

The Night of Power

Depending on their location on the earth, some Muslims will spend much of tonight or tomorrow night in prayer. This event commemorates Mohammed's first revelation of the Qur'an in a cave near Mecca in AD 610. Muslims call it the Night of Power. Many Muslims are more open to supernatural events at this moment during Ramadan. Some believe in increased angelic activity, others in miracles and visions. Many believe that their personal prayer requests are more likely to be answered at this time. Knowing this, it is a good moment for Christians to pray believing that God will act in the lives of seeking Muslims. Only God knows how important this could be for the salvation of many.

You might pray something like the following:

- ▶ *Lord, may Your compassion flow in our hearts for Muslims during this night. Lord, You are a Father to the fatherless. You are near to those who are lowly and contrite in heart (Psalm 51:17, Is 57:15 and 66:2).*
- ▶ *Lord, may You break down all thoughts of self-righteousness through religious activity among Muslims who participate in the Night of Power. May You move them toward true humility before You (Dan 4:37).*
- ▶ *May all glory be Yours because of Your loving character and for all You have done. Lord, may You be acting during the Night of Power so that people may have a revelation of Jesus, the Messiah.*
- ▶ *Lord, remember those who are genuinely seeking Your help this night. May You give them the help they need in such a way that they will understand that it comes to them through the Messiah, Jesus (Ps 34:18, Zech 9:9).*

Malaysia

Malaysia remains a key part of the Muslim world in Southeast Asia. With a burgeoning population of 24 million, 60% of whom are Malay Muslims, the nation's influence is significant in the region. Dramatic political changes have impacted Malaysia, but of special significance is the growing focus on reaching the Malay with the love of Jesus. The Malays have been much neglected throughout the history of Christian outreach. But praise God, now there are more believers focused on reaching the Malay than ever before. Increasing numbers of national believers (Chinese, Indians, and tribal people) are seeking to proclaim their faith with respect to their Muslim neighbors and colleagues. Several pioneer communities of faith have been established among Malay Muslim-background-believers.



Prayer requests:

- ▶ *Pray for the emergence of spiritual leaders among the Malay to proclaim the Gospel, teach, and pastor their own people.*
- ▶ *Pray for God's working through the recently completed contextualized Malay language Scriptures, as Malays have opportunity to read them.*
- ▶ *Pray for the believers across Malaysia to be salt and light and an instrument in God's hands for the unreached Malay.*
- ▶ *Pray for God's stirring (perhaps through dreams and visions) in the hearts of Malays. Pray that many other Malay-related unreached peoples across Southeast Asia will hunger to know God.*