

10 SCRIPTURES TO PRAY

- ★ **1** Pray that God would strengthen Somali believers who are persecuted for their faith and that they would faithfully endure trials and suffering for Christ's sake.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1–2)
- ★ **2** Pray for the spread of the gospel through Somali believers, asking God to give them the courage to bear witness to the gospel.

"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, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak." (Colossians 4:2–4)
- ★ **3** Pray for churches to be planted among Somali believers so that they might serve and experience fellowship with one another.

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20–21)
- ★ **4** Pray for pastors to be raised up who will proclaim the gospel and shepherd God's people among the Somalis.

"Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood." (Acts 20:28)
- ★ **5** Pray that believers from near and far cultures would be sent to proclaim the gospel among unreached Somalis.

"When [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore spray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" (Matthew 9:36–38)
- ★ **6** Pray that God would open the hearts of many Somalis so that they might turn from Islam and embrace the gospel of Christ.

"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6)
- ★ **7** Pray that God would put an end to violence, intimidation, and other forms of persecution aimed at silencing Somali believers and stopping the spread of the gospel.

"The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations." (Psalm 33:10–12)
- ★ **8** Pray for Bibles and gospel resources to be made available to Somalis.

"So faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17)
- ★ **9** Pray that God would protect Somali refugees and that believers in this region would minister to their spiritual and physical needs.

"You shall not oppress a sojourner. You know the heart of a sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt." (Exodus 23:9)
- ★ **10** Pray for the physical safety and provision of Somalis who are affected by war, famine, and other difficult physical conditions.

"The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made." (Psalm 145:9)

