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31 Days of Prayer

Praying for the K people of the
Silk Road Area throughout Ramadan

1 - 31 March





Seasons shape life on the Silk Road. The blooming of spring, in early March, is a reason for celebration as we emerge from the cold and short days of winter.

In 2025, the beginning of Ramadan (March 1) is followed closely by the start of Lent (March 5). Less than three weeks later, the people groups of the Silk Road Area will celebrate Persian New Year, one of the biggest events on the calendar.

The Silk Road team invites you to join us in prayer over the next 31 days for the K people, many of whom will be more focused on spirituality and religious observance than at other times of the year.

Ramadan is a month of fasting, when the K people and Muslims around the world seek to draw closer to God. It is also a time for families to connect as they gather for the iftar meal to break their fast after the sun sets. Towards the end of Ramadan is the Night of Power, which commemorates when Muslims believe the Quran first came down from Heaven.

Nauryz is a holiday that celebrates the Persian New Year at the Spring equinox, a community celebration of K culture, food, singing, and dancing. People will dress in traditional clothing and gather together in yurts as communities and families.

Our own patterns during Lent and what we celebrate during Easter share commonalities with our K friends' experiences during Ramadan and Nauryz. Though our motivation is very different, Lent and Ramadan are both times when people may fast and seek God with increased fervour.

As K people seek to set aside unforgiveness and be reconciled to one another during Nauryz, at Easter we remember how the Father reconciled the whole world to himself through Jesus. Each of these similarities presents bridges and opportunities to share the Good News with our K friends.

Please join us in praying for these opportunities to bear fruit during this particularly important time.

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Sat 1 March - Mon 31 March

1/3 S Ramadan starts, Day of Gratitude: Like in the West, an increasingly materialistic culture can leave people in the Silk Road area dissatisfied with what they possess, turning to loans to increase their lifestyle beyond their means. Ask that today we would all be content with what we have and pursue what truly satisfies.

2/3 S As fruit trees begin to bud, we ask that the Father would bless our region on the Silk Road with a bountiful harvest and that families would enjoy fresh and healthy fruit and vegetables in the months to come.

3/3 M As we continue to invest in relationships with our neighbours, we long for the Spirit to open opportunities to share stories about Jesus and to have deep, heavenly-oriented conversations about the Father's Kingdom.

4/3 T Shrove Tuesday: As was the case in 2024, Lent and Ramadan are overlapping. We long for the Spirit to use this intersection of religious practices to prompt conversations and to stir up a longing to understand who Jesus really is.

5/3 W Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent: For those of us who choose to fast as we prepare for Easter, may the Spirit open opportunities to share stories of fasting. May this be a way to build a bridge between Ramadan and following Jesus that our K friends will notice and be intrigued by.



6/3 T There is a small, faithful group of believers living in the city. While in the past, they have wanted or needed to leave their communities of upbringing, pray for reconciliation and connection that they may be able to reach their families with the Gospel.

7/3 F Ask for young leaders to continue to be raised up in faith communities across the country and that they will have the opportunities to develop distinctive ways of following Jesus as they seek to continue the work that was begun.

8/3 S **Women's Day:** Women on the Silk Road work very hard to provide for their families, maintain their homes, and care for their children and parents. Give thanks for the women who put so much love and effort into their families. Ask that they would be honoured and appreciated not only today but every day.

9/3 S Domestic violence is a haunting, taboo issue in the Silk Road Area. Ask that the shame surrounding domestic violence would shift from victim to perpetrator, that political reforms would protect women, and that women's safety and wellbeing would be valued above reputation.



10/3 M In the village there are several K believing women who are either single, widowed or divorced. May the Father faithfully provide for these women and their families, and may their faith deepen and mature every day.

11/3 T When a child is born with a disability, it is normal for the family to go through a period of grief and desperation as they try to find a 'solution' to their situation. Ask that in this time of vulnerability, they would know the love and peace of the Son. Pray against being taken advantage of by health 'professionals' when families are vulnerable.

12/3 W Pray for mothers of children with disabilities. Ask that they would find non-judgemental communities to be a part of where they can find belonging acceptance; and not blamed for their child's condition.

13/3 T Pray for fathers of children with disabilities. Help them to understand the important role they have in advocating for their child, for communicating their child's worth to their communities, and supporting their wives.





14/3 F 'Day of making amends and forgiving others': May forgiveness flow freely amongst the K people of our village and city – between neighbours and relatives, inspired by the movement of the Holy Spirit.

15/3 S Ask for children with disabilities to be accepted by their family (immediate and extended), their neighbours and their local communities. Ask for the simple joy of being able to play with other children.

16/3 S Ask for local believers to have the opportunity and to take opportunities to 'enter' into the world of families with disabilities. They have powerful offerings of acceptance, community, love and support to share with these families.

17/3 M Pray for the leaders of this country to be trustworthy and to lead with integrity, vision and compassion.

18/3 T As the ground thaws and the bulbs push through, may the Spirit open the way for new life to spring forth amongst our K friends and neighbours in the form of a personal relationship with our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

19/3 W May the Father sustain our teachers as we come to the end of another school term. May the spring break deliver the rest and refreshment to finish the school year well.

20/3 T International Day of Happiness: One of the fruits of the Spirit is joy, may our team members overflow with a deep joy that those around us are attracted to!

21/3 F Nauryz is the Persian New Year festival on the Silk Road. Ask that this festival marks a new year of spiritual thirst and renewal for the K people.



22/3 S As geopolitical factors lead to increased workers on the Silk Road, ask that they will be able to settle in well with life and ministry here.

23/3 S In the lead up to Easter, ask that the K followers in the village be moved to meet together regularly. Ask that leaders would be raised up among them to share boldly within their communities.

24/3 M May the Spirit move followers of different ethnicities in the Silk Road Area to find ways to encourage one another – despite language barriers – as members of the Father’s broader church.

25/3 T As our Muslim friends celebrate the inspired revelation of the Quran, may the Father reveal Himself to them through Jesus in dreams and visions that have brought so many to the Father.

26/3 W **Night of Power:** Some Muslims stay awake all night in prayer and reading the Quran, as they believe angels walk the earth and requests are more likely to be heard. Ask that those seekers find truth and know the one who listens to our every request.

27/3 T Many Muslim people hope that by upholding Ramadan, their diseases or injuries would be healed as a reward. Ask that they would find healing both from the Father and through robust, well-trained, bribe-free medical care.

28/3 F Matthew 5:14 - “You are the light of the world.” May the followers of Jesus in the Silk Road Area shine our lights like a city on a hill.

29/3 S Every year more and more people participate in Ramadan here. Thank our Father that He is creating this angst and ask that as their hearts are stirred for a deeper meaning, they will encounter people who can reveal the light of Jesus to them.

30/3 S As visas seemingly become harder to come by and other restrictions seem to slowly increase, ask that there will continue to be pathways for people from around the world to come and serve amongst the K people.

31/3 M Simply ask that the eyes of many will be opened to see that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.



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