

NIGHT OF POWER 2021

Virtual Prayer Meeting

Leader's Guide

Summary

This suggested outline will work for a group for a prayer time of around an hour and a half. It focuses on several regions of the world, unreached people groups and the UK. This session is designed to be done over a video call, but feel free to use other places and people groups, adjust suggested timings and adapt for your situation. For larger groups, you may prefer to break out into smaller groups for ten to fifteen minutes to pray. Much of this material can also be prepared for those without internet access. We're praying big prayers, so let's take the time to focus ourselves on the Lord and the work He has called us to.

In preparation

1. Pray before you gather to pray! — for those who will come, for readiness to catch more of God's heart for Muslim people and for God to speak.
2. Download the accompanying PowerPoint presentation ([link here](#))
3. Send the link to the prayer cards: (<https://joshuaproject.net/pray/cardsROG3/CD/PeopNameInCountry/Population/Y>).

Introduction

What is the Night of Power?

The month of Ramadan involves 30 days of fasting from sunrise to sunset. About the 27th day (this year the 8th or 9th May), Muslims remember the Night of Power — Laylat al-Qadr — when many Muslims believe Muhammad received his first revelation. The Qur'an describes this night as "better than a thousand months" and many believe angels descend to help answer prayers. They believe their prayers have extra value and more chance of being answered and will spend the entire night praying and seeking blessing from God.

Over the years, this has been a night when Muslims, who are very open to receiving revelation from God, have had visions or dreams concerning Christ. Whilst these do not usually lead to instant acceptance and understanding of the gospel, it often causes them to question or directs them to someone who shares the gospel with them.

- Watch the video – *Praying for the Night of Power*
<https://vimeo.com/410990455>

Pray with Scripture

Let us focus our hearts using these passages from Romans 10: 1-18

- *Read the passage in three parts: 1-4, 5-12 and 12-18. Stop after each and allow people to pray in response.*

*Praise Christ for His righteousness that we can rest in.
Pray that those seeking to establish their own righteousness night through praying and fasting would come to know and believe the righteousness of Christ.*

North Africa and Chad

- *Watch the video – Spirit of North Africa
<https://vimeo.com/353402618>*

God is rebuilding his church in North Africa. Pockets of believers and indigenous churches. However, there are still very many unreached people groups.

- *Open and share link to prayer cards document:
<https://joshuaproject.net/pray/cards/ROG3/CD/PeopNameInCountry/Population/Y>*

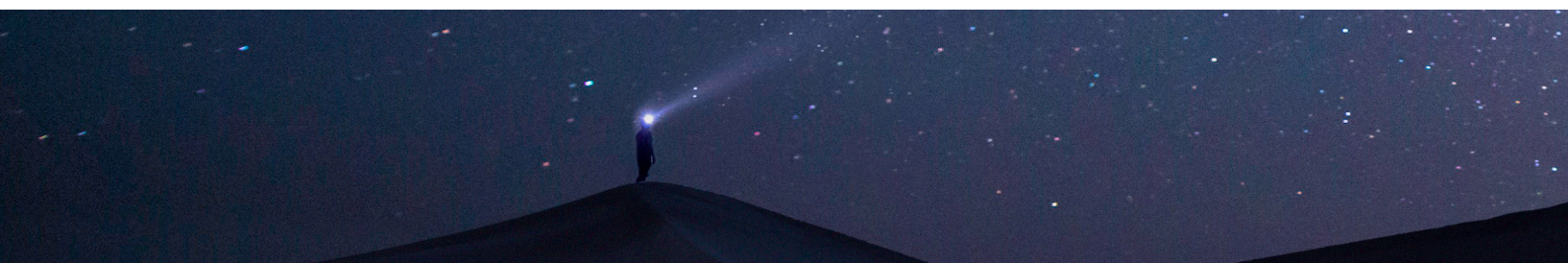
Take the country of Chad for example. There are 78 unreached people groups listed in this one country. Those are dozens of ethnolinguistic groups in which there are few to no Christians. Some have no gospel witness at all.

- *Pray in groups for North Africa. You may like to use breakout rooms:*

Pray for the unreached people groups across this region. Use the Chad document to help you pray more specifically and pick one or two to mention in prayer (it doesn't matter if you can't pronounce it correctly!).

Pray that new mission workers in Chad would settle into their new city and establish fruitful ministry.

One believer known to us from the "Z" people group has suffered severe persecution that has forced him to relocate. Pray for him to find a safe place for refuge and that others in his people group would have openness to him and may even receive Jesus for themselves.



The Middle East

For many in the Middle East, religious laws dictate much of life. But many are disillusioned with Islam and are moving towards other ways of life. It is common for Muslims to turn to atheism before discovering Jesus. As it can be dangerous to ask questions, many turn to the internet for their answers. Our media ministry responders have conversations with those find the website through social media and internet adverts. Hundreds of people make professions of faith and thousands of people are disciplined online each year. Thousands more people download Bibles and watch powerful testimony videos. God is at work in the Middle East.

- *Watch the video – Mecca Testimony*
<https://youtu.be/SziHjrHBcGc>

- *Pray in groups for the Middle East:*

Pray for those who are disillusioned with Islam to continue searching for truth and not turn their backs on God completely.

Ask God to bless, equip and guide Arab World Media workers and other similar organisations who respond online to the questions of people who are searching and disciple them.

Pray for those believers like we heard in the video, that whole families would come to know Christ and live as Kingdom families together, not isolated individuals.

Muslims in the UK

In the UK today, there are many Muslims from a wide range of unreached places, representing about 5% of the population. We have teams ministering in cities across the UK and many churches are also seeing the need and reaching out to the Muslims in their communities and neighbourhoods.

- *Pray in groups for the UK:*

Pray for those mission workers whose work has had to go online. May they be able to maintain meaningful relationships with those they are sharing with.

Pray in particular for Jack, a UK worker who has begun Bible studies with a Kurdish friend. May the Lord speak to him through the Word and this friendship.*

Give an opportunity for those in the group to share any Muslim friends or ministry their church is involved in that they would like prayer for.

*Name changed for security reasons.

Some elements adapted from 30 Days of Prayer guide:

<https://30daysprayer.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Night-of-Prayer-Virtual.pdf>

