

Ramadan 2024

30-Day Prayer Guide

MONTH OF RAMADAN | 10TH MARCH – 9TH APRIL 2024

Daily prayers for the Silk Road people

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Asia's Silk Road Regions

...are home to different peoples, including eleven people groups that are traditionally Muslim and have their own language, culture and traditions: Hui, Uyghur, Kazak, Dongxiang, Kyrgyz, Salar, Tajik, Bonan, Uzbek, Tatar and Alxa Mongol.

PSALM 23

Our Lord is our shepherd. He cares for us, giving us rest, protection and great hope.

Can you join us this month, praying that God will share these same blessings with the Silk Road people of China and their diaspora communities?



Week 1: "The Lord is my Shepherd"

DAY 1 SUNDAY

MARCH 10

Ramadan starts this evening. For Silk Road communities, Ramadan is traditionally a time of dedication to spiritual rituals. Pray that God will meet people on the Silk Road during the month of Ramadan.

DAY 2 MONDAY

MARCH 11

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing." Praise Jesus for loving us. Pray for Silk Road communities to learn how Jesus cares for us all.

DAY 3 TUESDAY

MARCH 12

Fasting is one of the Pillars of Islam for all Muslims. However, it is discouraged by officials in some locations. Pray for people to make wise decisions about fasting and be gracious with one another.

DAY 4 WEDNESDAY

MARCH 13

Kazak and Kyrgyz people are traditionally nomadic herders. Praise God that these people have a deep understanding of how a shepherd cares for his flock.

DAY 5 THURSDAY

MARCH 14

Pray for those Muslim people groups who were affected by a significant earthquake last December in Northwest China, during which many people lost their lives and homes. May God use Christians to provide relief to those affected as they rebuild their homes and communities.

DAY 6 FRIDAY

MARCH 15

Silk Road leaders often use their authority to appear strong. Pray for leaders to learn about the humble, yet strong leadership of Jesus, the Shepherd-King, who shows his strength by caring for his people.



DAY 7 SATURDAY

MARCH 16

Lord, thank you for enabling many Silk Road Muslims with excellent business skills. We ask that you bless their businesses and help them look to you to provide for their families.

DAY 8 SUNDAY

MARCH 17

On the Silk Road, "lacking nothing" is usually interpreted as referring to health or financial security. Pray for Silk Road people to learn what Jesus teaches about what to care for.



Week 2: "In Green Pastures"

DAY 9 MONDAY

MARCH 18

Thank God for traditions of hard work in Asia's Silk Road regions. Pray for rest and refreshment, as God intends for us to have.

DAY 10 TUESDAY

MARCH 19

Those who sacrifice time and resources for their family are considered honored. Praise God for sacrificial family values on the Silk Road.

DAY 11 WEDNESDAY

MARCH 20

A 9-9-6 work week is common in many places on the Silk Road. Employees work 9 AM to 9 PM, six days per week (72 hours), making for very long days during the fast. Pray for God to give patience today to employers of those who are fasting.

DAY 12 THURSDAY

MARCH 21

Many Muslim parents travel long distances to find work. Pray that God will give time for these parents to rest, and reconnect with their children.

DAY 13 FRIDAY

MARCH 22

Competition for school places is very intense. Secondary school students routinely spend over 70 hours a week studying. Ask God to give deep soul refreshment to exhausted students.

DAY 14 SATURDAY

MARCH 23

"He guides me along the right paths," (Psalm 23:3). Muslims also pray to be guided along the right paths. Pray for God to give them his guidance.





DAY 15 | SUNDAY

MARCH 24

Thank God for the Silk Road peoples' love of nature. Pray that they will be blessed as they spend time outdoors and experience God's glory revealed in creation.

Week 3: "The Darkest Valley"



DAY 16 MONDAY

MARCH 25

Christians follow a God who promises to be with us even in our darkest valleys. Praise God that his everlasting love never changes for us or for the peoples of Asia's Silk Road.

DAY 17 TUESDAY

MARCH 26

China's Belt and Road initiative has brought rapid development to Silk Road areas. Some industries are booming, but others are failing. Pray for God to give wisdom and hope to small business owners whose businesses are struggling, and who can't see a way forward.

DAY 18 WEDNESDAY

MARCH 27

"I will fear no evil, for you are with me." Pray for those in Northwest China who are struggling with the emotional impact of the recent earthquake and its aftermath. May God's presence be with them, and his care for them be tangible.

DAY 19 THURSDAY

MARCH 28

Asia's Silk Road is a tapestry of different ethnic groups, each with different worldviews and traditions. Pray for government leaders to lead with justice, and work against any fear of people who are different.

DAY 20 FRIDAY

MARCH 29

There are few Christians in Silk Road regions. They easily feel afraid, or alone. Pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort and encourage them.

DAY 21 SATURDAY

MARCH 30

Often Silk Road families are separated because they must work or study in distant provinces, in order to get ahead. Pray for children who feel alone or uncared for. May God provide for their needs.

DAY 22 SUNDAY

MARCH 31

As Asia's Silk Road develops, more attention is being given to environmental protection. Pray for those working to protect the pastures and valleys of this region.



Week 4: "My Cup Overflows"



DAY 23 MONDAY

APRIL 1

God loves to bless his people. Even though we may suffer on earth, God's promise of feasting and honor in heaven is secure. Pray that the Muslim peoples of the Silk Road will learn more of God's promised feast.

DAY 24 TUESDAY

APRIL 2

Silk Road communities have a rich heritage of hospitality. A guest is lavished with the finest delicacies. Thank you, God, for this cultural heritage, which reflects your generosity.

DAY 25 WEDNESDAY

APRIL 3

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice...?" (Isaiah 58:6). Pray that God will bring compassion and wisdom to Silk Road leaders who supervise justice in their districts.

DAY 26 THURSDAY

APRIL 4

Silk Road people strongly desire the respect and honor of their neighbors and community. Pray for them to learn more about Jesus' teaching on honor.

DAY 27 FRIDAY

APRIL 5

Muslims believe tonight is the "night of power", when prayers are especially powerful. How much do we recognize God's ultimate power over our lives? Pray that Silk Road people will learn more of God's ultimate power over their lives.

DAY 28 SATURDAY

APRIL 6

As well as fasting, Ramadan is traditionally a time for religious devotion and pure living. Pray that Silk Road people will learn more about Jesus' teachings on purity and devotion.

DAY 29 SUNDAY

APRIL 7

During Ramadan, the morning meal is prepared and eaten before sunrise. These meals are prepared by skillful and busy wives, mothers and daughters. Pray that they will experience joy from God, who knows their hearts and desires.

DAY 30 MONDAY

APRIL 8

There can be severe misunderstanding and animosity between different ethnicities. Pray for reconciliation and healing amongst the people groups who live along the Silk Road.

DAY 31 TUESDAY

APRIL 9

Silk Road people will have a "breaking the fast" feast tonight to celebrate the end of Ramadan. Pray that God will bless these shared meals, and will use these times of togetherness to rebuild any hurting relationships.

DAY 32 WEDNESDAY

APRIL 10

Today is the "KaiZhaiJie" Festival, a day of joyful celebration. Some men will worship at the mosque. Most families will feast together. Pray for Silk Road Muslim people to learn more about the joy Jesus brings.







What's Next?

Thank you for joining us in this adventure of prayer through Ramadan.

Is God drawing you to more focused prayer or involvement with the Silk Road peoples?

Learn more about Silk Road people groups here:
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