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FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER

May 3, 2019

We invite you to join us on our First Friday Prayer Conference Call. Pray during Ramadan about Muslims and Islam with special guest Kamal Saleem with Koome Ministries. Call details are on page 4.



EFFECTIVE INTERCESSION DURING RAMADAN

Author Kamal Saleem was born to a large Sunni Muslim family in the heart of the Middle East. Recruited by the Muslim Brotherhood at an early age, he completed his first mission to Israel at the age of seven. He pursued Jihad all over the world, including America.

But Christ pursued him. Kamal was seriously injured in an auto accident in 1985. Christian men ministered to him at the scene and continued to nurture his spiritual and emotional health after the accident. Their sacrificial, unconditional love introduced Kamal to Jesus, whom he has followed ever since. Kamal started Koome Ministries to share Jesus with Muslims.

At Koome Ministries, prayer is the foundation of our message. In 2025, a projected 2 billion Muslims will inhabit the Earth. We share a new message about God's original plan for Ishmael and the tribes of Ishmael—where it all went wrong, when the perversion began, and how Islam was birthed. It is our heart's desire to be part of the greatest harvest of Muslims that the world has ever witnessed, reaching Muslims for Christ, and seeing Ishmael Redeemed.

Ramadan is the 9th month of the Islamic calendar, Hijri. Muslims are required to

fast from sunrise to sunset during a period of about 30 days.

The importance of Ramadan was first revealed in the Koran. It is the fourth pillar of Islam, which consists of five pillars in total, the foundations of the Islamic faith. The month of Ramadan is when Muslims are most active in their faith, fasting, frequently praying and reading the Koran.

Muslims believe that fasting will help them to achieve piety and fear of Allah, and that displaying acts of self-sacrifice will be pleasing to Allah. They also fast from wrong thinking and wrong doing. It is obligatory to give a "tax" of 2.5% of assets and voluntary charity. All of these things lead to the last 10 days of Ramadan, which are the most important.

"Look for the night of Al-Qadr in the last ten days of Ramadan; on the night when nine or seven or five nights remain out of the last ten nights of Ramadan" (Al-Bukhari, Hadith: 2021).

Al-Qadr, the Night of Power, is when Allah is said to have sent down the Quran. If a Muslim encounters the light of Allah during the Night of Power, they believe that all iniquities and sins will be forgiven for their whole life. There-

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DISCERNMENT

Father, give us discernment in this time of deception (Phil 1:9-10). Protect us from the temptation to become angry or fearful. We pray that the Peace of God would rule in our hearts, with no root of bitterness springing up.

POWER OF THE WORD

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Word. Teach us to use the Word to disarm the lies of the Quran and the other lies that populate the marketplace of ideas. May the truth of the Word capture the minds and hearts of our Muslim neighbors.

ARMOR OF GOD

Lord God, enable us to stand firm. Thank You for Your Armor; enable us to use it well. May we be ready to share Your gospel of peace with anyone and everyone. Increase our faith daily. (Eph 6:13-18)

To see God's purposes for America fulfilled through sustained prayer and Spirit-led obedience

Praying About Islamic Terrorism



By Philip Haney

As redeemed believers, we are all called to be intercessors, while also serving as ministers of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18). In Hebrew, the root word for reconciliation is *Kaphar*, which is found in the phrase *Yom Kippur*, or Day of Atonement (Lev 23:28; Rom 3:25). As we intercede in prayer as ministers of atonement and reconciliation, we are also advised to be wise and discerning, *to redeem the time, for the days are evil* (Ru 4:6; Eph 5:16).

In other words, our calling as redeemed believers is to faithfully represent the Kingdom of Light (Col 1:12) in this present fallen world, as we pray continuously for discernment and wisdom, while shining as lights of redemption in the midst of great darkness (Is 60:2; Eph 5:14). As rescued ministers of reconciliation, should we enter into the midst of this darkness casually, without carefully considering the dangers and temptations? Certainly not. Venturing into the Kingdom of Darkness (Col 1:13) involves intense spiritual warfare. The merciless Ruler of this World (Dn 2:38; Jn 14:30) is infuriated when we step across his boundaries.

We need the full armor of God to fight against the forces of this darkness, against powerful spiritual wickedness in heavenly places, and, having done all (by His grace), remain standing (Ps 130:3; Eph 6:11-13).

So, does the evil of terrorism based on Islam exist in our world today? Yes, it does. In the 18+ years since 9/11, there have been at least 34,800 Islamic terrorist attacks in countries around the world, which is an average of nearly 5.5 per day.

Perhaps it seems too obvious to ask whether Islamic terrorism exists in this world today, but, sadly, as explicitly violent *Jihad* attacks continue, we are also seeing a fulfillment of 2 Thes 2:10-12, which describes a powerful *deception of wickedness*

for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved, while adding that for this reason, God shall send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie... because they did not have a love for the truth.

In fact, according to Open Doors (and many other sources), Christian persecution and genocide is worse now than at any time in history. It is also undeniable that the vast majority of this persecution occurs at the hand of Islam.

However, many mainstream Christian denominations are saturated with the deceptive influence of Islam through global Muslim-led movements (*emphasis* on Muslim-led), such as the Alliance of Virtue for the Common Good, Chrislam, the Common Word, the Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies, and/or Interfaith Dialogue.

Along with the open violence and unprecedented persecution by the hand of Islam, why else should we be concerned enough to pray about the threat of Islam? Here are three simple, but subtle, reasons: Islam denies the crucifixion (Quran 4.157-158); Islam denies that Jesus is the Son of God (Quran 4.171, 5.17, 19.35); Islam claims that Mohammed is the Comforter, as promised in Jn 14-16 (Quran 61.6). —Philip Haney is a Islamic Terrorism expert. ♦

Islam: A Mirage of Peace



Pray about increasing influence and favor of Islam in our nation, with the IFA Special Report, **ISLAM: A MIRAGE OF PEACE**. Download your free copy, and pray with us about the areas of influence, the people, and the spirit behind Islam. Download from **IFApray.org**.

EFFECTIVE INTERCESSION FOR MUSLIMS

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fore, during the last 10 nights of Ramadan, Muslims are expecting to receive from Allah.

This Ramadan season, we ask that Christians everywhere pray that as Muslims around the world seek an encounter from Allah and the forgiveness of their sins, that they instead have an encounter with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Stories of Muslims experiencing dreams and visions

of Christ are everywhere. We believe this is a product of the Church's prayers. Statistics show that 46% of Muslims who have converted to Christianity have experienced dreams and visions.

May God bless you as you pray for your Muslim neighbors and the Muslim nations during the month of Ramadan. *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much . . . In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ,*

who is the image of God, should shine unto them. . . .

He will even rescue the one [for whom you intercede] who is not innocent; and he will be rescued through the cleanness of your hands. (Jas 5:16 KJV; 2 Cor 4:4 KJV; Jb 22:30 AMP). ♦

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TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2019

The 2019 National Day of Prayer (NDOP) will be observed on Thursday, May 2. On this day, we will do all we can to mobilize unified public prayer for America. Will you join us by attending a prayer observance on this day or create one for other people to join you?

Every town, every city, and every county in America needs at least one prayer observance. This cannot happen without you and many others insuring that we have at least one prayer gathering in every town, city, and county. While we have multiple observances in some cities, we may have towns with no gathering at all. Let's also remember, with millions inhabiting some of our cities, we can never have enough gatherings.

With over 300,000 plus churches in America that are aligned with at least 200 denominations, the Lord's footprint is all over America. His footprint is the local churches in America. This permits another wide open door to have endless prayer observances across the nation.

There is still a great love for America today. Even those who are not Christ-followers know that America is in great need. A nationally recognized day of prayer is a perfect opportunity to pray for our nation and extend an invitation for others to join you.

MAY 2, NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FROM OUR NATION'S CAPITOL

This year, our theme is *Love One Another*. Our nation needs us to *Love One Another*... in our homes, churches, schools, workplaces, ball fields, and grocery stores. It is a high calling, and one that has the potential to change not only our personal circles, but also America and the world.

When we *Love One Another*, we value one another. We care for one another. We treat others with respect and dignity. This can change us, our families, our homes, and every influence we may have.

Everyone can participate in the National Day of Prayer, no matter your geographical location. Many churches and communities host prayer gatherings. Prayer gatherings can also happen in your workplace or school with the proper authorization. Community gatherings are another option. Visit our website at NationalDayofPrayer.org to locate a prayer gathering near you, and attend a prayer gathering on May 2, to pray for America to *Love One Another* with other Christ-followers.

On the evening of Thursday, May 2, I will host a National Observance of the National Day of Prayer from our nation's Capitol. This gathering will be live-streamed from our website at NationalDayofPrayer.org. After your local gathering, join us online as we pray together for our nation. —Dr. Ronnie Floyd, President, NDOP Task Force ♦



TOP U.S. OFFICIALS PRAYER GUIDE

"I URGE, THEN, FIRST OF ALL, THAT PETITIONS, PRAYERS, INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING BE MADE FOR ALL PEOPLE—FOR KINGS AND ALL THOSE IN AUTHORITY..."

— 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

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FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER CONFERENCE CALL



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2019 NATIONAL PRAYER FOR AMERICA

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, we look to You alone for the future of America. By Your providence, You have placed each of us here at this time in history to be in this nation. Thank You for this blessing. Thank You for America.

BUT ABOVE ALL, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. It is in His name, we come to You as we intercede in prayer for America.

FORGIVE US, OH LORD, for the sins we have committed against You in America. We are failing You by dishonoring one another through our harsh and bitter words about each other. We are failing You through broken relationships. We are failing You by devaluing human life from conception until death. We are failing You with the division in our nation.

LORD, WE TURN FROM these sinful actions and refuse to live this way. Please forgive us now and help us to choose love over hate, unity over division, and life over death.

WE CHOOSE to live by Jesus' words: Love One Another. Therefore, upon the authority of Your Word in John 13:34, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you," we pray for a future America that will choose to love willfully, sacrificially, and unconditionally just like Jesus loves us.

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH in America to love one another. Empower each church to be full of love for one another. Ignite a revival of love for one another. Since we are to be known by our love, help us to love one another.

WE PRAY FOR EVERY FAMILY, EVERY WORKPLACE, EVERY COMMUNITY, AND EVERY CITY IN AMERICA to choose love. We believe there is power in love. We believe love is the better way. We believe love is God's Way. Oh Lord, change families, workplaces, communities, and cities through the power of love. Raise up a Love One Another movement across America.

WE PRAY FOR ALL ETHNICITIES AND PEOPLE IN AMERICA to love one another. Lord, tear down every wall of division and change any attitude that divides us today. Bind up our nation's wounds and may the transforming love of God lead us to the day when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

WE PRAY FOR YOUR LOVE to surround America. We pray for Your love to surround and protect us in every public setting and private place. Protect us from harm.

WE BELIEVE ALL OF THESE THINGS, OH LORD, represent our deep need for the next great move of God across America. We ask You alone for the next Great Spiritual Awakening in America. Please, oh God, wake up Your Church and revive Your people today. We ask You to begin a mighty spiritual awakening in every town, every city, and every county in America.

WE NEED AND DESIRE THIS SO MUCH, THAT BEGINNING RIGHT NOW, we are choosing love and forgiveness, love and restitution, love and healing, love and unity, and a future that will be transformed by the power of unconditional love. When we belong to You, we belong to love. We choose to Love One Another!

IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, the only Savior and Hope in this world, we pray. Amen.

—Dr. Ronnie Floyd, President, National Day of Prayer Task Force ♦