

Day 5 (Friday August 22nd)

REMEMBER THE STRUGGLE



Bringing the Gospel to Muslims also involves a real struggle against non-human enemies. Spiritual forces of darkness are very active in opposing prayer, evangelism, Bible translation efforts, medical care, social work against injustice, etc. We will probably find some spiritual opposition in our own lives in the coming weeks as we pray. Let us prepare ourselves for the struggle. Non-human spiritual forces are very present on planet earth. They oppose the advancement of truth and God's loving kingdom.

Meditate on these texts: Ephesians 6:10-20, James 4:7, 1 Peter 5:8-9, 2 Kings 6:16-17.

Day 6 (Friday August 29th)

COMMIT THE MONTH TO THE LORD

Remember that millions of Muslims around the world will be gathering for prayer today. Take some time to commit the next month of prayer to the Lord. The "30 Days" of intercession starts in a few days.

Possible prayer: *Jesus, there is no one too lost for you to love, no one is too low for you to serve, so give us the grace to change the world ... No one too lost for us to love, no one too low for us to serve, let us see your face, let us be your face ... (This prayer is the lyrics of a song by Sanctus Real).*



How should we use this booklet?

Over the coming weeks, you may pray and fast in a variety of ways. Some days five minutes may be all that you can give to this prayer effort. However participants will sometimes be guided to pray for much longer periods. You can use this booklet to pray during your own prayer times, or join with others to pray together. We would encourage you to find creative ways to involve as many people as possible with you in this prayer focus. Jesus gave special promises of blessing for Christians who pray and agree as a group (Mt. 18:20).

You could organize some weekly or twice weekly meetings over the 30 day period with your church, your youth group, leaders' meetings, home Bible studies, cell groups, children's groups — in fact, any occasion when your Christian friends or staff meet together. Take a social occasion and turn it

even into a prayer event as well. Have others join with you in a special meal using the prayer topic for that day. You could find out all you can about that particular culture — including food and dress, music, sports, etc. It is helpful if one person is chosen as the leader/facilitator of the group for that time of prayer. This person can give direction and cohesion to the group. Ask and expect the Holy Spirit to lead you in prayer (Rom. 8:26).

It is helpful if the group focuses its prayers on one subject area at a time, rather than constantly changing focus. Each person should wait before moving on to a different topic, allowing each one to pray their prayers over the current subject area (1 Cor. 14:40). Look for ways to make your times of prayer varied and interesting. God is creative, and has made us in His image, so we can expect creative ideas and prayers as we seek Him.