

# Preparation for Prayer

July - August 2008

## *Supplement 30 Days +*

*Before the beginning of “30 Days” in September  
let us take time to prepare our hearts.*

The prayer movement “30 Days” is important work. It is an effort to spread awareness of the extent of God’s love in the Muslim world. Our common hope is to see more people joyfully submit to the gracious reign of our creator. Prayer is an important effort toward that end, but it may only be as effective as the foundations of our own life with God. Are we really looking for the manifestation of his kingdom? Do we say with our whole heart, “May your Kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

During the six weeks leading up to Ramadan, or possibly during several days just before the beginning of Ramadan, we invite you to reflect on the subjects listed on the following pages. It is our hope that this material will help us be better prepared for intercession during the “30 Days”. Some will want to pray on the six Fridays leading up to Ramadan. This is the Muslim day of assembly at local mosques. Just after noon on Fridays they gather to have their weekly ritual

prayers. This could be a good moment for some to begin preparing their hearts for intercession as well. The dates for the Fridays leading up to Ramadan are listed above the days of preparation articles. While this material is optional, it is not unimportant.

*Are we willing to spend time with God in preparation? Are we willing to arrange our lives for Him?*

*Apparently God has decided that our prayers should be involved in Muslims coming to faith in Christ (Luke 10:2). Am I willing to be part of his plan?*

*Prepare our hearts to meet God and to invite Him to act and accomplish His will among Muslims across the whole earth!*

Extra Day 1 (July 25)

### GRACE TO DO

The Apostle Paul said, “By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.” (1 Cor. 15:10).

Paul saw that his ability to accomplish God’s work came from God himself. As Paul said, his effort to proclaim Christ constituted real work. However, his ability to work for and with God came from the Lord. Our work, like Paul’s, is believing in the Messiah (John 6:28-30). We are called to this work while it is still day (John 9:4).

We are told that being involved in God’s kingdom building project will be real food for our souls. Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work” (John 4:34). May this effort become food for us during the coming weeks. May God give us grace to accomplish his will. *Meditate on John 15:4-7.*

