withstand the tide of Islam and aggressive in seeking to win Moslems for Christ.

**Twenty-first Day.** For the Moslems in Central and South Africa, and for those on the East Coast. The French and Belgian Congo, with their 7,500,000 Moslems. Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika, Zanzibar and Somaliland. Pray for the isolated Christian outposts pushing northwards to meet the vanguard of missions pushing southwards from the Sudan. May they form an effective barrier across the Continent to the Moslem penetration.

**Twenty-second Day.** For all Moslems scattered throughout the world, in Great Britain, the United States, South America, Australia and elsewhere, that they may be brought into contact with living Christianity. For all Moslem students in Christian lands. For the Bahais of Persia, the Ahmadis of the Punjab and other reforming sects. For Moslem propagandists in the West that many of them may come to know Him who is the Way.

**Twenty-third Day.** For all missionaries working amongst Moslems. May a fresh enduement of the power of the Holy Ghost be given to them. May they be lifted above all discouragement and learn to triumph as those who are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. May they be preserved from all assaults of the enemy on mind and body.



**Twenty-fourth Day.** For the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society and other Bible Societies with thanksgiving for what has already been accomplished through these agencies. For all translation work. That many may be raised up to write books and tracts in the vernacular with a powerful spiritual message. For all readers in every class of life. For the Mission presses in India, the Henry Martyn Press in Isfahan, the Kashgar Press, the Beyrout Press, the Nile Mission Press and the Niger Press. For all colportage work and all Book Depôts. That the problem of the *circulation* of literature may be solved. For newspaper evangelism and the use of posters to proclaim the Gospel. For all Christian periodicals specially published to reach the Moslems.

**Twenty-fifth Day.** For all Mission colleges and schools in Moslem lands. Pray for the presentation of Jesus Christ to every pupil with a view to his acceptance of Him as Saviour and Lord.

For the establishment of sympathetic contacts with Moslem communities so as to remove their misconceptions of Christianity. That the routine work may not crowd out the spiritual. For all teachers and pupils. For all Sunday school work. For all orphanages and homes for Moslem children and women converts and others. For a great increase in the number of these and of Christian boarding schools. May Christian hostels be established for students in educational centres.

**Twenty-sixth Day.** For all Moslem converts that they may be kept by the power of God, and may be enabled to witness for Him in spite of all they have to face. May secret believers have faith and courage given them openly to confess Christ. May enquirers be protected from persecution, and may they find joy and peace in believing. May backsliders be restored. May all native evangelists and Bible women be constrained by the love of Christ to win the Moslems for Him.

**Twenty-seventh Day.** For all Medical Mission work. For Mission hospitals and dispensaries. For itinerant Medical Mission effort. For all doctors, nurses and native assistants.

Thanksgiving for the vast amount of sowing that is being done through Medical Mission work, and for the opportunities created through it. Pray that this work may be greatly extended and that it may be followed up everywhere by systematic visiting and by the establishment of out-stations in the districts touched.

**Twenty-eighth Day.** That God may call out special men and women adapted to be leaders and pioneers, translators and teachers. That the need may be specially laid on students in our universities who are spiritually and intellectually fitted for the work.

For all training colleges at home, and for the candidates.

For the Cairo study centre. May help be given to those who are studying Arabic and other difficult languages.

**Twenty-ninth Day.** For all Moslem women and children. For the amelioration of their social condition, that they may be delivered from the degradation of the religious laws relating to polygamy and divorce and from the cruelty of child marriage. That freedom from old customs may not mean licence. Not more than one Moslem woman in a hundred can read, and to evangelise the 100,000,000 unreached, illiterate women a very large increase of workers is needed. The importance of winning the womanhood of Islam is paramount; they are even more conservative in defence of their faith than the men, and more bound by custom and superstition.

**Thirtieth Day.** For Committees and Secretaries of Missionary Societies at the home base and in the field. For the publication work for Moslems by the R.T.S. and the S.P.C.K. For the Christian Literature Society for India

and Africa and for the American Christian Literature Society for Moslems. For the Conference of Missionary Societies and the Inter-Mission Councils. May all home boards and their constituencies be stirred to face responsibility regarding the evangelisation of Moslems. For all missionary magazines, books and pamphlets.

For all deputation work. For a great revival of Missionary zeal and self-sacrifice.

For the "Missions to Moslems League," "The Moslem World Quarterly" and its Editors, and for the "Fellowship of Faith for the Moslems."

**Thirty-first Day.** For the children of missionaries, especially those who have to be separated from their parents. May they follow in their footsteps and early purpose to give their lives to Christ for the Moslems.

That all needed supplies may be sent in to carry on the work. That anxiety may be removed through faith in our Heavenly Father, and that we may not hinder His loving care for us through making any false step or wandering from the Word of life. May we overcome through the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony and love not our lives unto the death.

## THE FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH FOR THE MOSLEMS.

The Fellowship seeks to unite in prayer, service, and sacrifice all who love the Moslems and who labour in any way to win them for Christ.

In answer to the prayer of faith, the Holy Spirit can speak to the hearts of the Moslems. In answer to our united prayer of faith, Christ can break the chain that holds them in bondage to the teaching and traditions of the past. And though they are tied and bound by the chain of their sins, the pitifulness of His great mercy can loose them, and bring them into "the glorious liberty of the children of God."

It needs oneness of purpose in prayer by a multitude of believing, expectant Christians.

Let us enter into fellowship with the Lord Jesus, and with each other, that His desire may be accomplished and that the power of the enemy may be broken for ever. It may be done.

If we, like our Master and through His enabling, conquer by faith in His Name, we shall find that out there in the Mission field, those who speak, speak to open ears ; those who persuade, persuade willing hearts ; and that the old fear of man gives place to bold confession of Christ.



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