



Pray for Rohingya

EXPECTANTLY SOWING



“Peace, peace, to the far and to the near,” says the LORD, “and I will heal him.”

(Isaiah 57:19)

30 DAYS OF PRAYER GUIDE

10 March - 8 April 2024

Praying for Rohingya to encounter the God of peace.

The prayer points below will lead you to pray for the Rohingya in different circumstances around the world. There are common themes throughout, but also things unique to different settings.

Thank you for joining us for these thirty days of expectant intercession. As you pray for the people, places, ministries, and situations listed, we hope that God plants a deep love for the Rohingya people in your heart.

USA



Pray for dreams of Jesus among the Rohingya and for Jesus followers to connect with those who have had dreams.



Pray for one young lady who has been having dreams - ask that she would seek Him like Samuel did.



Pray for deeper curiosity about spiritual things and about the identity of Jesus.



Pray for softened hearts for those who have been exposed to the Bible or are doing Discovery Bible studies.



Pray for two Rohingya girls who have expressed that they want to learn more stories about Jesus. Many seeds have been sown into both of their lives over time, and they have asked questions. Pray that God grows these seeds and their entire families would come to faith.



MYANMAR

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A small number of Myanmar national believers are going out into Rohingya villages with the Gospel of Peace. Pray for these brothers and sisters. Pray that God would build bridges and that their lives and ministry would display the true peace found only in a relationship with Jesus.

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Rohingya Muslims and Rakhine Buddhists share the same homeland in Myanmar; however, Satan has used ethnic and cultural differences to sow mistrust and hatred that causes all to suffer. Pray for peace and reconciliation between the Rohingya and Rakhine in Myanmar.

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“We could not sleep all night because of the gun shots and bombs we could hear” said a Rohingya friend in Rakhine State. Pray for the safety and protection of the thousands of Rohingya caught in the middle of the current war against the Junta in Myanmar. “In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.”
Psalm 4:8

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Biblical radio programmes in the Rohingya language are being broadcast daily across Rakhine State. Pray that more Rohingya would hear the broadcasts and that God would transform the hearts and lives of those that are currently listening.

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The National Unity Government (NUG) who is currently fighting for control of Myanmar against the military appointed its first Rohingya cabinet member in 2023. Pray for the future leaders of Myanmar that they would show favour and kindness towards the Rohingya. Pray that they would govern with humility and grace as they seek peace for the whole nation.



INDIA

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Sahil is a Rohingya believer living in India. After sharing the gospel, his information was circulated online along with a message urging people to attack him wherever he is found. Now Sahil feels unsafe even leaving his home. Pray for God's peace and for his safety.

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Syed Ullah is a Rohingya follower of Christ who was recently informed by a relative that youths were planning to attack him at the park. Pray for his safety and that the peace of God that transcends all understanding will guide his heart and his mind in Christ Jesus.



PAKISTAN

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Rohingya in Pakistan have recently started receiving stories about Jesus in their heart language over Facebook. Pray that the videos find hungry hearts ready to hear this good news and find peace with God that comes through Jesus Christ.

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Mohammad Yunus reached out to us after watching a video about Jesus on Facebook. Pray that God would give him a desire to know more about Jesus and want to read his word.



INDONESIA

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The situation in Aceh province continues to be challenging. There are around 1,500 Rohingya in the province now. Most of them arrived over the last few months. Many local people have not welcomed them and made life hard for them. Please pray for influential local people to advocate for them, for provision of their basic needs and that the situation will draw them closer to God's kingdom.

MALAYSIA

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The reality of living as refugees in Malaysia is difficult. The Rohingya face discrimination and injustice. Aziz was arrested for working at a restaurant. When he got out, he went back to work, saying, "What else can I do? I have to feed my family." Pray that God would change the hearts of those in authority, so the Rohingya people can live here without fear.

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Rohingya in Malaysia dream of being resettled to another country, where they hope to obtain better futures. This will only happen for very few, and the years of waiting leads to a sense of turmoil and hopelessness. Every day, Shanu watches videos about Canada and thinks she will only be happy if she is there. Pray for us as we talk with our friends about citizenship in heaven.

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In response to their ongoing struggles, some Rohingya lean deeply into Islam. Some turn to superstitious practices, trying to secure help or blessing from God. There are very few believers among the Rohingya, like Taher, who chose to follow Jesus and is now rejected by his community. Pray that the local church would be an avenue for the Rohingya to experience the God of peace.

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Rashid is a young man who has lost all his family and despairs at the plight of his people. He recently said, "It would be better for all Rohingya people to drown in the sea than to live this way. That way the world could be rid of us". Pray that Rashid will find lasting peace in the family of God.

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Nur Aiysha was outcast by her community because she was gossiping about others. She was drawn to the stories about Jesus because He loves the outcasts and she asked how she can know about Him. Soon after, her husband moved her and her baby across the country. Pray that God would continue to plant seeds in her heart.



NEPAL

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After almost two years of working on purchasing property in Nepal for our Rohingya friends, we are happy to provide land where they will be able to have a place to call home, away from home. Pray for their Hindu neighbours to accept them, for the Rohingya to feel loved and valued, and for each of them to sense the draw of God's incredible love.

JORDAN

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A Rohingya community of a few hundred people was recently identified in Jordan. They came a long time ago on fake Bangladeshi passports. Pray that people would see and recognise the specific needs of this small community. Pray that people would share the good news of Jesus with Rohingya in Jordan.



SAUDI ARABIA

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Almost half a million Rohingya live in Saudi Arabia. Saudi has opened up to the western world in recent years, but so far there is no known ministry engaging the Rohingya.

Pray that God would call peacemakers to work with Rohingya there, and for opportunities to bring eternal peace to the Rohingya in Saudi Arabia.

THAILAND

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The word “Peace” is used a lot these days – or the lack of peace. We live in a world that hungers for peace. It is hard for our Rohingya friends to feel peace as life is a struggle to make ends meet. Pray as we share with them about the peace that only Jesus can give.

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Irfan is a young man living in Bangkok, his family is still in Rakhine. He is very worried about their wellbeing and security. “The only way I can survive this situation, is to have peace in my heart”, he says. Praise God that he got to know Isa personally and please pray that he will start to experience His peace in his life.



BANGLADESH

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Peace among the believers: There is a lot of infighting among the Rohingya Christians. Different factions and powerful individuals are trying to use their influence and financial donations they receive to gather as many of the believers in their own church as they can. Believers are incentivised to switch membership. This leads to disharmony and animosity among the leaders and damages their witness as role models. Please pray for peace and unity among the believers.

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Gossip the beginning of the end of peace: “Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.” Proverbs 26:20. In the confined space of the Rohingya refugee camp news spreads quickly. Neighbours talk about neighbours, relatives about relatives. Facts are mixed with assumptions, exaggerations and black and white judgments. Too often gossip is the fuel that keeps conflicts heated and relationships from being restored. Please pray for gossiping to stop.

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Peace in the camp: Within the last five years the Rohingya refugee camp has turned from a safe haven where the Rohingya could flee from the Myanmar army to a nightmarish place where beatings, kidnappings and murders have become commonplace. Criminal gangs, militias and religious extremists have become powerful in the camp. Some say that their living conditions are worse now than they were in Myanmar before. Please pray that the peace of the Good News transforms their hearts.

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Peace in Bible translation: Even within the Bible translation projects peace and unity is not always a given. Everyone wants to give his/her best to translate the most important message for humankind. But sometimes what one translator thinks is best doesn't align with what another translator thinks is best. Despite working with good intentions disagreements happen. Please pray for peaceful ways to solve these conflicts and maturity to compromise on minor issues like spelling of words.

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Making Peace: Encouraging peace and reconciliation is a difficult task. It is even more difficult for foreign workers interacting with Rohingya people as they lack language skills and the cultural insight of how this is usually done. It seems that in Rohingya culture grudges are kept for a long time. Please pray that foreign workers will be agents of peace and not further stir conflicts by their limited understanding.

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