



# *Ramadan Prayer Guide*

**Christian Prayer Guide  
for the Muslim World**



# Ramadan Prayer Guide: "The Shift"

18 February – 18 March 2026

Repentance, Realignment, Redemption, Release

*“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?” –  
Isaiah 58:6*

Ramadan is a period of increased spiritual seeking and openness for Muslims. That means it's a crucial time to pray for God to reveal Himself to them. We invite you to join believers from across the nations in this vital harvest field. Even as the influence of Islam continues to spread worldwide, we see God at work—redeeming, restoring, and drawing hearts to Himself. His Word declares that the sons of Kedar and Nebaioth “will minister to you; they will ascend with acceptance on My altar” (Isaiah 60:7). This is a promise we are watching unfold in our time.

The difference between Christianity and Islam is the "Why." One is driven by duty, fear, and shame, human strength. The other is driven by freedom and joy, relying on the finished work of the sacrificial lamb.

This year, Ramadan (18 February – 18 March), intersects with Lent, February 18, and Purim, sunset March 2 to March 3. Ramadan is introduced on February 17<sup>th</sup> with a rare planetary line-up ["fire ring" solar eclipse](#). The 17<sup>th</sup> is also the Chinese New Year. February 18<sup>th</sup> is also Rosh Chodesh Adar, an important historical and spiritual month for Israel. Purim is introduced with a [Blood Moon, March 3](#). [International Women's Day](#) is celebrated on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. One can see the convergence of various cultural/religious festivals heralding a time of heightened spiritual sensitivity and activity. A paradigm shift is underway, making way for breakthrough revelation in the Ekklesia to advance His Kingdom.

Ramadan is traditionally divided into three equal sections of ten days each with key themes as follows:

## I. February 18-27: The first ten days: Repentance

Ramadan begins with a focus on repenting for sins and asking Allah for forgiveness and mercy. Pray for Muslims to encounter the grace of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

- a. Pray for a Truth encounter for Muslims. In seeking their god they would start questioning what they believe.



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- i. 2 Corinthians 4:4 says, *“The god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.”*
  - b. Pray Muslims would have an encounter with the God who is love. Islam has 99 names for God. Although ‘al-Wadūd’ is listed among the names associated with love, Islam does not present love as the covenantal assurance and adoption revealed through Jesus. In Islam love is conditional and volitional. In Christianity, love is essential and eternal.
    - i. 1 John 4:8, 16 *God is love...So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*
    - ii. Qur’an names of God are only associated with love:
      - 1. al-Wadūd (الْوَدُود) — *“The Loving”* or *“The Affectionate”* Found in Qur’an 11:90 and 85:14
      - 2. ar-Rahmān – The Most Merciful
      - 3. ar-Rahīm – The Especially Merciful
  - c. Pray that God would use dreams, questions, Scripture, and conversations to reveal Truth.
    - i. Numbers 12:6 *He said, “Listen to my words: “When there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams.”*
    - ii. Islam: Mohammed said, "A true dream is one part of forty-six parts or prophethood." (Hadith 6989). In other words, dreams are supportive and a minor form of guidance.
  - d. Pray for the revelation of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Islam upholds God as singular rather than triune.
    - i. Matthew 28:19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*
    - ii. Colossians 2:9 *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form.*
    - iii. See also John 1:1-3; 2 Corinthians 13:14
    - iv. Qur’an
      - 1. Qur’an 112:1–4 – God is one, absolute, begets not, nor is begotten
      - 2. Qur’an 4:171 – Do not say “Three”; God is one
      - 3. Qur’an 5:73 – Those who say “Allah is the third of three” disbelieve
  - e. Pray that Muslims experience God as merciful, compassionate, and near to them as they begin Ramadan and are delivered from works/performance-driven theology.
    - i. Lamentations 3:22-23 *The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*
    - ii. Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

- iii. Qur'an
  - 1. Qur'an 23:102–103 – Deeds are weighed
  - 2. Qur'an 99:7–8 – Every good and evil deed is counted
  - 3. Qur'an 7:8–9 – The scale determines success
- f. When many are seeking truth, pray that spiritual hunger would lead to a search for clarity, light, and understanding and Christians would be salt & light to Muslims.
  - i. 1 Peter 3:15: *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.*
  - ii. Matthew 5:16 *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*
- g. Pray for freedom from anxiety, fear, and forced spiritual pressure.
  - i. 1 John 4:18 *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.*

## II. February 28 – March 9: The second set of ten days: Realignment through Forgiveness

Muslims pray more earnestly for forgiveness and for Allah's pardon, for there is [no assurance of paradise for anyone](#). **Purim begins** at sunset Tuesday, March 2, and continues through sunset Wednesday, March 3, when Esther intervened and saved a nation from annihilation. It is a celebration of "light." This year, the only "[Blood Moon,](#)" a total lunar eclipse, falls on the same date as Purim. While some see the eclipse as a sign of power, we pray that it points them to the ultimate power and light: the Messiah. May the blood shed on the cross bring salvation to all who call on His name.



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- a. Pray that people would encounter true forgiveness through Jesus and relief from guilt or striving. In Islam, mercy is hoped for. It does not cancel judgment and is closely linked to obedience. In Christianity, forgiveness is assured through belief in Christ. Pray for exposure of the lies of Islam and a revelation of God's love exhibited through Jesus, His complete atonement in His sacrifice and resurrection. In Islam, forgiveness requires repentance and moral change, and is closely linked to obedient acts.
  - i. Psalm 103:8-11. *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*
  - ii. Romans 5:8 *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
  - iii. Qur'an

1. Qur'an 3:133–136 – Forgiveness promised to those who restrain sin
  2. Qur'an 8:29 – Obedience leads to forgiveness
  3. Qur'an 24:21 – Allah forgives whom He wills
  4. Qur'an 23:102-103 “Those whose balance of good deeds is heavy they will attain salvation: but those whose balance is light will be those who have lost their souls; in hell will they abide”
  5. Qur'an 2:218 – Hope for Allah's mercy is tied to faith and striving
- b. Islam is based on submission. Pray for a revelation of adoption by God as His children.
- i. Galatians 4:6-7 *And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*
  - ii. 1 John 3:1 *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God.*
  - ii. Qur'an
    1. Qur'an 5:18 – God does not call humans His children
    2. Qur'an 3:19 – The only religion approved by God is Submission (Islam).
- c. Pray for effective missional outreaches providing safe, respectful dialogue where Muslims can ask questions freely.
- i. Col 4:2-6 *Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ...Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.*

### **III. March 10-18: The last ten days: Redemption through Salvation & Liberation.**

The final stretch of Ramadan is considered the most sacred part of the month. It is during this time that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) increased his devotion more than at any other point during the year. Muslims pray more on the 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, and 29th nights because one of these nights marks the night the Angel Gabriel first brought Muhammad the revelation. Prayers during this night are multiplied. This is a time to pray for the light of the world to be seen, heard, and embraced as people seek spiritual insight.

- a. **March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day:** Pray for dignity, safety, and joy for Muslim women everywhere that they would encounter the love and acceptance of Jesus.
  - i. Genesis 1:27-28 *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and*

*subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

ii. Proverbs 31:10-11 *Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her. So he will have no lack of gain.*

iii. Proverbs 31:25 *Strength and honor are her clothing.*

iii. Qur'an: Many reports coming from Islamic-controlled nations have relayed oppressive treatment of women. Though the Qur'an came out of a strong patriarchal society, many practices that restrict women come from local traditions, tribal customs, colonial legacies, or authoritarian theopolitics.

1. Qur'an 4:34 "Men are the protectors and maintainers of women... righteous women are obedient... As for those from whom you fear disobedience: admonish them, forsake them in bed, and strike them..."

b. **Day 27 (March 15) – Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Power)** Pray that during this significant night, many would experience God's light, mercy, and revelation.

i. Romans 8:38-39 *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

ii. John 1:5 *And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

iii. Qur'an

1. Qur'an 97:1 "Indeed, we sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree."

c. Purim is a celebration of light! Pray for His light to illumine the dark thinking and lies of Islam.

i. 1 John 1:5 *This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you; God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.*

ii. John 17:17 *Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth.*

iii. Psalm 119:105 *Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

d. Pray for Muslims to receive salvation through Jesus Christ.

i. John 8:12 *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

e. Pray that violence be quelled and spiritual forces empowered through Ramadan be bound. Bind the spirit of suicide from operating and provoking violence (see Qur'an 9:111 below). Declare peace and salvation over regions being impacted by Islamic law.

i. 1 Peter 3:8-9 *Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.*

ii. Romans 12:17-20 *Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather*

*give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. Therefore*

*"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;*

*If he is thirsty, give him a drink;*

*For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."*

iii. Matthew 5:44 *But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven;*

iv. Qur'an

1. Qur'an 9:5 "Then when the sacred months have passed, kill the polytheists wherever you find them, capture them, besiege them, and sit in wait for them at every place of ambush..."
2. Qur'an 9:29 "Fight those who do not believe in God... among the People of the Book... until they pay the jizya with willing submission..."
3. Qur'an 2:19 "Kill them wherever you encounter them..."
4. Qur'an 2:190 "Fight in the way of God those who fight you, **but do not transgress.**"
5. Qur'an 9:111 "God has purchased from the believers their lives and their wealth in exchange for Paradise. They fight in the cause of God, kill and are killed..."

**IV. RELEASE:** Declare that every plan of the enemy meant to defeat God's people will be turned into the Lord's Victory. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

*"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

Mark 16:15-18

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## Summaries:

### Starting points matter: Christianity v. Islam Early Christianity (1st–3rd centuries)

- Christians were a **persecuted minority** inside the Roman Empire.
- **No army, no state, no legal power.**
- Violence was something *done to* Christians, not *by* them.

#### Result:

Christian teaching developed in a context of **nonviolence, martyrdom, and endurance.**

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### Early Islam (7th century)

- Islam emerged **already entangled with state formation.**
- Muhammad was both **religious leader and political-military leader.**
- Armed conflict began **within Muhammad's lifetime.**

#### Result:

Islamic law developed with **rules for warfare** from the beginning.

### Summary Table Islam v. Christianity

Ramadan Period	Islamic Focus	Qur'anic Center	Christian Counterpart
Days 1–10	Mercy	God merciful, but judge Mercy revealed in Christ	
Days 11–20	Forgiveness	Repentance + effort	Forgiveness through atonement
Days 21–30	Destiny & Judgment	Deeds weighed	Assurance in Christ