



Introduction

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The 30 Days call to praying for Muslims originated during a meeting of Christian leaders in the Middle East in 1992. They sensed God's desire to call Christians to pray for the Muslim world. The resulting prayer movement was planned to coincide with the important Islamic month of Ramadan. The dates for Ramadan follow the shorter lunar calendar. In 2007, Ramadan begins approximately on September 13th and ends on October 12th. This may vary from country to country because the fasting period begins and ends with the sighting of the crescent moon. Due to the shorter Islamic year, the 2007 booklet is actually our 16th edition (there have been 16 lunar years since the beginning of "30 Days" in March 1993). This is the year 1428 of the Muslim lunar calendar.

Praying during the month of Ramadan does not mean that we conform ourselves to Muslim practices of fasting and prayer. Rather it allows us to identify with Muslims by praying for them during

a significant period of their spiritual lives each year. In no way is it intended as an occasion to show any kind of disrespect.

The goal of this prayer guide (while far from being comprehensive in its portrayal of Islam) is to inspire and guide each reader as s/he pleads for Muslims before the throne of the Almighty. We encourage you to seek further information and to gain a greater understanding of the Islamic world and God's activities among Muslims, as well as first-hand knowledge by developing friendships with Muslims.

Again this year we have included a number of testimonies in the prayer booklet to encourage your faith as you pray. God is able to reach Muslims. He wants them to come to know Him. Join us in lifting them in prayer.

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