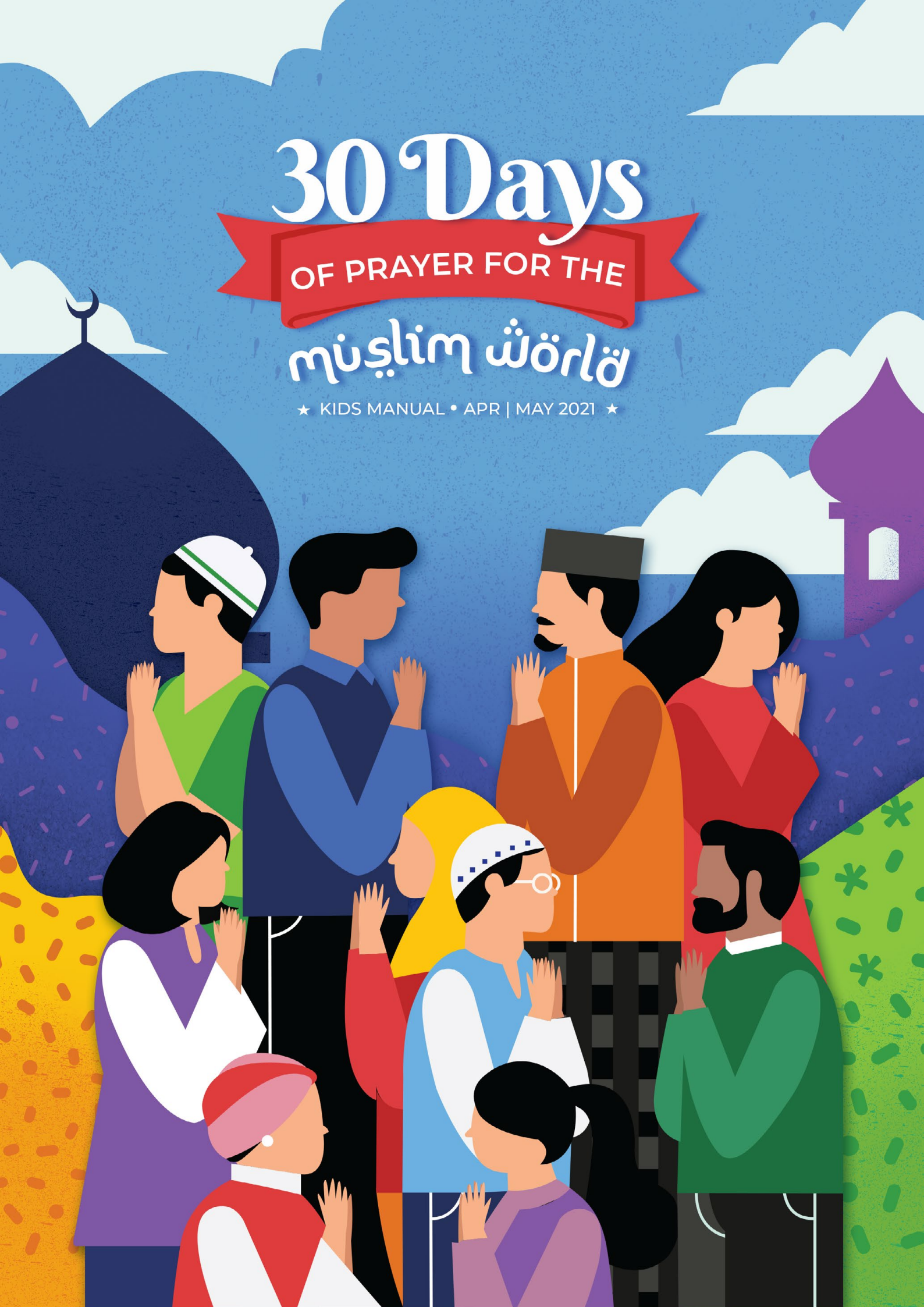


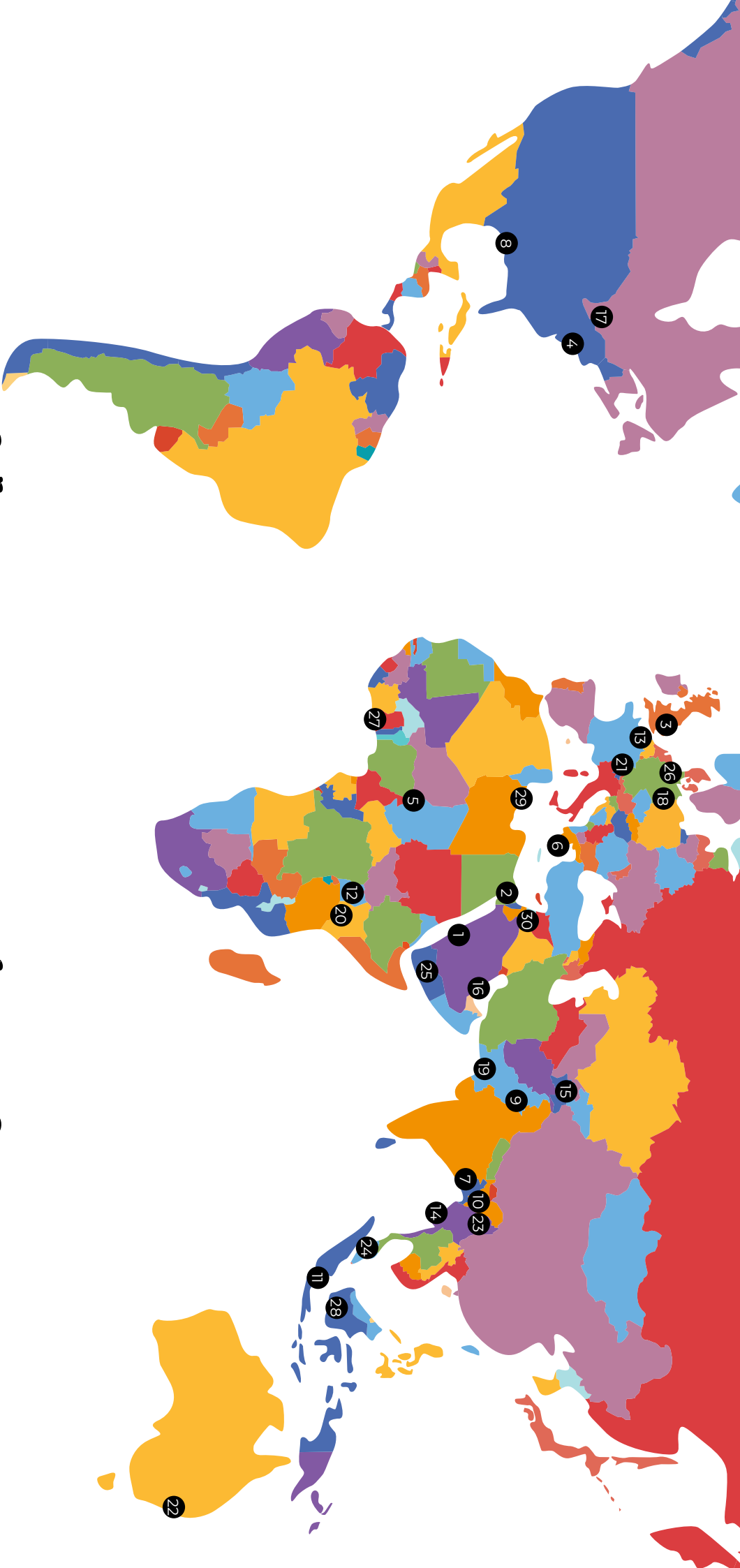
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Mecca, Saudi Arabia

Mecca is the most important city in the world for Muslims because Muhammad, the founder of Islam, was born there. Because Mecca is a holy city in Islam, only Muslims are allowed to live there, but they come there to live from many different countries.

About 2 Million people live in Mecca and every year about 2 to 4 million people visit the city as part of a religious journey called a pilgrimage. This journey is called the Hajj. During the Hajj, Muslims who have travelled to Mecca, will visit different important places, take part in special traditions, and ask for forgiveness of their sins.

Hajj happens for only 5 days every year and in 2021 it will be from July 17th to 21st. During Hajj, the people who work in Mecca usually earn a lot of money, because so many people visit. In 2020, however, this did not happen because fewer people were travelling due to the coronavirus.

Let's go!

When Muslims pray, they always turn towards Mecca to pray. Depending on where they live that might be towards the east or towards the west. Can you find out which direction Mecca is from where you are? Look it up on a map. Turn towards Mecca, stretch out your hands and bless the city and its people as you pray for Mecca.

Let's pray!

- People who live in Mecca have no opportunity to hear about Jesus in their city. Pray that they can hear the gospel in different ways, through the internet or radio.
- Every Muslim who is healthy and has enough money is expected to travel to Mecca for the Hajj at least once during their life. Pray that when they do so they will stay safe (**Psalm 121:7-8**)
- Muslims believe that if they perform the Hajj journey in the right way, that they are cleansed from all their old sins. Pray that they will meet Jesus who cleanses them from sin forever. (**John 4:14**)





DAY 2
April 14

Cairo, Egypt

MUSLIM POPULATION: 18.000.000

Most people who live in Cairo are Muslims and more travel to live in Cairo all the time. One big group of Muslims who recently arrived in Cairo are the Yemeni people. Many people from the nation of Yemen have escaped from an ongoing war in their country, but some also came because they needed medical help.

Aisha is one of the Yemeni people who came for medical help. Aisha is ten years old and has leukaemia, a sickness of the blood cells. Because she could not get treatment in Yemen, she travelled to Cairo with her parents. But because they were refugees and had no money to pay the expensive treatment that Aisha needed, the hospitals treated them unfairly. But then they met a group of foreign and Egyptian Christians who ran clinics for people like Aisha. She was able to get help and receive treatment. Aisha and her parents, like many Yemenis, were really amazed, that Christians were willing to help them, even though they were strangers in Egypt.

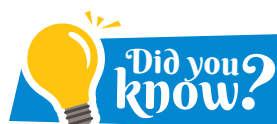
With practical help like this, some Christians in Cairo become friends with the Yemenis and can show them how much God loves them.

Let's go!

Can you solve the riddle?

The verse from **Prov 11:11** can help you pray for the big city of Cairo:

TI YORTSED NAC YAS ELPOEP LIVE SGNHT EHT TUB, TAERG TI EKAM LLIW YTIC
A NI GNIVIL ELPOEP TSENOH EHT MORF SGNISSELB.



Did you know?

Cairo is the largest city in Africa and the 6th largest in the world.

Let's pray!

- Pray that people of all faiths in Cairo will work together to solve the problems faced by rapid growth - such as the supply of water, food, education and housing - and help their city to prosper in peace. (Proverbs 11:11)
- Pray for the Yemenis stranded in Cairo, for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs to be met. (Matthew 25:34-40)
- Pray for the Church in Cairo that, even as a minority, they would be a bold and powerful witness. (Acts 1:8)





DAY 3
April 15

Birmingham, England

There are many factories in Birmingham. After the second world war, England needed more people to work in these factories and they encouraged workers to move there from South Asia. Almost 60 years ago about 50 000 farmers from Pakistan travelled to Birmingham to work in these factories. Today over 300 000 Muslims, mostly from South Asia, live in Birmingham.

Faisal is one of those Muslims and he came to England two years ago from Afghanistan. Because Faisal is a refugee, he is not really allowed to work, but he works anyway. He works hard, cutting men's beards and hair in his barber shop. Faisal was invited to visit a local church and through that he came to know Jesus. Now he regularly goes to this church on Sundays. He hasn't told his Muslim friends that he believes in Jesus because they might be upset about it.

Let's go!

Imagine you are Faisal, and you don't want to let people know that you are praying. Whisper your prayers and then solve the puzzles. You can also choose a country from the puzzle and pray for the people from that country.

Here are some **South Asian** countries, but their names have been a bit mixed up, can you help?

IND
PAK
SRI
NE
BANG
BHU
AFGH

LADESH
PAL
ANISTAN
TAN
LANKA
ISTAN
IA

Let's pray!

- Pray that many churches in Birmingham will be like the one Faisal is attending and will reach out to their Muslim neighbours.
- Many people from South Asia live in parts of Birmingham where they don't get to know many English people. Pray for good relationships between English and South Asians in the city.
- Birmingham is a big city with the kind of problems that often happen in big cities. Bless the city and pray for peace there.



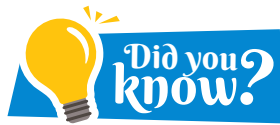


New York City, USA

There are Muslims from many different countries living in New York City. Some are African, some Asian, some Europeans, or Arabs. You can find them everywhere in the city because they often work as taxi drivers, restaurant owners and shopkeepers. They meet in mosques all over the city.

Abdul owns a sandwich shop. Next to his cash register he has two buckets, where customers can donate their change. The money in the buckets will be used to build new mosques - one in New York, and one in Yemen, where some of the Muslims in the neighbourhood come from.

Because Muslims had a hard time in New York City after the terror attack 20 years ago, some Christian organisations have reached out to create better understanding between their communities. Some Muslims came to follow Jesus through these friendships and share about Him with their relatives in the countries they came from.



There are 1 million Muslims living in New York! That is a city in itself!

Let's go!

One of you represents the Muslims in New York City. Stand in a circle around that person and pray. At the end give each other a hug as a sign of good friendship.



Let's pray!

- Pray for Christian organisations in New York to continue making friends with the Muslim community.
- It is very expensive to live in New York and many Muslims also send money home to their families. Pray that God will help them and give them peace and that they will also share the Good News about Jesus with their families.
- Many Muslims in New York City work many long hours every week. They do not have much time for meetings, so pray that they will hear about Jesus through social media and other creative ways.





DAY 5
April 17

N'Djamena, Chad

Chad is a very poor country in the centre of the African continent. N'Djamena is the capital and the only real city in the whole country. About 750 000 Muslims live in the city. Many people in Chad still live in huts made of mud and cook their meals over open fires, but at the same time many have mobile phones and air conditioning.

In N'Djamena, people are freer to ask questions than in the villages where everyone knows each other. Some of them ask questions about the Christians they meet like: Why is my Christian neighbour such a good person? One church recently distributed a lot of memory cards, which people can put in their phones to hear messages about Jesus. Some of the people who received these have started to follow Jesus, who they call Isa al-Masih. They meet in small groups and read the Bible together. There are also Muslim parents who send their children to Christian schools, where they hear Bible stories, something the children really love.

Let's go!

Get a mobile phone and some schoolbooks like the people in this story. When you pray, hold the phone or a book. If you have a song about Jesus on your phone, you can listen to it as you all pray.



Let's pray!

- For all the Muslims in N'Djamena, that they will have opportunities to get to know Jesus and start to follow him.
- For the children in Christian schools, that through their teachers and through the Bible stories, they can get to know more about Jesus.
- For all the Muslims who have started to follow Jesus, that they will continue to follow Him and that they will experience His protection and blessing.





DAY 6
April 18

Athens, Greece

Athens has been a very important city in Europe for many centuries. The Apostle Paul visited the city on one of his travels - you can read about it in Acts 17. Paul preached in Athens, saying that people from all nations can find God because He is not far from us.

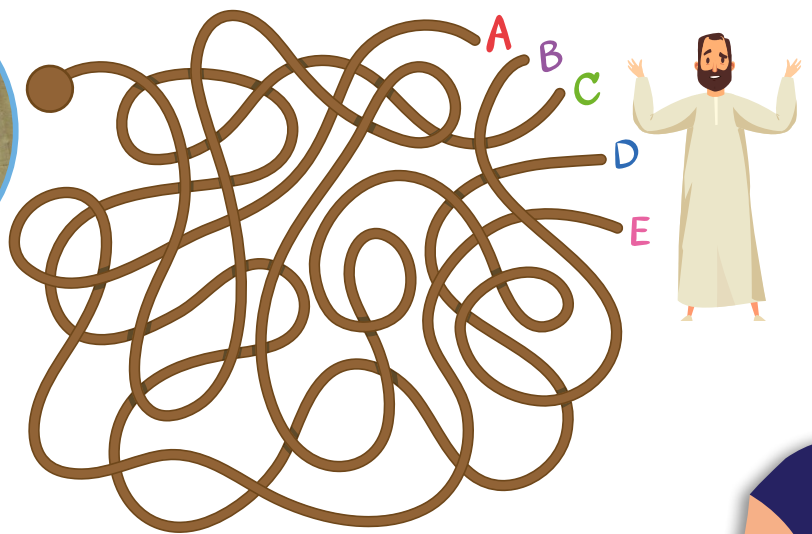
In recent years, other young men have come to Athens. They are Muslims who fled their own countries because of war and poverty. In Athens they are met by Christians who were Muslims but follow Jesus now. For many of the new arrivals, it is the first time in their lives that they have met a Christian.

One old man from Pakistan became a believer and wanted to be baptized. He was baptized in the sea outside of Athens. Afterwards he said: "I feel very young now, I am full of the joy that God gives!"

Let's go!

When **Paul** spoke to the people of **Athens**, he stood on a platform so that people could see him. Today, when you pray, stand on a chair or a little stool.

This is the place where the **Apostle** spoke in **Athens**, but he went for a walk, can you find him?



Let's pray!

- The refugees who have come to Athens have experienced many terrible things. Pray that they will find peace and start a new life.
- Pray for the pastors and the organisations who help the refugees in Athens, that they will know how to help best and that they will have everything they need to help.
- Pray for Muslims to have dreams and visions of Jesus. (Psalm. 139)





Kolkata, India

Kolkata is a very big city and also a very old city. It has many beautiful old buildings and is well known for its popular sweets! One of Kolkata's specialities is a sweet type of yoghurt, which is called mishti doi. Kolkata is also famous as the place where a well-known missionary named William Carey travelled to over 300 years ago where he did a lot of work to spread the gospel in India.

Today Kolkata is a huge city with 4.5 million people. About 927 000 of them are Muslims, many who came from the neighbouring country of Bangladesh to do business in Kolkata. During Ramadan, Kolkata Muslims will be in the streets to celebrate. They buy new clothes and gifts, and the streets are filled with different smells of food.

There is tension, and fear in some parts of Kolkata, because many of the Hindu people living there do not like Muslims. This causes a lot of worry. But some Muslims in Kolkata have gotten to know Jesus and find peace with Him. They meet in small groups and tell other Muslims about Jesus. Slowly more and more Muslims in Kolkata get to know Jesus.

Let's go!

Indians love colourful clothes. Find a colourful shawl or scarf that you can use for today's prayer. The one praying should wrap themselves in the shawl and then pass it on to the next person to pray.



Let's pray!

- Pray for the government of Kolkata, that they will work to keep all the people in Kolkata safe. (Psalm 112)
- Muslims want to be loved and accepted. Pray that they experience the love of Jesus and the love of other Christians. (Ephesians 4.1-3)
- Pray that many Christians in Kolkata would start to reach out to Muslims and share Jesus with them. (Colossians 4.2-6).





Houston, USA

Houston is a city in the southern part of the USA and it has about 3000 churches. But there are also about 80 000 Muslims living in the same city. Christians in Houston often pray for Muslims just the way you are doing today, so that they will hear about Jesus.

Some Christians in Houston understand that God has answered their prayers for Muslims and that He has brought Muslims into their city, so that they can tell them about Jesus. One piano teacher uses her lessons to tell her students and their parents about Jesus. Some young people have rented an apartment in the same building where many Muslims live so they can get to know and love their neighbours, just like Jesus told us to do. Two women are teaching English to Muslims and reading the Bible with them.

Others have distributed Bibles to Pakistani Muslims in Houston and one young Pakistani met Jesus in his dreams and wanted to be baptized. There are many more, who are waiting to hear the wonderful story of Jesus.

Let's go!

Before you start to pray, think about Muslims you know in your city and how you could help them and share about Jesus with them. **Then pray!**

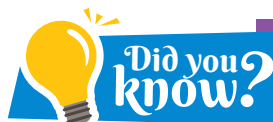
This is what Jesus says in **Matthew 9:37**, but some words have shifted around. Can you find out how it should be?

"The harvest is few, but the laborers are plentiful; therefore, send earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to pray out laborers into his harvest."

"The harvest is _____, but the laborers are _____; therefore, _____ earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to _____ out laborers into his harvest."

Let's pray!

- That Muslims in Houston will be blessed and encouraged by their Christian friends. (Luke 10.25 -37)
- Pray that more of the Christians living and working in Houston will pursue relationships with their Muslim neighbours. (Prov 11.11)
- Pray for many more Muslims in Houston to experience the love of Jesus and that they will start to follow Him.



Did you know?

Houston became world famous because of the Space Centre, NASA, where American space travel is controlled.





DAY 9
April 21

Multan, Pakistan

In Multan, the seventh biggest city in Pakistan, 2 million people live. It is often very hot and very dusty in the city and many people who live there are very poor.

Suriya lives with her family in Multan. She was able to go to school but when she was still very young her parents found a husband for her and Suriya had to marry him. It is common in the culture here for marriages to be arranged by parents.

Once Suriya was married, everyone expected her to have a child as soon as possible, but she didn't get pregnant. Because of this, Suriya's husband's family treated Suriya badly. They even said, they would send her away and look for a new wife for her husband. Suriya didn't know what to do, but then she heard about a Christian clinic, where they helped women like her. She went there, had a consultation and somebody prayed for her. Suriya had new hope. A few months later, Suriya found out that she was pregnant. Will Suriya remember the prayer to Jesus that helped her in her difficult situation?

Let's go!

Do you have a baby doll, or if not, a teddy bear? When you pray for women like Suriya, you can hold the baby and then pass it on to the next person.



Let's pray!

- Pray that women like Suriya, who are in desperate situations, learn that Jesus loves them and cares for them. (1. Corinthians 1:28-29)
- Pray for health clinics like the one in Multan, that they can be a light and provide hope for the people who come to them for help.
- Pray for the few Christians in Pakistan, that they will be a real blessing to the cities they live in. (Hebrews. 13:16)





Dhaka, Bangladesh

Dhaka is one of the fastest growing of the big cities in the world. About 20 million people live there! That's almost as many people as the whole of Australia! People who live in Bangladesh are called Bengalis and Bengali Muslims are one of the largest unreached people groups in the world.

For young Muslims in Dhaka it is sometimes difficult to know what is right and what is wrong. For example, they have a tradition, that friends and family come together a few days before a wedding to colour the face of the bride and groom with a yellow powder and to feed them sweets. Some Muslim teachers have said this tradition is 'not Muslim' and that they cannot do that anymore. Because of these teachers, there are also more women who are wearing burkas, to cover themselves, when they are outside.

But young Muslims also learn about many things that are happening outside their city through social media and the internet. They learn about new ideas and different ways to live. Some Christians are reaching out online to these young Bengali Muslims to tell them about Jesus.

Let's go!

Get some sweets, some cookies or chocolate. When someone finishes praying, they should give a sweet to the next person, who prays. Keep doing this until everyone has prayed and gotten a sweet!

Can you find out what this verse says?
Write your obeying by.

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Let's pray!

- You can certainly imagine that such a big city also faces a lot of problems. There are floods, overcrowding and pollution. Pray that the city leadership is wise and makes good decisions. (Isaiah 26:1-3)
- Pray that Muslims in Dhaka get opportunities to hear about Jesus and what it means to follow Him. (Psalm 119:9-10)
- Pray that Christians in Dhaka are protected and that they can be good witnesses of Jesus. (1 Timothy 4)





DAY 11
April 23

Jakarta, Indonesia

Jarot is from a small town in Indonesia. He is studying in the big city of Jakarta, but he really misses his family. Like many Indonesians, Jarot is a Muslim, but religion was never very important for him. At the university he has met new friends, who have introduced him to a movement called Hijrah. Hijrah is an Arabic word that means journey, or sometimes repentance. People who are part of the Hijrah group want to be good Muslims and many young people are very attracted by it.

Rachel also lives in Jakarta, but she is a Christian and she and her church have a good relationship with some of the local mosques. At a meeting at the university, where Muslims and Christians met, Rachel was able to tell Jarot about what Christians believe, and she prays that he will want to know more.

In Indonesia, Muslims, Christians, and Hindus live together in peace. But with 225 million Muslims, Indonesia is also the biggest Muslim country in the world. Some Indonesians are concerned that groups like Hijrah will disturb the peace in the country.

Let's go!

The person who prays first will take the hand of the next person who prays... and so on. At the end you will stand in unity together in a circle.

QUIZ!

For the answer, check it out on a map!

1) Indonesia is a country in:

() Africa () America () Asia

2) Indonesia is the:

() smallest Muslim country
() biggest Muslim country

3) Indonesia is a country on:

() one island () many islands
() no island

4) Jakarta is a city:

() small () medium
() large () very large

Let's pray!

- Pray that the different religious groups in Indonesia will continue to live together in peace. (Romans 12:18)
- One quarter (25%) of the people living in Jakarta are younger than 25. Pray especially for young people like Jarot, that they will find security in Jesus. (2 Timothy 2:22)
- Pray that Christians in Jakarta will share their faith with others. (Colossians 4:6)





DAY 12
April 24

Kampala, Uganda

Faduma gets up early every day to make Somali flatbread, which she sells in her neighbourhood. She has been doing this ever since she fled to Kampala from the war in Somalia five years ago. It is hard work, but she can't do anything else because she never went to school and she doesn't speak English, and she has to support her children.

Most people who live in Uganda are actually Christians. But in one part of Kampala, the capital city of Uganda, you will find only Muslims. This community houses about 20 000 Somali refugees.

A team of Ugandan Christians wants to help these Somali Muslims. They offer English lessons, computer courses or football training. At the same time, they pray for the Somalis and share about the love of Jesus.

Let's go!

Would you like to make some Sudanese Flatbread? Here is a recipe for you:

Ingredients

- 3 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, to taste
- 1 - 1 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoons oil

Combine the flour, oil and salt; knead the dough for 5-10 min, while adding the water gently. Brush with oil, cover and set aside for 30 min. Divide into 8 dough balls, which you roll out into a rough circle. Brush oil on the dough, then fold two sides in to the centre of the circle. Fold the other two sides in as well, you should now have a square fold. Apply to all the pieces. Then roll each piece out and place it on a hot skillet with a little bit of oil. Please let a grown-up help you! Cook until slightly puffy, then flip. It should be brown and crisp after 2-5 min.

The bread tastes very good with honey or cinnamon and sugar. While you eat it, pray for the Somalis in Kampala.



Let's pray!

- That Muslims in Houston will be blessed and encouraged by their Christian friends. (Luke 10.25 -37)
- Pray that more of the Christians living and working in Houston will pursue relationships with their Muslim neighbours. (Prov 11.11)
- Pray for many more Muslims in Houston to experience the love of Jesus and that they will start to follow Him.





Paris, France

One of the largest Muslim populations in Europe lives in Paris. There are about 1 700 000 Muslims mostly from countries in northern Africa like Algeria and Morocco.

There are also Muslims from other countries and Mahamadu is one of them. Mahamadu is a Soninke and he comes from Mali in West Africa. The Soninke have been Muslims for 900 years and they are very proud about that.

Today is Sunday and Mahamadu has just finished his cleaning job and is very tired. Now he has a few hours before he has to start his night shift as a security guard. But he has no time to rest, because some members of his family are coming to visit him. They will discuss family problems and decide how much money they can send to Mali, where Mahamadu's daughter is sick and needs to see a doctor. Mahamadu is worried. He doesn't know, if he has enough money for his daughter and for the upcoming Eid Feast. Mahamadu, like most Soninke, has never met a Christian who told him about Jesus and how much he loved the world, including the Soninke.

Let's go!

Do you know the most well-known building in Paris? Do you know what it looks like and what it is called?

If you were to visit Paris, you would certainly go and visit this building and maybe climb to the top. Take a chair or a ladder and climb on it to look out for the Soninke and other Muslims in Paris. Take turns - the one who prays, stands on the chair.

Let's pray!

- That the Soninke people in Paris will find enough work to help their families back home. (Mark 12:32-34)
- That all the Muslims who live in Paris will meet Christians who will share the gospel with them. (Matthew 9:38)
- For peace in the city of Paris, understanding between the different communities, and good leadership to keep that peace.





DAY 14
April 26

Yangon, Myanmar

If you travel to Yangon, you will see many beautiful golden Buddhist pagodas (temples) and monks in red robes. But if you look carefully, you will also see mosques everywhere between the pagodas. About 350 000 Muslims live in Yangon. Many of them came from India or China, but some are Rohingyas from Rakhine state. They have come to Yangon because of the violence they experienced in their own state. Many still have family living there or in other countries around Myanmar and it is nearly impossible to see their family members.

Many Burmese people, even some Christians, don't like Muslims and treat them very badly. There are hardly any Muslims who have heard about Jesus and not many people are reaching out to them to share the good news with them.

Let's go!

Nobody seems to see the Muslims who live in Yangon. They are hidden. Have everyone hide somewhere and pray for Muslims, then the youngest in the family can search for the others. When you are all together again, hold hands and pray for the Burmese church.

This verse is very important for the Muslims in Yangon, but it got a bit scrambled:

*"Refuge the oppressed LORD is the a for, of in
stronghold trouble a times." (Psalm 9.9)*



Let's pray!

- It looks quite hopeless for Muslims in Yangon, but God is there for the oppressed. Pray that they will experience His love.
- Pray that Muslims who long to experience peace will meet Jesus and find it in Him.
- Pray that the Burmese church will start to reach out to Muslims in their nation and share the good news with them. (1 John 2:3-6)





DAY 15
April 27

Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Have you heard of Samarkand before? It is a beautiful old city in Uzbekistan that has a lot of history. Many great kings and conquerors have built gorgeous mosques, graves, towers, walls, and buildings in this city. Uzbekistan is part of the Silk Road – an ancient trade route, which people travelled to trade precious goods like spices and silk or just to visit the city.

Today, however, the government is suspicious of foreigners visiting the country. They do not offer full freedom for Christians to worship, and many local believers are being persecuted. But despite the persecution and the small size of the Uzbek church, it remains strong. The Christians keep meeting and even try to reach their Muslim neighbours with the love of Christ.

Let's go!

Uzbekistan is very famous for its colourful silk cloth, embroidered with flowers just like the one you see here. But something went wrong here and now all the colour is missing. While you colour it in, pray for Uzbekistan.



Let's pray!

- Christianity was introduced to Samarkand even before Islam, but today there are many more Muslims than Christians. But even with all the persecution the church stays strong. Pray that there will be more freedom and Christians will be able to live their faith openly.
- Pray for believers in Samarkand to grow in their faith and be a witness for Jesus in their town.
- Pray that people in Samarkand will hear about Jesus and follow Him.





Doha, Qatar

The country of Qatar is in the Persian Gulf and Doha is the capital city of Qatar, and the place where most people in the nation live.

David moved to Doha from England to work. He works with Khalid, who is a Qatari. Most of the people who live in Doha come from other countries in Asia to work – there are fewer people who are Qatari. David invited Khalid to have coffee together and Khalid accepted happily. Khalid had heard David asking where he could find a church in the city and Khalid was curious to know more about what David believed.

Priya moved to Doha from India. She was working in a hotel and sending money home to her family. Priya was also attending a church in Doha. When the corona pandemic started, Priya lost her job, but the people in her church helped her and provided food. Priya's friends saw this and started to attend church together with Priya.

There are about 150 000 Christians in Doha and it is possible to share Jesus with friends, just like Priya and David are doing it, but you have to be careful and respectful about it.

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In this riddle you can find different names and places (8) that you have read about in the text above.

Let's go!

Many people come to Doha for work. Today, why not do some work together? Maybe wash the dishes, or cook dinner - and at the same time, pray for the people in Doha

Let's pray!

- Pray for safety for all the people who come to work in Doha – they often work long hours every day.
- That the Christians in Doha get opportunities to share Jesus with others. (Matthew 10:16)
- Pray for the Qataris who live in Doha to find ways to hear more about Jesus.





Toronto, Canada

In and around Toronto live people from many different countries and language groups. At least 500 000 of them are Muslims and there are about 220 mosques in the area. Many Muslims came to Toronto because of poverty in their home country or because they were looking for a better education. Some came because they were looking for a new life and new opportunities. Some were escaping war or other hardship. Many of them find that the cold winter in Toronto is difficult to adjust to!

Mohamed, from Syria, is one of those Muslims who came for education and he is studying at a college in Toronto. He says that most Muslims really like it when Christians pray for them and mention their name in prayer. Muslim people also want to know God and to spend eternity with Him. Praying for Muslims to learn about Jesus as the way to know the Father is one way we can follow the teaching of Christ to love our neighbour.

Let's go!

Make a list of names of Muslims you know from school or from work. Write them down on small papers that you can carry around in your pocket and remember to pray for them throughout the day.

Let's pray!

- Many immigrants come from countries where it is much warmer, and they find the climate in Canada very different! Pray that they can adapt to the changes quickly, even learn to enjoy them.
- Pray that Mohamed and others will become followers of Jesus and will tell others about Him. (Matthew 25:35-40)
- Pray that many of the Muslims in Toronto become friends with Christians and have good experiences with the Canadian church. (Acts 17:26-28)





Berlin, Germany

As Bernd rides the subway home, he thinks about meeting his friend Murat. Murat is Yemeni Arab who came to Berlin as a businessman. He is very successful and recently bought an entire building. Part of it is a popular Arabic restaurant and another part is set up as a mosque, decorated in traditional Yemeni style. About 200 men come here every Friday to pray, filling up the room. Bernd was also invited and has come to visit Murat's mosque many times before.

Bernd and Murat meet regularly, sitting on the floor of the mosque. First, they talk about their families, then Bernd tells Murat a story from the Bible. Murat knows the Koran very well, but he finds the stories from the Old Testament very interesting. Bernd learns a lot about Islam from Murat.

Bernd hopes that one day, he will move from telling Old Testament stories to sharing stories of Jesus. Praying with Murat, for his family and business Bernd finishes his prayers by stroking his hands over his face, in the same way Muslims do.

Let's go!

As you pray for Muslims in Germany, sit down in a circle facing each other. Hold out your hands in front of you, your open palms pointing up. Whenever someone finishes his or her prayer, you stroke your hands over your face as if you were washing it with imaginary water.



Let's pray!

- If you walk through Berlin you will see people from many nations. Some of them are Muslim and have never heard anything about Jesus. Pray for them to hear the good news of Christ in Berlin.
- Pray for the Church in Germany, to be a blessing to their Muslim neighbours and share their faith, like Bernd.
- Pray for the Yemenis in Berlin. In their home country it would be very hard to reach them, but in Germany they have the opportunity to hear the gospel.





Karachi, Pakistan

Located on the coast of southern Pakistan, the town of Karachi has a population of about 15 million people, 95% of whom are Muslims. There is also a small Christian minority, but they are persecuted and looked down upon. They find it hard to get involved in sharing the gospel with their Muslim neighbours.

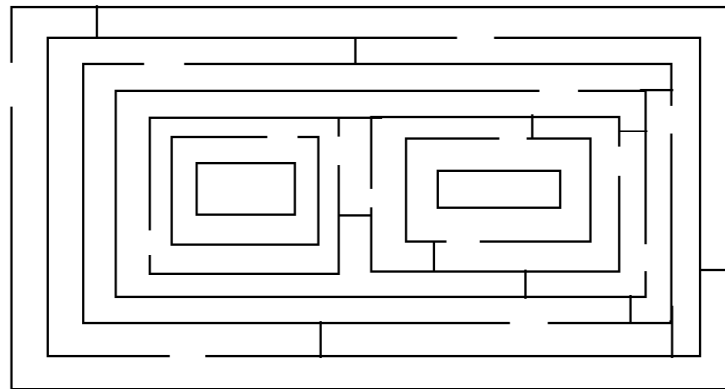
Over the years, immigrants from different parts of the country have moved to Karachi in search of jobs. Additionally, large groups of refugees from Afghanistan and Bangladesh now call Karachi their home.

Although people come here in search of a better life, Karachi has a lot of crime, inequality and poverty. Many people have quarrels in their family or are hurt by friends. They feel like they can trust no one but themselves. This makes a lot of people in Karachi very unhappy. It is common to say "This is Pakistan," and just accept the brokenness of the city. It is hard to believe that change is possible.

Let's go!

Find a rock and feel the hard and rough surface. Hold it in your hand as you pray and let it remind you of how hard and rough life can be for many people in Pakistan. When you finish your prayer, pass the rock on to the next person.

Sometimes it is really difficult to get from one place to the other in Karachi. You can easily get lost. Help the new arrivals find the house of their friends:



Let's pray!

- Pray that God will soften the hard hearts of the Pakistani people, so they will be open to his love.
- Pray for the people who are suffering, that they will experience God's help. There aren't a lot of Christians in Pakistan.
- Pray for God to send more Christian workers to Karachi, to bring His light and love to the city.





DAY 20
May 2

Nairobi, Kenya

Nairobi is the capital of Kenya and home to about 500 000 Muslims. Most of the Muslims who live in Nairobi are either from some other place in Kenya or from another country.

The biggest of these groups of Muslims in Nairobi are the Somalis. Somalis are good businessmen, and they work very hard. However, they don't really mix with other communities and many Christians are afraid to become friends with them as they are suspected of having relationships with extremist groups in Somalia.

But younger Somalis who are more educated are interested in connecting with non-Muslims. Abdi is one of them. When he was at the university, he started to follow Jesus. His family refuses to have anything to do with him anymore and it is also hard for Abdi to meet Christians because they are afraid of him. So Abdi and some other Somali Christians are meeting with a pastor and they are praying about starting their own Somali fellowship so that they can reach out to other Somalis as well.

Let's go!

There is a wall of fear between Muslims and Christians in Nairobi. When you are praying you can push against a wall in your living room, as if you would want to push the wall away. At the end give each other a hug as a sign, that the wall of fear has been removed.

Swahili is the language of many people in Kenya, you can learn a few words:

Thank you	----->	Asanta
Okay	----->	sawa
Welcome	----->	Karibu
School	----->	shule

Let's pray!

- Pray that young Muslims in Nairobi will be open to talk about faith and Jesus with Christians. (Romans 10:17)
- Pray for Christians in Nairobi to not be afraid to talk with Muslims about their experience with Jesus. (Romans 10:14-15)
- Pray that many Somali Muslims will follow Jesus and start fellowships where they can meet. (1 Peter 3:15)





DAY 21
May 3

Basel, Switzerland

Basel is a large city in Switzerland, very close to the borders of Germany and France. People can find good jobs here, especially in science and technology, which is why many foreigners move to this town, including many who are Muslim. Some of them have left countries like Iraq, Syria, and Turkey because there were better opportunities in Basel.

Churches in Basel try to help the foreigners get used to their new life in Switzerland. They offer German lessons and children's clubs for example. After many years of prayer, people are slowly finding to Jesus through these programmes. One pastor said, "Here in the church, it began when a Kurdish footballer got saved. He joyfully and passionately passed on the message of Jesus to his family and friends. Through him, a friend, his sister, his girlfriend, his cousin and another colleague came to Jesus."

Let's go!

Show your unity in prayer by sitting in a circle, holding hands. One of you starts to pray. As soon as that person is done, he squeezes the hand of the person next to him. Now it's their turn to pray.

Oh no! Something went wrong... Put the letters in the right order to find out what this sentence says! If you need help, read Psalm 133:1.

**„HWO GODO AND PALSANET TI SI WEHN
GDO'S PPLOEE LVIE TEGOHETR NI UTINY!“**

Let's pray!

- That Swiss and migrant believers will live together in unity and be a witness for Muslims in their neighbourhoods.
- That God will call and save many Muslims in Basel, and through them will reach their friends in other nations also.
- Pray for the immigrant Muslim families that move to Basel from very different cultures and have to get used to their new life in Switzerland.





DAY 22
May 4

Sydney, Australia

There are not very many Muslims living in Australia. But most of the Muslims that do live in this country call the big city of Sydney their home. They come to Australia from many different countries because of war or because they want to find work.

Ali came to Sydney as a refugee. One day a friend invited him to come and study the Bible with him and a few other people from different countries. Ali was always warned to never go in a church, but this seemed different. It was just a group of people from his own country, or countries nearby, that were meeting to read and talk about Jesus.

Ali went along and really enjoyed the evening. He didn't only find new friends in this group; he also slowly came to know and love Jesus.

Let's go!

Find a dice to help you pray. If you roll a 1 or 2, pray for the first request. With a 3 or 4 you pray for the second request. Rolling a 5 or a 6 means you get to pray for the third request.

Connect the dots to find out which animal Ali gets to see in Australia.



Let's pray!

- Pray for many Christians in Sydney to be willing to show love to immigrants, students, and visitors from Muslim countries.
- Pray for Muslims in Sydney to get to know Christ.
- Many Muslims come to Australia from countries where there are almost no Christians at all. Pray that they will have the opportunity to hear about Jesus during their stay in Sydney.





DAY 23
May 5

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Many people from all over Bangladesh have moved to Dhaka to find work in this big city. It is possible to find work, but the conditions are very tough, with long hours.

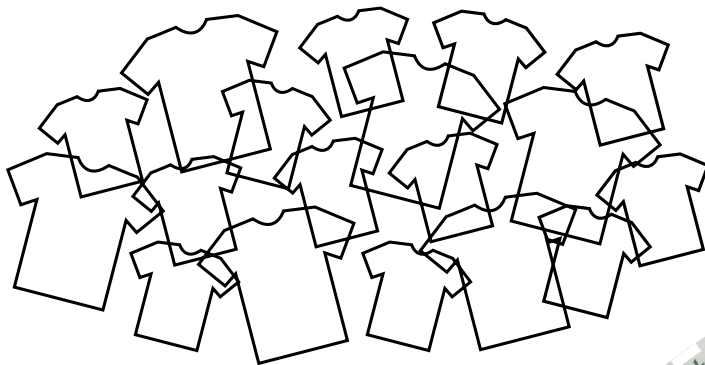
Maliha came to Dhaka to work in a factory, where she sews t-shirts. She starts work at 7:00 am and works for 12 to 14 hours, even during Ramadan. When she can finally go home in the evening, she is very tired but still has to say her prayers and break her fast before she can have some rest. Maliha is really looking forward to the Eid festival. That will be a holiday and she and her family will welcome many guests in her little house.

About half of all the people who live in Dhaka are poor and many of them work in factories like Maliha, where they earn very little money. There is also hardly any chance that they will ever hear about Jesus because only very few Christians live in Dhaka to share the gospel with Muslims. There are known to be about 1000 believers who were Muslims before.

Let's go!

Take some paper, pencils and scissors. Draw little t-shirts, cut them out and write Dhaka, Bangladesh on them. Hold them while you pray. Keep them to remind you to pray.

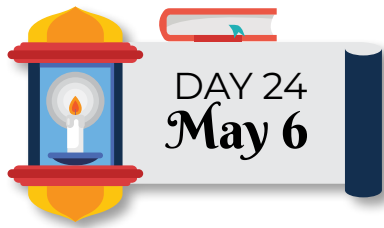
How many big and how many small t-Shirts did Maliha make today?



Let's pray!

- Pray for courage for the few believers in Dhaka, especially those from Muslim backgrounds, that they can share their faith with others. (2 Timothy 2:1-7)
- Pray that more Christians will come to this important and big city to start churches where people can go and hear about Jesus. (Romans 10:13-14)
- Pray that the owners of factories in Dhaka will improve the working conditions for the people who work for them and treat them fairly. (Matthew 19:16-30)





Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Usually, Aminah would have taken the train with her roommates but she was running late and didn't get breakfast before she left for school. So, she stopped at the orange juice machine at her station and bought some freshly pressed orange juice.

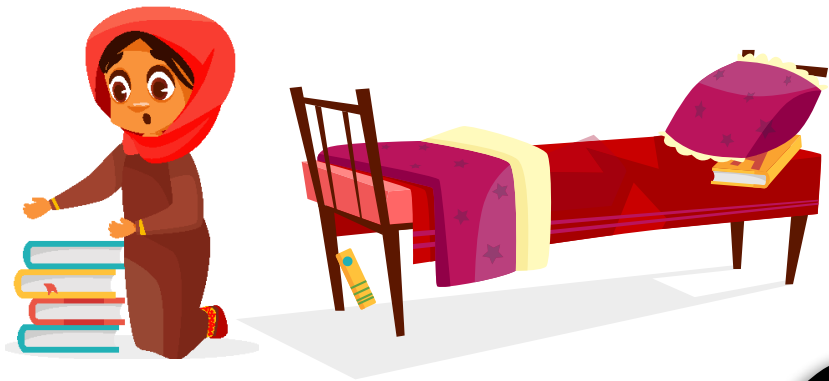
Aminah is very happy that she can go to university in Kuala Lumpur (locals call it "KL") and she wants to make her family proud. That's why she works extra hard, hoping to get good grades. Aminah is Malay, but she comes from a village in another state.

There are 500 000 more university students in KL. That is a lot of people! They go to 4 different universities, and some of them are even Christians. Many of the other students are more open to the Gospel when they are away from home, just like Aminah.



Because Aminah is a student, she has to do a lot of writing. Today, write your prayer down, then read it out loud. You can also draw a picture with your prayer requests.

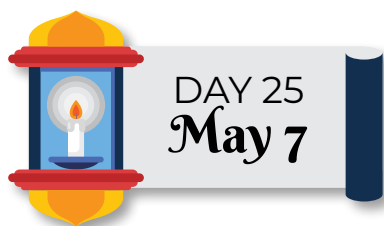
Oh no! Aminah lost her schoolbooks! Help her find them! How many can you spot hidden on this page?



Let's pray!

- Pray for Christians in KL to reach out and share about Jesus with Muslims.
- Pray for student ministries in KL and for Christians in the universities to be a good testimony of Christ.
- Pray that young students will come to university with an open mind and have the opportunity to learn about Jesus there





Sana'a, Yemen

For more than 2500 years people have lived in the city of Sana'a. There are many beautiful old buildings, with fancy decorations and even stained-glass windows. It is an important city with a lot of history. There are also over 100 mosques, some are also very old.

But the Muslims who live in this beautiful city are suffering. For several years there has been a war in Yemen and many people do not have enough to eat and they cannot get what they need for their families. Many people need help and the covid-19 pandemic has made everything worse.

People in Sana'a are used to suffering, but this is too much. Many don't know how they will survive. Normally they celebrate Ramadan in a very traditional way, but now they don't know how they can even gather the food to have an Eid party.

Because of all the suffering some people are turning to Jesus and the few Christians in the city are boldly sharing about the hope Jesus gives with all who want to hear it.

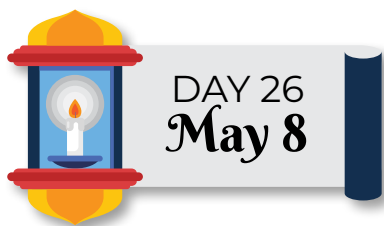
Let's go!

What would you need to have a party? Gather a few things and then pray for the people in Sana'a.

Let's pray!

- Pray for all the suffering people in Sana'a and for an end to the war so that people can live in peace again. (Isaiah 26:1-4)
- For many Muslims in Sana'a to have dreams and vision of Jesus. (Job 33:14-15)
- That the few Christians in the city will continue to share about Jesus boldly with everyone, so that many will start to follow Jesus too. (Philippians 4:4-7)





Hamburg, Germany

Karim, a young man from Pakistan is waiting for me at the door of his mosque in Hamburg, Germany. It is the oldest mosque in the city, and it belongs to the Ahmadiyya Muslims.

The Ahmadiyyas are an Islamic reform movement founded in India, more than 150 years ago.

The founder of the Ahmadiyyas claimed to be a prophet of God. But many other Muslims didn't believe his claim, and so his followers in South Asia were persecuted. For this reason, many fled to the West and some came to Hamburg.

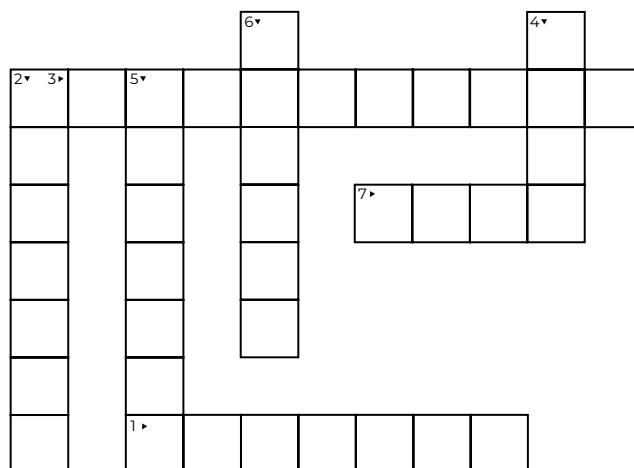
Karim explains that the motto of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is: "Love for all. Hate for none". They try to live out this motto by serving the city they live in. For example, every New Year's Day they clean up the rubbish left from fireworks in the inner city.

There are no known followers of Jesus in Germany who come from the Ahmadiyya Movement.

Let's go!

Solve the quiz, then pray for Ahmadiyyas to find to Christ.

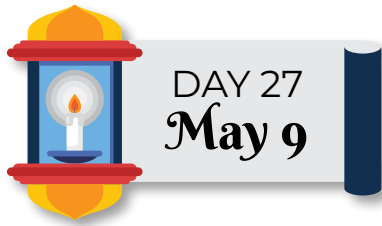
- 1) In which city in Germany do you find many Ahmadiyya Muslims?
- 2) What did the founder of the Ahmadiyya claim to be?
- 3) Why did many Ahmadiyya flee South Asia?
- 4) Finish the Mott of the Ahmadiyya Community: "----- for all. Hate for none".
- 5) What do the Ahmadiyyas dean up in Hamburg every New Years?
- 6) The Ahmadiyya are an Islamic ... movement.
- 7) How many known followers of Jesus are there in Germany with Ahmadiyyan background?



Let's pray!

- Pray for the Ahmadiyyas in Hamburg to connect with Christians.
- There are 40 000 Ahmadiyyas living in many cities across Germany. Pray that German Christians will reach out to them and they can get to know Jesus.
- Do you know if there is an Ahmadiyya community in your city? Ask your parents to help you find out with help of the internet. Then pray for the Ahmadiyyas specifically in your town/ country.





Accra, Ghana

Ghana is mostly a Christian nation. 70% of the population are Christians and Muslims and Christians mostly live together in peace.

Thousands of Muslims travel to the south of Ghana and the big cities, like Accra, to work there. Among them are girls between the age of 14 and 16, who travel to Accra because they are looking for work too. Many of them work in the markets or on the streets and they offer their services to carry heavy loads on their heads for people who don't want to carry their shopping. These girls are called Kayaye.

Habiba is such a Kayaye, who came to Accra because her parents were not able to pay for her school fees anymore and she had to leave school. Now she works very hard, eats very little and tries to save some money. Most people look down on the Kayaye, because their clothes are poor and they sleep in the streets.

But Christians in Accra are called to help the poor, and they help the Kayaye, teaching them and giving them health care. One Christian group has distributed 2300 food packages to Kayaye women and their children, who live in the streets.

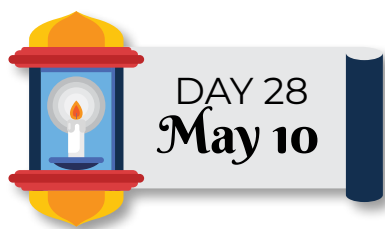
Let's go!

Can you carry something on your head? It is not so easy! Try to carry something on your head, walk around with it and pray for the people of Accra, especially for the Kayaye.

Let's pray!

- Pray for the Kayaye women, that they will have opportunities to improve their lives. (Psalms 31:19)
- For the Christians in Accra who reach out to help Muslims and that through their help many will get to know Jesus. (Matthew 5:16)
- For the people who have lost much because of the pandemic, and for the churches who are growing with many Muslims joining them. (Acts 2:42-47)





DAY 28
May 10

Banjarmasin, Indonesia

Banjarmasin is a very old city. It was founded over 500 years ago and it has always been an Islamic city. Today Muslims in Banjarmasin still celebrate the founding of the city. They visit the grave of their first sultan ruler and then worship together in the large mosque and sacrifice a goat or cow.

Also, once a year, the Banjar celebrate the end of Ramadan with large open trucks driving throughout the city with fireworks, shouting, and loud horns. They spend days visiting friends and family to continue the celebration. Christians are often invited to eat a meal with their Muslim friends and family at this time and this is an opportunity for them to share the good news.

But the Banjar believers don't have a Bible in their own language yet. There is also no church yet that worships God in the Banjar language, even though the language is spoken by more than four million people.

Let's go!

Imagine that you are a Banjar and you can't visit a church service or read the Bible in your own language. Try praying for the Banjar in a different language than your mother tongue! Can you do it? Give thanks for having the Bible in your own language as you pray for the Banjar.



Let's pray!

- Pray for the ongoing work for Bible translation in this language, so that one day the Banjar can read the Bible in their own language.
- Pray that the believers in the city will become bolder in sharing their faith with Banjar Muslims.
- Pray that many Banjar will find Christ and that Banjar churches will be planted.





Tripoli, Libya

Hassan is on his way to one of Tripoli's newly opened cafés. Tripoli has many options for coffee, so everyone can go to the place they like best. Today Hassan is visiting one of the more modern cafés to meet a group of international students he got to know at university. They meet up at their favourite café regularly to talk about politics, sport, and religion. Several of them are Christians and Hassan is interested in their beliefs, having never met a Christian before. He likes hearing about Jesus' teaching and wants to know more.

Cafés play an important part in the life of people in Tripoli. They come here to drink coffee, meet with friends or colleagues, gossip, argue, plan. Cafés are a place where people go to talk about ideas and get to know new people. This makes it a good place to talk about Jesus as well.

Let's go!

In Libya people speak Arabic. Would you like to learn some words in this widely spoken language?

Here are some important words you might need when visiting a Café in Tripoli.

Coffee	----->	Qahua	----->	قوهق
Tea	----->	Shay	----->	ياش
Cup	----->	Kub	----->	بوك
Cake	----->	Kayk	----->	كيك
Thank you	---->	Shukraan	----->	اركش

As you pray, end each prayer with the Arabic word for Amen – Amiyn آمين

Let's pray!

- Pray for the word of God to be spread through cafés, so that many more Muslims will come to follow Christ.
- There is often conflict and fighting in Tripoli, because of extremist Islamic groups. Pray for peace in this city.
- Islam is the state religion in Libya. Pray for greater freedom, to talk about different faiths so people can learn about Jesus.





DAY 30
May 12

Damascus, Syria

You may have heard about the city of Damascus because it's in the Bible! The apostle Paul met Jesus while he was on his way to Damascus and became a follower of Jesus in a very dramatic way!

Damascus is one of the oldest cities in the world and it is not only important for Christians but also for Muslims, where it has an important role in their history.

Today about 2.3 million Syrians live in Damascus. The city has grown very fast because of many young people moving to the city for work. Most people who live in Damascus are Syrian Arabs, but there are also Kurds and Palestinians. About one in every 5 people who live in Damascus is a Christian and there are also a few Jews who have lived in Damascus for many years.

In the last few years, many people have left the city because of the ongoing war in Syria and for both Muslims and Christians in the city, it has been a very difficult time.

Let's go!

Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus. Pretend you are on the road to Damascus as you pray today – maybe even go for a walk around your house.

If you read the story about Paul in Acts 9, you can answer these questions:

- Paul was called _____
- He comes from the city of T_____
- He saw a bright _____ and became _____
- A _____ prayed for him.
- Now Paul was able to _____ again.

Let's pray!

- The Christians in Damascus are part of several different, mostly Orthodox groups. Pray that they will have unity and love for each other. (Galatians 5.13)
- Pray for peace in Syria that the city of Damascus can be rebuilt and that people can live safely again. (Acts 9.31)
- Pray that many Muslims in Damascus will meet Jesus just like Paul did. (Acts. 9.1-22)



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