

# Muslims

## Prayer Guide



*"For the Lord your God has arrived to live among you. He is a mighty savior. He will rejoice over you with great gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will exult over you by singing a happy song." Zephaniah 3: 17 (NLT)*

The region of South Asia is home to 430 million Muslims, more than the entire Middle East. Islam recognizes four books as holy: the Torah, the Jewish prophetic books, the Gospels, and the Quran. However, most Muslims believe that the first three have been corrupted and so they rely on the Quran as flawless and most holy. In order to keep the Quran flawless, Muslims believe that it should not be translated outside of the Arabic language; so many Muslims who have read the Quran do not even understand what it says. Instead, they rely on religious teachers called imams.

Islam also reveres Isa (Jesus) as one of God's prophets, though strictly as a human, not divine. According to the faith, Muhammad was the final prophet and so is seen as the greatest by most Muslims. Now, barriers are crumbling all the across the region and record numbers of Muslims are coming to Christ. It is reported that more Muslims have accepted Christ in the past 20 years than at any other time in history.



# Pray

- Holy Spirit, fill Muslims with a desire to read the Bible, to realize that even the Koran encourages them to read it. Help them to understand and accept that the Bible is the complete, incorruptible and unerring Word of God.
- Merciful Father, watch over the Muslim-background believers who face persecution today. Give them courage to stand firm in their faith. Provide for the needs of their families in such a way that can only be explained by your power and love.
- Gracious Lord, many Muslims try to earn their way into paradise through their good deeds. Please reveal your grace to them, so they can know that salvation and eternal life with you come only through your kindness and love, and the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- God, reveal yourself and your Son, Jesus Christ, to Muslims in South Asia through dreams and visions. Compel them to seek out your identity, and lead them to the foot of the cross as they realize how much you love them.



- Heavenly Father, we pray that the Gospel will impact entire Muslim families. Use the power of your spoken Word to help them hear and understand the truth of who Christ is. Teach them how to build a community of faith that will touch others' lives with love, joy, and peace as they experience the presence of the Living Lord.
- Lord Jesus, as Muslims choose to follow you as Lord and Savior, fill their hearts and souls with a passion to share the Gospel with other Muslims.
- Holy Spirit, we pray that South Asian Muslims will recognize God's sacrifice of His beloved Son, Jesus, so that all of their sins may be forgiven, and that they may stand before God for all eternity, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Bear witness to Muslim hearts that their sins separate them from God and that they can only enter God's presence by the blood of Jesus Christ.



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