

A Weeklong Journey of Prayer for North Africa



Thank You for Joining Us In Prayer for North Africa!

In an effort to document ways in which we've seen God's hand moving in this land, and in hopes of helping fuel prayer as the work continues in the years ahead, we've shared some of the God stories from the past year here with you. We want to give you a glimpse into what the Holy Spirit is doing here in this land.

All names have been changed because this land is still hostile to the gospel, but the stories are true stories of God's hand moving in the lives of those He is seeking and choosing to draw to Himself. Please join us in praying for each individual whose story is shared and the many more whom they represent. Please join us in praying for this nation, that we would see a disciple making movement (DMM) here in this generation.

None of the photos in this booklet are of the real people whose stories are shared.

We have provided accompanying prayer points with each day's story so that you can join us in praise for what we've seen, and we hope that you will also join us on our knees, petitioning for His hand to continue working here.

He has promised that the fields are white and ready for harvest.

Thank you for joining us in this work.

Day 1: Every Member a Minister

Every believer is called by God to minister in Jesus' name for building up the Body of Christ. Each has gifts intended to strengthen others and to extend the impact of His kingdom here. We may bear fruit 30, 60 or 100 fold, but each is called to bear much fruit for His glory. Jesus sent the disciples two by two to every place He was about to come. Who are you mentoring? Pray for them now. Who is mentoring you? Lift them up before the Lord now as well. Ask Jesus where He is about to come in your world.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. - Ephesians 4:11-12

Mourad* lives in a small town a long drive outside of the capital. Five years ago, he had four dreams about Jesus and began to believe in Jesus and the Son of God. He was finally able to meet with other believers this year and he told them how Jesus is transforming his family. Mourad told his wife about his dreams and began reading the Bible with her, and she also believed in Jesus as Lord. The two regularly read the Bible with their five children. He shared that he wants to know how to teach the Bible to his children. He told his new friends, "I want to see a church started here in my town. Why should we have to travel to a place so far away for church?" Praise God for how He is using Mourad to transform his family and for his desire to see his community transformed by the truth of the gospel.



Prayer Points

Pray for Mourad

Pray that Mourad would continue as a minister of the gospel, teach his family and proclaiming truth in his community. Pray that this entire family would be baptized into new life together. Ask that Mourad and his wife will be faithful to share their faith in Christ. Pray that they will bear fruit in their community 30, 60, even 100 fold.

Pray for This Nation

Pray for more family units to decide to follow Christ. Pray against the work of the enemy who seeks to diminish the number of seekers looking into the things of Christ in community. Pray that there would be openness and trust in homes in order to seek and discover the truth of Christ together, that families, homes and neighborhoods would be transformed.

Pray for a Movement

Ask for men like Mourad all across this nation. Pray that this land will be transformed by men, women and children who desire to make Jesus known within their families and neighborhoods. Pray that believers will be convinced that there are more men, women and children of peace whom God is drawing to Himself. Pray that a movement would take place throughout this country that sees many families transformed by the truth of the gospel.

Day 2: Small Groups

Most churches in DMM's are small, reproducible fellowships of 10-30 members meeting in homes, stores, under trees—normal gathering points in the society. Many smaller groups dispersed through our community have a greater impact than one larger centralized group. Pray to God to multiply these simple churches through every segment of the community.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. - Acts 2:42



Anwar* had enjoyed seeing Christian programs on television, but he didn't have a Bible and had never read one. After meeting with a believer to receive a Bible and hearing the Gospel, he couldn't wait to read through the Gospel and meet again to discuss his questions. He spent a month reading the Gospels and discussing God's plan of salvation through Christ since Genesis. As he was discovering these truths, he began praying that God would soften the hearts of his family and roommates toward the truth. After a month he had read the entire New Testament and exclaimed, "I have been reading, now what do I have to do, I want to do more than read. I want to follow Jesus." After reading

Acts 2, he knew he needed to follow in obedience and be baptized. Before his baptism he shared how God had moved and brought him to Himself. He talked about searching for truth and finding the Bible to make more sense when comparing the Koran and the Injil. He only read of two miracles of Mohamed recorded in the Koran, but he saw Jesus do many miracles in the New Testament. Then he had a dream. Jesus appeared to him in a white robe and a bright light, His face covered in light. Jesus held his hands out to Anwar, put his hand on his head, and told him, "you are my son follow me". Anwar said for the first time in his life he felt peace, mercy and joy like never before - then he woke up. There was no turning back after that. The day of his baptism he expressed how he wanted to be an ambassador for Christ; he wanted to be like the Apostle Paul.

That same week, Anwar had a second vision. Jesus appeared to him and told him, "do not be afraid, I am sending you to tell others about me, to many other peoples and nations". Anwar continued studying the word for many hours a day. He made a list of 100 people in his sphere of influence and began praying for them and sharing the Gospel with others. A couple of months after his baptism, Anwar began to face persecution. His family found out about his following Christ and different family members threatened him in several different ways, loss of housing, loss of job, loss of head. His dad came to his work and got him fired and kicked out of his house and threw all his stuff in the trash. He lost everything except the clothes he was wearing, his phone and a small amount of money in his pocket. That night he had another dream in which the Lord told him he was very happy with him and that he would have many more persecutions.

Anwar continued sharing with those on his list of 100, many from different cities in the country. He remained faithful, throughout persecutions and threats. During the days of persecution, Anwar had another dream in which Jesus told him to go south and preach His Word and He would protect him. He had many friends whom he had already begun sharing with from throughout the country and he decided to take a couple of weeks traveling throughout the country with New Testaments and sharing the Gospel. During these two weeks, Anwar met with twenty-five open-minded men who were searching in four different cities. At each location he gathered these men into groups, reading and sharing the New Testament and praying with them. He encouraged his friends to continue studying the Gospel in these groups. Although Anwar did come against some struggles in his journey, he remained faithful and encouraged to continue sharing the Gospel despite them. He returned very excited about the trip, full of great faith.

Prayer Points

Pray for Anwar

Pray that Anwar would be protected from evil. Ask that all his needs would be met as he continues to serve the Lord in his nation. Pray that the groups he has helped to begin and foster would grow in the unity of the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God. Pray that they would become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Pray for This Nation

Pray that this nation would benefit from the faith of more men like Anwar. Pray for fearlessness in the lives of believers in this nation. Pray that those who follow Jesus and seek to make Him known in this nation would risk their lives for the sake of the gospel. Pray that groups would begin to form all across this nation who discover the truths of Scripture, obey them and share them with others.

Pray for a Movement

Pray for the groups that are forming across this nation. Ask the Holy Spirit to move in a powerful way throughout this nation, drawing men and women together in the unity of Christ. Pray that these groups would have provision of meeting places and protection from harm as they meet for worship.

Day 3: Abundant Gospel Sowing

In DMM's, hundreds and even thousands of people are hearing the claims of Christ on their lives. Often mass media evangelism is spreading the gospel, but there is always an element of personal evangelism with clear testimonies that reveal the power of the gospel to change lives. Pray for God's Spirit to enable you and laborers in the harvest to boldly BE His witnesses in season and out of season. Pray for priority to be given to proclaiming the good news.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. - 2 Corinthians 9:6

Besma* received a Bible in October and began searching to understand its truths. She involved many others in her journey toward Christ, and through her abundant sharing of her journey with others, she found others who were open to Christ throughout her journey. As she studied the New Testament one day she realized one of her friends also had read the Bible and decided to follow Jesus. Soon, she found out that her roommate was also open to studying the Bible with her. Jihen* and Besma began studying the Word consistently along with their friend, Mehdi*.

Throughout their studies, they were moved by Jesus calling his disciples and telling them He would make them fishers of men. As they continued studying the New Testament, they would talk about "fishing" in their individual social contexts. This spring, Besma and Jihen were baptized and Mehdi attended and cheered them on. Mehdi shared that he also thought he would like to be baptized soon, but he wants to be sure of his decision first.



Prayer Points

Pray for Besma, Jihen, & Mehdi

Pray that Besma and Jihen would continue to sow the seeds of the Gospel with fearless faith. Ask that God would bring people of peace into their circles whom they could disciple toward faith in Jesus Christ. Pray that Mehdi would be fully convinced by the power of the gospel and would follow in baptism. Pray that he would have men around him among whom he can "fish". Pray that he would lead many men to faith in Christ.

Pray for This Nation

Pray that this nation would see many more groups of friends seeking after Christ together. Pray that those who are reading the New Testament in secret would find others who are doing the same thing. Ask the Father to unite these seekers and draw them together in community.

Pray for a Movement

Pray for abundant gospel sowing all across this nation. Pray that followers of Jesus would live spiritually conspicuous lives and ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that they have. Pray that the generous sowing of gospel seeds would produce a harvest of followers of Jesus conditioned to the same kind of faithful sharing.

Day 4: Urgency of the Task

Jesus told His disciples not to speak to anyone along the way as He sent them two by two everywhere He was about to come. In DMM's, maintaining focus on the task is essential. Jesus told us the harvest is ready; pray for more than enough laborers to be occupied with the harvest, especially in areas with the least access to the gospel. Pray for new believers to share the great things God has done in their lives so many come to faith.

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, 'Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you. - Mark 5:19

Upon meeting with two believers for the very first time, Hatam* looked them straight in the eyes and said, "Jesus Christ is God, period." He repeated once again, "Jesus Christ is God, period." The two believers asked him if he ever told anyone else what he had just said. He said, "No, it would be very hard to say this to anyone I know." The two believers shared the Gospel with Hatam, and then asked him if there was anyone else in his family who could walk this journey of discovery with him. He said that his family was open-minded and that possibly one of them would be open to studying the Bible as well. He received a copy of the New Testament, and even took another saying he would share it with someone who might study the Word with him. Hatam's new friends tried to get in touch with him in the following months, but couldn't. It appeared he got cold feet. Upon trying to call him one day, his wife answered and shared that Hatam passed away five months after being given the Bible. The wife of one of the two believers who met with Hatam then called his wife back and explained that Hatam had asked to read the New Testament and that he had begun to do so. Pray that these two wives would be able to meet, and that the believer wife would be able to see the fruit from the seed that was planted earlier.



This is a similar story about the urgency of the task:

Sabrina* is a middle-aged woman with three grown children. She has been seeking after truth for many years. When her children were young they would be studying at the kitchen table, and she would pray on her knees for hours for her children. In her attempts to understand God and communicate with Him, she began reading the Koran and went on the Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca. While on the pilgrimage, she heard the Islamic preaching and knew that it was not from God.

Sabrina has been on a long journey to understand who Jesus is and begin to believe in him. She was recently baptized into

new life in Christ. A few moments after coming out of the water, she began to think about her deceased father. She started to wonder what happened to him. After reading the parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man, she proclaimed, "I have wasted so many years of my life and I'm not going to waste anymore." She has a heart to share how Christ has transformed her life with her family, friends and whomever she comes in contact with. She has a long-time friend in the same stage of life whom she's sharing with. She also shared with a stranger how she prays as a believer and shared her faith with her as well. She's teaching her grandchildren about the Lord. Pray for Sabrina as she chooses to use her one life in order to make Jesus known.



Prayer Points

Pray for Hatam's Family & Sabrina

Pray that Hatam's wife would respond to the believer who has reached out to her. Pray for his five young children. Ask that his wife and children would know of the search for Christ that Hatam had begun. Pray that this family would know the love of the Father, trust in the Son for salvation, and feel the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for Sabrina as she faithfully shares with her family and friends about her faith in Jesus. Pray that she would see her family seeking to follow Jesus. Ask that she would be able to baptize her children and grandchildren as they turn their lives to Jesus.

Pray for This Nation

Pray that believers in this nation would continue sharing their faith with boldness, realizing that the task at hand is an urgent one. Pray that the message of the gospel would go forth in power. Pray that the sick, elderly, and hurting would hear the message of the gospel and turn to Jesus as their only hope.

Pray for a Movement

Pray that this nation will see a movement of millions turning to Christ in THIS generation. Ask that every believer living in this nation will be compelled by the power of the gospel to take the message of the cross to their families and neighbors. Pray that the urgency of the task will grip the followers of Jesus here. Pray that the seeds being sown all across this nation will go forth to reach the 99 as well as the 1. Pray that not another sheep would be lost from the flock.

Day 5: Authority of Scripture

In each known DMM, the Bible has been the unquestioned authority and guiding force for believers and the Church. Even in non-literate cultures where the Bible is received and shared through oral storytelling, the Bible guides doctrine, policy and everyday life. Pray that you and laborers in the harvest will base their lives on Jesus and His Word, being obedient doers, not forgetful hearers. Pray for the Word of God to reach every people group in their own heart language and for it to spread rapidly and be honored among all.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow, as it judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart. - Hebrews 4:12

Ahmed* is in his 50's. He is married and has three daughters. He shared an amazing testimony of how the Lord drew him to Himself after years of living in darkness. A local believer, who lives in his same town, led him to faith. As he began to read the Bible within the community of believers, he soaked it in. His wife, Mariam*, knows about his faith and is following him into the truth, but much slower. Ahmed shared how bad their marriage used to be before he came to faith, but now it has gotten much better. Mariam shared candidly a few months ago about how she is struggling with the decision to follow Jesus and the implications it will have for her and her family. Ahmed, however, was convinced in his decision to follow



Christ. He was baptized by the local believer who led him to faith. As Ahmed continued meeting with believers and studying the Word, he experienced victory over sin and recognized the transformation into Christ's likeness. Mariam has stated that she now believes in Christ as well. She shared that after seeing her husband's faith grow over time, she became persuaded and knew in her heart that it was true. She felt such peace and joy, but she has decided to hide it from her older daughter who has become upset with them several times when asking them about their faith. This daughter has been very hostile to her parents about their faith, which has caused them to fear the community finding out.

Prayer Points

Pray for Ahmed & Miriam

Pray for this couple as they are facing much opposition from their daughter and struggling with resulting fear. They are regularly meeting with believers, but don't seem to be reading together or on their own. Pray that they would base their lives on the authority of Scripture. Ask that God would save their entire family into His kingdom!

Pray for This Nation

As many begin to search the Scriptures for truth, pray that they would find the Word of God to be true. Pray that they would read the words of The Word of Life and know that Jesus is the only name under heaven given to men by which they must be saved.

Pray for a Movement

Pray that disciples of Jesus in this nation would soak up God's Word. Pray that they would disciple many others who love the Word and teach others to obey what it says.

Day 6: Simple Church

In the Bible, being a church isn't about buildings, seminary-trained leaders, or institutions; instead, it's the regular gathering of called-out believers basing their lives on Jesus and His Word, living as a sacrifice of worship to Him, witnessing to the world and baptizing new believers, teaching them to obey all He commanded, and sharing to meet each others' needs. Pray for the life of the Spirit to flourish in every gathering of followers of Jesus that His light might shine brightly throughout the earth.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. - Acts 2:42

Habib* lives in the deep south of the country in a small village where everyone knows everyone, and he is the only believer in the village. He was meeting for a while with a group of open minded guys in their town to talk about the Bible. Although Habib was reaching out to others, and laying the groundwork for sharing his faith, that group eventually stopped meeting due to pressure from their fellow townspeople. Last spring, Habib began meeting with two believers, studying the Word together.

In November, Habib expressed his desire to be baptized, and the three traveled to a small oasis in the middle of a mountain range where they baptized Habib and read Matthew 28:19-20, encouraging Habib to share his faith with others. Two months later, Habib announced that he'd been sharing with some friends and that one of them, Aymen*, had come to faith and was baptized. Just a few weeks later, another of these friends, Saber*, gave his life to Christ. Saber was a radical Islamist, and was very close to leaving to fight for ISIS, but God intervened in his life and allowed him to get to know Habib. Habib began sharing with him and gave him a book to read. Saber shared that he had read the book and that he had become a believer. Just last week, the three met outside their village near a hot spring in a mountainous area. Habib baptized Saber, and they were encouraged to begin meeting together in their town and do church together. They trust that God is moving in their small village and God will continue to add to their number! Habib has given out seven Bibles to those in his village who have expressed interest in reading the Word!



Prayer Points

Pray for Habib, Aymen, & Saber

Pray that this simple church in a mountainous village in the south of the country will grow and transform the entire village for the glory of Christ. Pray that these three men would experience the fellowship of the saints and remain unified in their pursuit of Christ.

Pray for This Nation

Pray that this nation would see many more simple churches begin and flourish in the mountainous areas, along the coastlands, and in the cities. Ask the Father to build His church in this land through simple, reproducible means.

Pray for a Movement

Pray that these simple churches would be a powerful spiritual force in this nation. Pray that as men and women gather to worship Christ, that they would be simultaneously reaching out to their friends and neighbors with the gospel. Pray that every simple church meeting in this country would reproduce itself this year.

Day 7: Enduring Through Suffering

DMM's often emerge where following Christ is costly and may lead to suffering or even death. Followers of Christ are told that in the world we will have tribulation but Jesus has overcome the world. Those who bear no fruit are pruned; those who bear fruit are pruned to be more fruitful for God's glory. Pray for endurance and boldness to persevere through trials.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him as He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:1-3



When Ines* was just 12 years old, her mother sat her down and told her, "now that you've become a woman, every sin you commit will be recorded." Ines began to weep. She recounted, "it is impossible. Sin is inevitable, and from now on every sin will be weighed against my good deeds. I was sure that night that I was going to hell." A few years later, Ines found a copy of Nabeel Qureshi's *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* and realized the case for Christ is strong. She began reading the Bible and one evening was compelled to write a letter to Jesus giving her life to Him and turning from her old life. She shared, "You have no idea how much He has changed my life. Since I accepted Christ, nothing else matters as much anymore. I can't

can't believe in this place where darkness is so prevalent, that I prayed and found the light. I pray many more will find the light."

Ines began sharing with her friends and family about her new faith in Christ. She was baptized a few months after writing her letter, and continued sharing Truth with her classmates, giving away Bibles, and offering to read the New Testament with her friends. She even saw the Lord make a way for her to share her faith with her parents openly. Her parents went back and forth with their allowing Ines to meet with believers. They became fearful of how her sharing with others would affect her. They feared she'd be imprisoned. A few months after Ines's baptism, her parents disallowed her to have any interaction with her believing friends. Before she closed off all forms of communication, she sent this message to her believing friend, "They are forbidding me to talk to all the Body. I am in great spiritual darkness. Just know that my household wanted me to deny my faith, but I didn't and I proclaimed that I will walk with Him until death no matter what happens."

Khadijah* has been a believer for 2 1/2 years. About five years ago, she knew that Islam was wrong and became disillusioned with it. She turned to Christianity and found hope and salvation for her soul. Her family and community found out about her journey and have rejected her. When she told her mother and father that she is a Christian, her mother cried and begged her to return, and her father beat her and has hardly talked to her since. She felt that she had no friends nor a community. Her fiancé broke up with her because she became a Christian, and he told her (like everyone else has told her) that she's going to hell. Her younger sister, however, is open and is studying the Bible with her.

About three and a half months ago, she was able to meet with April* and study the Word in community for the first time. She was incredibly encouraged after the meeting and felt like she was no longer alone. The two women have continued meeting together, and Khadijah was encouraged to see the disillusionment in her friends and reach out to those in her community with the truth of the gospel. She shared, "I found many people are ready to be Christians with me. I'll be support to them and read the Bible with them." She expressed how the encouragement to read the Bible with her friends truly changed everything for her.

As Khadijah continued studying with April, she began to gather from Matthew 3 as well as John 3 that it is crucial for her to be baptized. She was baptized, even overcoming her fear of water, and continued catching the vision to be a disciple maker within her community. She shared that she is called to bring everyone to Jesus. She was hospitalized due to a terrible fever recently, and during that time she thought to herself, "I can't die yet because my parents still need to believe; I must see them in Heaven."



Khadijah continued sharing with those in her school and her neighborhood. One of her friends agreed to read the Bible with her, but when the girl's parents found out they were not happy. Khadijah wrote, "My whole neighborhood knows I'm a Christian because I tried to read the Bible with a girl. Her parents know and they want to kill me. I don't go out of the house. I'm crying all the time and I'm so depressed. Please pray for me that I'll stay on this road and I'll never give up. I'll give my life for my God and never regret it. Pray for me please." Khadijah has been able to leave the house and return to school, and God has put provisions around her to strengthen and encourage her as well as keep her from harm.

Prayer Points

Pray for Ines & Khadijah

Pray that Ines will cling to Christ and His strength under the weight of the pressures she is enduring from her family. Pray that she will respond to her family in love, even as she endures their harsh words, actions and judgements. Pray that God would use Ines' faithful witness to bring her family into the Kingdom. Pray that this family would be restored and united under the banner of the Kingdom.

Pray that Khadijah will continue to feel her Father's protective hand, even as she hears the jeers and harsh words from her neighbors and classmates. Pray that she would remain faithful to the cause of Christ in the midst of these pressures. Ask that this small neighborhood would see the power of Christ over Khadijah's life in these days and be moved to discover more about her Savior.

Pray for This Nation

Pray that these stories of persecution and suffering would cause this nation to know that Christ is worth dying for. Pray that non-believers would be drawn to understand who is so compelling that these followers are willing to endure mocking, beatings, and even death to follow Him. Pray that those going through persecution across this nation would be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit to endure.

Pray for a Movement

We trust that God is powerful enough to save this nation in this generation. Pray that a movement would take place in this nation. Pray that the persecutors, the friends and families of these Christ followers, would no longer condemn their Christian friends and family and themselves turn to Christ. Pray that the persecutions and sufferings of His people would be a catalyst to cause many to search for and follow the man of Christ.