

## ▶ GETTING STARTED

### **Suggestions and ideas for personal and group prayer.**

**You can use this booklet to pray** by yourself, or to join with groups of others to pray together. We encourage you to find creative ways to involve as many people as possible with you in this prayer focus. Jesus gave some special promises of blessing for Christians who come together and agree in prayer.

**You could organize some periodic meetings** over the 30-day period with your church, your youth group, your committee or leaders' meetings, your women's meetings, home Bible studies, cell groups, children's groups; in fact, any occasion when your Christian friends and associates meet together.

**Take a social occasion and turn it into a prayer event.**

Have others join with you in a special meal using the prayer topic for that day. Find out all you can about that day's topic and particular culture—including food and dress, music, sports, etc.

**It is helpful if one person is chosen as the leader/facilitator** of the time of group prayer. This person can give direction and cohesion.

**Ask and expect the Holy Spirit to lead you** in prayer, revealing certain areas of detail and specific focus (Rom 8:26).

**Keep a journal of your prayer times.** Particularly note any Scriptures that God may prompt you to read concerning that day's topic.

**Stay focused on one subject area** at a time (rather than hopping around), until every group member had a chance to pray out their prayers on the current topic if they want to.

**Look for ways to make your times of prayer interesting.** God is infinitely creative, and has made us in His image, so we can expect creative ideas and prayers to flow as we seek Him. For example, bringing out a map, or reading a short article on a particular country or need related to the day's topic can add interest and spark new ideas to pray for. Photographs, television and video documentaries can do the same.

**"The Night of Power" (Day 27) presents a strategic prayer opportunity.** It actually starts in the evening of Day 26 (Muslim days start at sunset). Consider setting that night aside (or the evening) for an all-night prayer time with your church or group.

**Let us believe God for an outpouring of His Spirit** on our Muslim neighbors worldwide. Let us pray and believe for the fulfillment of Revelation 7:9, that every group, including the peoples of Islam, will be represented before the throne of God on that final day.

