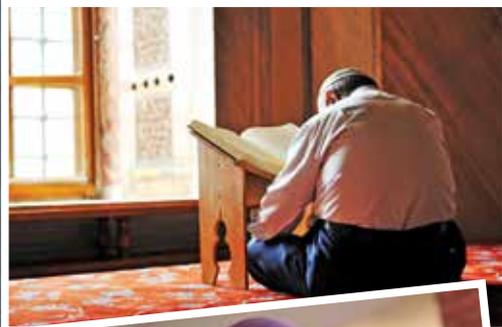


RAMADAN 1435

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of Prayer

FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

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An international Christian prayer focus since 1993

# Welcome

Dear friends,

“Thank you” is the message that I receive the most.

The “30 Days” prayer focus continues to be well received around the world. Because the focus is on Ramadan and our praying coincides with just that month, Christians of all ages, backgrounds and cultures find they can relate to the field reports and pray effectively. From our end, we have asked workers for specific prayer requests for their work this year. Our underlying prayer is for the lost to hear and for new believers to be built up in the faith. We may not mention that each day, but keep it as the basis for your prayers and know that the workers you are hearing from have that key focus.

“Thank you” for praying. That is the message I want you to hear. We also want to thank the many co-workers who write reports for this guide, and who translate, print and distribute it. And of course we thank the donors who enable us to continue to produce “30 Days” by giving financially. Can any single prayer be measured?

All glory to God,

The Editors

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# What today's Muslims believe

Most Muslims firmly believe in the "Five Pillars".

## The Five Pillars: percentages practised

97%

Declaration of faith in Allah and the Prophet Muhammad

93%

Fasting during Ramadan

77%

Observing "Zakat" (charitable giving)

63%

Performing "Salat" (five daily prayers)

9%

Pilgrimage to Mecca ("hajj")

## The percentage of Muslims who believe in each of the five core beliefs is as follows:

One God (Allah):	97%
Judgment Day and belief in heaven:	94%
Judgment Day and belief in hell:	87%
Angels:	88%
The Qur'an is the literal word of God:	80%
and in the USA:	50%
The prophet(s) Muhammad:	97%

## The percentage of Muslims who believe in destiny — "if God wills" (fatalism/called "in sha Allah") — is:

Middle East/North Africa:	93%
South Asia:	91%
South-east Asia:	89%
Central Asia:	88%
South-east Europe:	57%

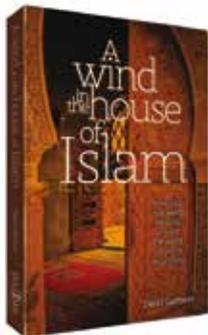
## Is it possible to have more than one correct interpretation of the teachings of the faith?

Here are the percentages of Muslims in different countries who believe it is:

Tunisia:	58%
USA:	57%
Lebanon:	45%
Jordan:	23%
Egypt:	21%
Kyrgyzstan and Malaysia:	17%

# The wind is blowing

Adapted from David Garrison's new book, *A Wind in the House of Islam*.



**A** wind is blowing through the House of Islam. “Dar al-Islam”, or “House of Peace” in Arabic, is a term used by Muslims to refer to those countries where they can freely practise their religion — currently encompassing 49 nations and at least 1.7 billion people. What this means is that Islam directs the spiritual affairs of about a quarter of the world’s population. But something is happening today, something amazing!

“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” (John 3:8)

Today, in more than 60 separate locations, new communities of Muslim-background

followers of Christ are emerging. Each movement has seen at least 1,000 baptised believers and at least 100 new worshipping fellowships, all in the past decade alone. In some countries, the communities have grown to tens of thousands of new Muslim-background believers.

## Background

This is truly remarkable. For nearly 14 centuries millions of “Christians” were assimilated into the House of Islam, for example, through the Ottoman expansion. Though Muslim converts also made their way into the Christian fold, it was rare.

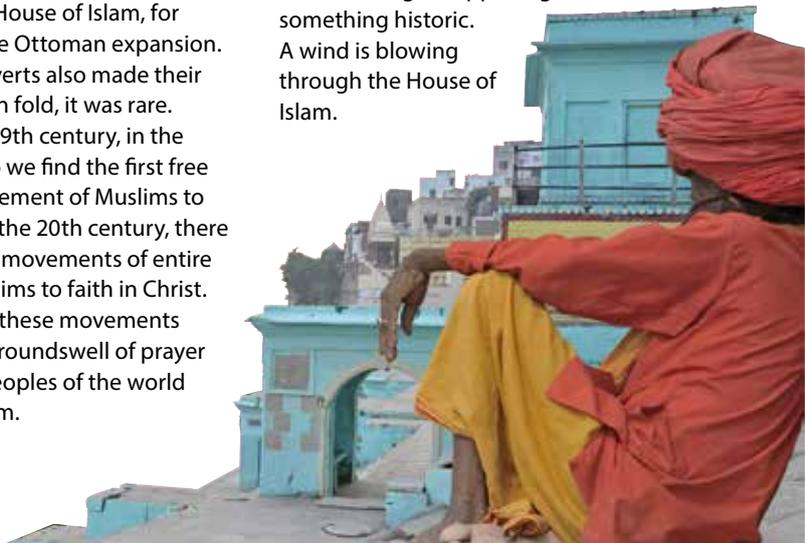
Not until the late 19th century, in the Dutch East Indies, do we find the first free and indigenous movement of Muslims to Christ. By the end of the 20th century, there were seven separate movements of entire communities of Muslims to faith in Christ. It is no accident that these movements coincided with the groundswell of prayer for the unreached peoples of the world and the world of Islam.

## This groundswell of prayer must continue.

May God show us His heart to pray His prayers today. Pray also for the thousands of courageous Muslim-background Christ followers who have been touched by the wind of the Spirit, and are paying the price for their new faith. Pray also that Christian-background believers will participate in this growing harvest of Muslims to Christ.

Something is happening, something historic.

A wind is blowing through the House of Islam.



# Night of Power

I was staring into the darkness outside my window. For hours I had tried to work but I was overwhelmed by the crackly, resonant voices chanting into the mosque megaphones from around the city. Their voices were loud and unrelenting on this night, and a heightened awareness of the spiritual realm crept in. It was the Islamic Night of Power\*.

Realising the spiritual significance of this night, I decided to join some believing friends for an all-night prayer meeting of our own, to praise God and to intercede for our Muslim friends and the Muslim world at large. During the meeting, I felt strongly to pray for my Muslim friend Amira and to have the others pray for her too. We prayed for her fervently.

The next evening, I found myself sitting next to Amira in a worship service in my neighbourhood! She invited me to go to this meeting with her and another Christian friend of hers! When the meeting ended Amira inundated me with questions. I suggested we could study the

Bible together. She said she would consider it. Our God moved powerfully in response to our prayers of faith, and, as a result, at least one soul stepped closer to His Kingdom. (Footnote: Amira later became a follower of Jesus.)

Muslims believe that the Night of Power is the same night during the Ramadan month of fasting on which Muhammad first received the revelations for the Qur'an centuries ago. Many Muslims stay awake all

night to pray or recite the Qur'an, believing that on this extra-holy night they have a better chance of getting their prayers answered by God. Many Muslims genuinely seek God at this time and are genuinely open to Him.

## THE NEEDS

- *May God draw us to intercede for the Amiras in our lives.*
- *Father, bless Christians with Your wisdom and insight on how to most effectively follow up the Amiras and share faith with those who ask.*
- *Pray for a spirit of boldness, to take up opportunities when they arise to share. (2 Timothy 1:7-8)*

\* Background articles on the Night of Power are available on [www.30-days.net](http://www.30-days.net).





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