

30 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE ROHINGYA

{ May 6 – June 4 }

{ ROHINGYA FACTS }

- There are Rohingya populations in over 30 countries around the world now.
- Around 60 Rohingya babies are born each day in the refugee camps in Bangladesh.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,”

{Luke 4:18}

Reading the news of the plight of the Rohingya can quickly lead a person to despair and hopelessness.

What can change such a horrible situation? The complexities of the problems, the depth of the pain, the darkness of sin, and the powers of bondage, are all too much for us, but they are not for God.

We believe that true change for the Rohingya people can come when God moves. We believe God is moving and he has invited us to be a part of His great work. Prayer is the foundation of transformation, it is where our hearts align with God's and he moves in mighty ways to the praise of His glory and restoration of His kingdom.

The month of Ramadan is a holy time of prayer and fasting for Muslims worldwide. We invite you this Ramadan to intercede with us daily on behalf of the Rohingya people. In faith, we trust that God will answer and do great things.

Please feel free to incorporate fasting with your prayers and share with your church, fellowship, and friends.

For more information on the Rohingya, their plight, and further ways to pray, visit www.pray4rohingya.org



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{ WEEK ONE }


{ ROHINGYA FACTS }

- There are around 400,000 Rohingya living in Pakistan (as many as there are in Myanmar now!). They also face similar problems for gaining citizenship. Many lost it in the process of computerization in 2004 when they were unable to produce documents proving their migration to Pakistan from Myanmar.

"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"

{1 Timothy 2:5}

- {6} Mon The month of Ramadan is a time of heightened spirituality among the Rohingya. Pray that God would meet Rohingya through dreams and visions this month and bring salvation to this beautiful people.
- {7} Tues Ask God to release a Joseph blessing over the Rohingya. That they are able to say as Joseph did: "You meant to harm me but God used it for good".
- {8} Wed Living conditions in Pakistan are difficult for the Rohingya. It is hard to make enough money. Besides the negative perception towards them there is the trauma of frequent raids. Many households have lost a loved one. Please pray for protection, provision to make ends meet, and healing of their damaged emotions.
- {9} Thur In recent weeks, more boats have embarked on the dangerous journey from Bangladesh and Rakhine State to Malaysia, carrying desperate Rohingya who hope for freedom and a normal life. Pray that the refugees will be safe from natural and man-made dangers. Pray that they will find freedom in Christ and new life.
- {10} Fri Pray for local Christians in East Asia who are meeting regularly to pray for the Rohingya and are seeking ways to share the love of Jesus with them. They have recently faced many spiritual attacks. Pray for God's protection over these Christians and for boldness as they share with their Rohingya neighbors.
- {11} Sat Pray for IN, a young man who is open to learn about the heart of God. Ask for the love of Jesus to break through and truth to be revealed.
- {12} Sun Many Rohingya in Malaysia remain unregistered and are at risk of detention. Pray for their protection, and quick release for those that are arrested.



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- Parents are highly respected in Rohingya culture. The Rohingya proverb "Maabaf tangor toli jonnot" means "Heaven is under the feet of your parents."
- Rohingya is not a written language. Groups have developed scripts, based on Roman, Arabic, and a completely original design as well, but none are being widely used yet.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

{Matthew 9:37-38}

- {13} Mon The Rohingya translation of the Jesus Film is complete and started to be distributed. Praise God for that! Pray that many thousands of Rohingya all over the world will watch it, and be touched and transformed by Jesus' words and character. Pray for creative and effective ways to bring the film into Rohingya families.
- {14} Tues Drug use among Rohingya youth in Myanmar has risen greatly in recent years. With little visible hope, many look to selling drugs to make money or to using drugs to escape the world they live in. Ask God to break these chains of bondage and for these young people to find hope and purpose in Christ.
- {15} Wed "Lost generation"?! The Bangladesh government does not allow regular schools in the camps, only "Learning Centers" with limited primary education in English and Burmese. Most children only have access to religious education in fundamentalist Madrasas. Pray that the young generation will get the education they need to have a better future.
- {16} Thur S is 15 years old, a wife and new mum. She is one of many young girls that have to grow up quickly. Pray that the Father's love would be revealed to all the young brides and mothers as they parent their babies.
- {17} Fri "Our sisters and daughters have been raped. We are very worried about their future. Who will marry them? Some rape victims are married and their husbands left them. Who will take care of them?" cries one Rohingya. Pray that God would comfort these women and send believing sisters to comfort and bless them.
- {18} Sat Many woman who have experienced sexual violence have given birth. Pray for these women to have strength, love and wisdom as they raise these children with little support. Pray for protection of these little ones and for proper aid and welfare.
- {19} Sun The local church in Myanmar has long been fearful and indifferent towards the Rohingya. Recently however, some local believers have grown in compassion and willingness to reach the Rohingya. Pray for a movement among the national church to reach out to the Rohingya in Myanmar.



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- Rohingya food is traditionally very spicy. They even have a saying "Zahl Nai, moza nai." Which means "If it's not spicy, it's not delicious."
- During Ramadan Rohingya women spend their time making a traditional snack called "shukti" by hand, tiny rice sized pieces of dough that can be fried or made into a sweet dessert soup.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

{John 15:5}

- {20} Mon In Pakistan, Rohingya often gather in Madrasas (religious schools). There is the fear that extremists will radicalize Rohingya who are poor and uneducated. Please pray that Jesus will protect the hearts and minds of Rohingya, and that instead of hatred they will learn about the love and forgiveness offered by Jesus.
- {21} Tues Domestic violence against women is a commonplace, yet unmentioned practice among the Rohingya community. Many women feel deep pain but are too ashamed to talk about their situation. Pray for women to come along side these women, to comfort them and share the love of the great Bridegroom waiting them.
- {22} Wed Pray that the Lord would change the heart of the men who are violent towards their wives. Pray that violence would cease and that the mindset of the community would change. Pray also for Christians working among the Rohingya, that they would have wisdom in addressing these issues when they see or hear about them.
- {23} Thur Many Rohingya are working for Christian employers. Pray that these employers would be Godly examples so that the Rohingya workers not only would be satisfied with their jobs, but become interested in Jesus.
- {24} Fri Bible translation into the Rohingya language is making good progress and gaining momentum. Pray for all those involved for wisdom and good coordination. Pray that the texts will communicate clearly God's plan and who He is. Pray that groups of Rohingya will meet to study Scripture together and discover God's will for their lives.
- {25} Sat Pray for employment rights in Malaysia. It's currently illegal to work, resulting in exploitation of Rohingya. The new government promised to make changes but is yet to deliver on these.
- {26} Sun Believers in the camps are being threatened and harassed on a daily basis. Pray for them to stand firm, love their enemies and be joyful, bold, and loving witnesses. Pray that God sustains them daily. Pray for the persecutors to understand that they cannot succeed against God.



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- Human traffickers demand around \$2,000 USD to traffic Rohingya people from Rakhine State to Malaysia by land.
- Rohingya people receive daily national and world news through Rohingya Language YouTube News channels.

"And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,"

{Acts 26-27}

- {27} Mon Rohingya heads of households have amazing authority over the family. Pray for God to work in the hearts of fathers and elders among the Rohingya so that whole families might be free to come to faith and stand strong together.
- {28} Tues Recent unrest in Rakhine state between the Arakan Army (a Rakhine insurgent group) and the military have left the Rohingya remnant population crippled from curfews and lack of access to basic needs. Some have even been killed in airstrikes. Pray for peace in the area and for the civilian population to be protected.
- {29} Wed One group is planning radio programmes and other audio products to share holistic materials with remote Rohingya communities. Pray for wisdom in the creation of the material and that it would be used powerfully to help those that are far off.
- {30} Thur H is struggling with the weight of his sin and not being able to become good. Pray for his eyes to be opened as a Christian friend continues to share the Gospel with him.
- {31} Fri As far as we know there is no effort with a heart and vision to reach the Rohingya in Pakistan. Please pray: (1) that Jesus will reveal himself to many through dreams and visions; (2) that many will have access to the Gospel through media (radio and internet); and (3) for local churches and believers to overcome fear and prejudice and reach out in love to them.
- {1} Sat Tonight is the "Night of Power", the most holy night of the year for Muslims. People spend all night in prayer believing God is especially gracious in answering prayers this night. Pray that tonight Rohingya would have encounters with the One True God.
- {2} Sun The cyclone season has started in Bangladesh. Although aid agencies are working hard to prepare for it, a severe cyclonic storm would result in massive destruction and loss of lives in the camps. Pray that no cyclone will occur this year and that the refugees will be spared this additional hardship.



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- Nearly all Rohingya children go to Islamic school (many daily) to learn how to recite the Quran in Arabic, although they don't understand its meaning.

"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}

{3} Mon A Christian group is able to provide health care to Rohingya refugees. Pray for opportunities to reach beyond the medical needs. Pray for wisdom and ability in sharing hope to those who feel hopeless.

{4} Tues The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only catalyst for real change both in this life and the next. God's vessel for that change is His Church. Pray that Rohingya would come together to listen to the scriptures and become the seeds of disciple making movements to see God's church multiplied among the Rohingya.

Don't stop now. What will you do next?

- Will you add the Rohingya to your daily prayer list?
- Will you make them a regular prayer topic for your church or small group?
- Will you start a prayer group to pray regularly for the Rohingya?

Visit us at www.pray4rohingya.org, sign up and receive regular stories & updates to fuel your prayers, and contact us to let us know how you are including the Rohingya in your prayer life.

"Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer."

A. T. Pierson