

The “Grace and Truth” Affirmation:

Toward Christlike Relationships with Muslims (Introduction)

30Days International has decided to actively participate in a worldwide affirmation of believers called “Grace and Truth: Toward Christlike Relationships with Muslims.”

We ask our prayer partners to seriously consider the statements in this text and to pray this for yourself, your congregation and the body of Christ. We encourage believers to repent concerning all un-Christlike attitudes toward Muslims which are unworthy of our crucified and risen King. We have shortened the text a bit in order to make it fit into the “30 Days” format. You can view the larger version of the Grace and Truth Affirmation, and read more about its background, along with a list of signatories, by going to <http://30daysprayer.com/Islam/>.

The following is the “Introduction of the Grace and Truth Affirmation.” Days one and two of this years’ prayer guide contain points from the Affirmation.

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This is an Affirmation from a Global Network of Christians who love Muslims and many who live and serve among them. Jesus calls his followers to experience and live out the love of God. This love is made accessible to all people through Christ, who came to the world “full of grace and truth.” However, because of cultural differences, threats of terrorism and negative stereotypes of Muslims, many of God’s people shrink back from fulfilling Jesus’ command to love all people.

We note that the Islamic World contains significant theological and ideological diversity. The spectrum of Muslim perspectives and practice ranges from secularists, modernists and traditionalists, to extremist Islamists who promote militant *jihād*. Recognizing this great diversity, we affirm nine biblical guidelines that can enable Jesus’ followers to serve as his representatives in relationship with Muslims of every persuasion.

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For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ (John 1:17)

