The ABC of Prayer for Muslims : An Acrostic Prayer

Awaken: Awaken the church around the world to pray in faith and love for Muslims. There are still so many unreached people groups with no believers. Since 9/11 walls of prejudice, fear and ignorance have been built higher than before!

Blindness: A spiritual battle rages for the hearts and souls of Muslim communities. Ask God to open the eyes of Muslim men, women and children who have been blinded by Satan. [2 Cor. 4:4]

Courage: In some countries, believers, whether expatriate or local, who witness to Muslims, risk being reported for breaking laws that prohibit all forms of proselytism among Muslims. Muslims who choose to follow Jesus risk losing family, friends, job, freedom and personal safety. Ask God to replace fear with courage and enable believers to reach out to Muslims and believers from a Muslim background to follow Christ wholeheartedly.

Dreams: Most Muslims who have become believers have experienced a dream (or several) that was instrumental in their choosing to follow Jesus. Pray that God would continue to use dreams to bring many more Muslims to faith in Him.

Evangelism: Pray that believers would discover how to develop an evangelistic lifestyle that leads to a positive and effective witness for Jesus among Muslims.

Fellowship: What would you be like if you knew of no other believers from your background? Pray that your Muslim background brothers and sisters who are very lonely and isolated will find encouragement from other believers.

God's Word: For many Muslims access to a copy of God's Word in their own language is not at all easy. Pray for governments to ease restrictions on the publication and distribution of God's Word – not only in written form but also in aural form.

Holy Spirit: Ps. 127:1 ***"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders build in vain."*** Pray that every move to reach Muslims would be initiated and empowered by God's Spirit.

Intercession: Since we believe that God answers prayer, we need **more** praying and **better** praying! Ask God to raise up more intercessors who know how to stand in the gap effectively on behalf of Muslim peoples. [Ex. 17:8-13]

Jesus: From their knowledge of the Quran, Muslims perceive Jesus to be a powerful prophet who healed many people and raised the dead. Pray that God would create a hunger in the hearts of Muslims to know more about this Jesus.

Kids: Muslim children are being indoctrinated day after day with false and deceptive teachings about the Bible and other Christian beliefs. Pray that God would put a hedge (a protective barrier) around the hearts and minds of these children and prepare them to hear and understand the truth one day. [Jn. 14:6]

Love: Muslims have a deep understanding of the power and sovereignty of God. But they know little of His loving desire to relate to them in a personal way. To many it is irreverant to hear God addressed as 'Father'. Pray that Muslims would come to understand more of Our Father's love through the believers they meet.

Mobilisation: Pray that believers around the world would assume responsibility for reaching all the Muslims in the world through sustained prayer, sacrificial giving and sending their people out to where Muslims are living – both where they are in a majority and where they are a minority.

Nourishment: Muslim background believers don't have the resources and support to maintain their spiritual growth that are available to believers from large churches. Pray that Muslim background believers would discover how to find nourishment from the Word and how to be filled and empowered daily by the Holy Spirit. [1 Pet. 2:2]

Obedience: Pray that new Muslim background believers would develop life-styles of obedience, rooted in the Word of God and responsive to the Holy Spirit regardless of the cost.

Peace: Pray that God's peace would fill the hearts and minds of all our Muslim background brothers and sisters despite the pressure of their circumstances and that they would learn to become content in God alone.

Questioning: God is shaking up the world of Muslims. They find themselves asking questions about how their children are being educated – economic, political and religious questions. Pray that they will also question issues of faith and practice as never before.

Rulers: Pray that the political and religious rulers of Muslim nations would rule with integrity and justice and that their leadership would not hinder the spread the Gospel among the Muslim community.

Suffering: Paul reminds Timothy to expect suffering. [2 Tim. 1:8] Yet many believers today are not prepared when it happens. Pray that Muslim background brothers and sisters wouldn't seek to avoid suffering at all cost, but instead would discover the joy and the fellowshp of sharing in the sufferings of Jesus. [Phil. 3:10]

Trust: To prevent Muslims leaving their religion, informants are often recruited to infiltrate groups of believers and report on gatherings etc. Issues of trust are important, but fear often hinders the work of God. Pray that believers would know how to be ***"as wise as serpents yet as innocent as doves"***. [Mt. 10:16]

University Students: These are the future leaders of the nation. Pray that every opportunity will be taken to reach Muslim students with the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Victory: Muslims are often ensnared by ***"spiritual forces of darkness in the heavenly places"***. [Eph. 6:12] Pray that they would experience release and victory. Pray that Muslim background believers would discover that ***"greater is He that is in them than he that is in the world."*** [1 Jn. 4:4]

Worship: In their own religion Muslims experience a sense of the unity of community in worship. After they come to Christ they often fail to experience this. Pray that believers will discover both personal and corporate patterns of worship that satisfy their souls. Pray especially that God will raise up musicians and song writers to produce worship songs in the indigenous music and languages of the different people groups.

Xamples: Pray that the believers would set an example, ***"in speech, life, love, faith and purity"*** [1 Tim. 4:12] so that Muslims living around them would smell the sweet aroma of Christ. [2 Cor. 2:15]

Young People: Youth around the world are open to change. Pray that we will be able to recruit more expatriate young people who are believers to reach out to this section of society. Pray for sports ministries and music ministries reaching out to young people.

Zeal: Pray that God's people would be filled with a zeal to share His love with Muslims no matter what!