



10 Days of Worship and Prayer

for Muslims Celebrating Korbani Eid

July 1-10, 2022



On July 10, Muslims in South Asia celebrate Eid al-Adha. According to the story of Abraham in their holy book, the Qu'ran, the festival commemorates Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son to Allah. In Arabic, the word "korbani" (also spelled "qurbani") means sacrifice, so the festival is also called Korbani Eid.

Over the next 10 days, we will spend time diving into Isaiah 55 and praying the passage over South Asian Muslims as they prepare for Eid al-Adha on July 10. In addition to praying through this guide, we encourage you to set aside time on Friday, July 1 and Friday, July 8 to fast from a meal and spend that time in prayer for South Asian Muslims as they prepare for Eid al-Adha.

Each day you will find a short Bible study that will fuel your prayer time for South Asian Muslims preparing for Korbani Eid. Set aside a few minutes to dig into God's Word and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in praying the Scriptures.





July 1

INTRODUCTION TO ISAIAH 55

The prophet Isaiah ministered for about 60 years during the reigns of four kings, speaking primarily to the southern kingdom of Judah. Chapters 1 through 39 of Isaiah focus primarily on messages of warning, while chapters 40 through 66 offer messages of comfort and hope along with promises of deliverance. In Isaiah chapters 49-57, Isaiah focuses on the Suffering Servant, the Messiah. Nestled in these chapters, readers find restoration for Israel in chapter 54 and an invitation for all nations in chapter 55. What a beautiful picture of God's compassion as He invites all nations to salvation through the Messiah!

Read Isaiah 55 at least three times. You may even want to use a Bible app listen to Isaiah 55.

- What stands out to you in Isaiah 55?
- What main themes did you recognize?
- What do you find familiar and unfamiliar in this chapter?
- What questions do you have? Is there something you'd like to explore more?

Thank God for the prophet Isaiah's words recorded in the Scripture and for giving you a heart to learn. Pray through Isaiah 55 as the Holy Spirit leads.



July 2

AN OVERVIEW OF ISAIAH 55

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His Word and to give you a teachable heart, then take some time to read Isaiah 55 at least three times. You may even want to read in various translations.

- What do I learn about God? (For additional insights, see Psalm 145:3, 1 Corinthians 2:9, and Psalm 103:11.)
- What do I learn about mankind?
- Is there something I should do?
- Is there something I should not do?
- What does this passage teach me about prayer? How can I pray this Scripture passage and for whom?
- How will I obey?

Praise and thank God for who He is and what He has done.

Confess and repent of any sins the Holy Spirit brings to mind.

Admit your need for the Lord, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you obey Him.

How is the Holy Spirit leading you to pray Isaiah 55 for yourself? Spend some time praying through Isaiah 55.



July 3

THE GREAT INVITATION

Begin by asking the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of your heart to the truth in His Word. Read Isaiah 55:1-5 three times, and then answer these questions.

- Who is issuing the invitation?
- Who is invited?
- What are they offered?
- What are they told to do to receive it?

If you have time, look at these cross references. How do they illuminate Isaiah 55:1-5?

- John 4:10-14
- John 7:37-39
- Revelation 21:6

How is the Holy Spirit leading you to pray Isaiah 55 for Muslims preparing for their annual Korbani Eid sacrifice on July 10? Spend some time praying for them now.



July 4

RESPONSE TO THE GREAT INVITATION

Before you open God's Word, ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time of Bible study and prayer. Read Isaiah 55:6-9 slowly and deliberately, at least three times. If possible, read it aloud.

- What urgency do we find in the invitation?
- What is a proper response to the invitation?
- What do you learn about God's nature and character in these verses?
- How sure is God's great invitation? How do you know?
- For those who may think their sins are too great, what encouragement is there in Isaiah 55:7-9?

If you have time, read these verses and look for how they relate to Isaiah 55:6-8.

- John 6:44
- 2 Peter 3:9

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July 5

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you from God's Word. Read Isaiah 55:8-11 at least three times, and then work through these questions.

- What assurance do we have that what God says will happen will truly happen?
- What do we learn about God's Word in vv. 8-11?
- Pause and read Revelation 7:9. How certain can we be that God will bring about the Revelation 7:9 vision?
- What encouragement do we find in the metaphors in vv. 8-11?
- Why do we need this encouragement? Specifically think about the spiritual battle in the unseen realm when it comes to areas where Satan has had a stronghold for hundreds of years, using false religions like Islam.
- How might this passage encourage cross-cultural workers and national partners living and laboring among Muslim peoples?

How is the Holy Spirit leading you to pray these scriptures over Muslims preparing for their annual Korbani Eid sacrifice on July 10? How might you pray this passage over cross-cultural workers and national partners and believers who live and labor among Muslim peoples? Spend some time praying for them now.



July 6

THE PROMISED JOY OF RESTORATION

Before you dig into God's Word, ask the Holy Spirit to give you eyes to see the truth in His Word. Now, read Isaiah 55:12-13 and think through these questions.

- What is promised?
- How is the promise fulfilled in Christ?
- How do these verses allude to the curse of sin (Gen. 3:16-17) and how the evidence of the curse will be replaced with trees of dignity and beauty?
- How would Israelite exiles in Babylon have "heard" this promise? (Remember, they were looking forward to the Messiah.)
- How should we "hear" it today? (Remember, we look through the lens of Jesus Christ, the Messiah who has come.)
- How should we respond considering Jesus' death and resurrection?

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July 7

REFLECTING ON ABRAHAM'S SACRIFICE

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time in the Word and in prayer today. Read Genesis 22:1-14 and reflect on these questions.

- What do you learn about God?
- What do you learn about mankind?
- How does God provide?
- How does this point to Jesus?

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July 8

REFLECTING ON THE PASSOVER LAMB

Before you read God's Word, ask the Holy Spirit to give you a tender heart to hear and obey His Word. Read Exodus 12:1-13.

- What do you learn about God?
- What do you learn about mankind?
- How does God provide?
- How does this point to Jesus?

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July 9

REFLECTING ON JESUS' SACRIFICE

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time in the Word, and then read Hebrews 10:1-18 and think through these questions.

- What do you learn about Jesus' sacrifice?
- Look for phrases like "every year," "repeatedly," "once for all," "once," and "single sacrifice." How are they used? What do you learn?



- How is this different from the yearly sacrifices that Muslims make to Allah when they sacrifice goats, sheep, or cows at Eid-al-Adha?
- What hope do you think Muslims find in sacrifices they must offer year after year after year?
- What joyful hope do we find in Jesus' sacrifice?
- As believers who have put our faith and hope in Jesus' death and resurrection, what should this joyful hope lead us to do?

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July 10

PRAYING FOR THE SALVATION OF MANY

Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His Word today. Read these passages slowly and deliberately, considering the lostness of Muslims and the futility of their annual sacrifices.

- Revelation 7:9
- Matthew 28:18-20
- 2 Peter 3:9
- Romans 10:13-17
- Luke 10:2
- Acts 4:12
- Acts 16:31
- Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8

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Eid al-Adha in South Asia

On Eid al-Adha, the men of the family get up early and pray together at the mosque. After returning home from the mosque, the oldest male of the family leads the sacrifice. Then, the meat is divided into three parts and distributed between family and friends, the poor, and themselves. The sacrifice is repeated yearly at Eid al-Adha.

The Biblical account of Abraham's willingness to obey God and sacrifice his own son is different from the account in the Qu'ran. While the Qu'ran itself doesn't mention the name of the son, Muslims believe that Abraham took his son Ishmael, not Isaac, up the mountain. In the Bible, God clearly states that Isaac is the son to be sacrificed (Genesis 22:1-19). The

Bible clearly points to the fact that one day, God would provide the ultimate sacrifice once and for all: His Son Jesus, the Lamb of God (John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-21).

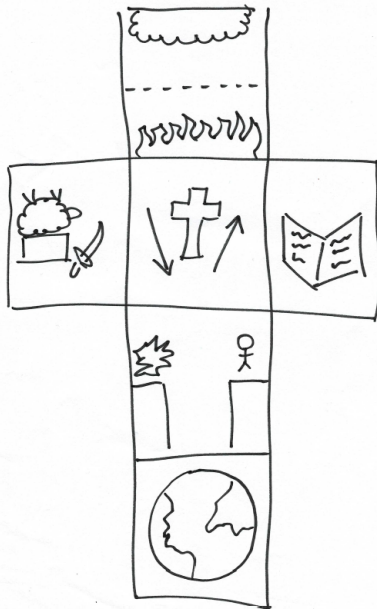


For Muslims, the festival of sacrifice is not about atonement for sin. Rather, it focuses more on an attitude of sacrifice, sharing two-thirds of the meat with others and keeping only one-third of the meat for themselves. The feast of sacrifice also centers around devotion, obedience, and righteousness.

This spiritually sensitive time offers followers of Jesus a wonderful opportunity to petition Father God on behalf of their Muslim cousins. It is a time to pray that Muslims will understand the sacrificial system of the Old Testament, put in place by the One True God Himself—and how it all points to Jesus, the Lamb of God and the ultimate and final sacrifice who takes away the sins of the world, once and for all.



A Bridge to the Gospel



While Korbani Eid for Muslims focuses on sacrifice and submission to God, rather than on the substitutionary sacrifice, Korbani Eid provides a bridge to the Gospel. Believers can share how the story of Abraham's faith points to Jesus as the sinless, spotless Lamb of God who was sacrificed once for all for the sins of all.

Many workers in South Asia use the stories of The First and Last Sacrifice to share the Gospel. Others use a series of biblical sacrifice stories, including the first sacrifice in Genesis 3, the Abrahamic sacrifice in Genesis 22, the Passover Lamb sacrifice in Exodus 12, and Jesus' final sacrifice as the Lamb of God in John 1:14- 29 and 14:6.

Continue to pray for cross-cultural workers and national believers as they share the gospel with Muslims during this spiritually sensitive time of the year.

Thank You for Praying With Us

Your prayers DO make a difference! It's the beauty and mystery of a Kingdom truth that's hard to grasp. Our God is holy, all-powerful, all-knowing, and ever-present. He doesn't need us to accomplish His purposes in the world and among the nations, and yet we know that God eagerly waits to move on behalf of Muslims of South Asia as believers intercede on their behalf. Thank you for joining us in standing in the gap for the South Asian Muslims. The Holy Spirit goes before us as you intercede and plead for Kingdom growth.

PRAY for the Tea River People through prayer partnership and adopt-a-district partnerships with our team. You can also receive prayer requests for the work of IMB missionaries around the world, their work, and unreached people groups at www.imb.org/pray/.

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