



Prayer Calendar nr. 81 from June 1 - August 31, 2018.

'They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.' Psalm 145:11-13.

1) '...so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of men.' (Daniel 4:17). We praise the Creator of heaven and earth that he is King of the eternal Kingdom and that everything in creation falls under His dominion. We honour Him, His power and strength. We thank God that all authority and dominion on earth is subject to his sovereignty.

2) We pray for all believers in the Islamic world that are persecuted by local authorities and even by the government of their own nation. We pray that 'God will arm them with strength' (Psalm 18:32). We believe that they bear witness by their attitude and deeds so that those around them discover that the God of the Bible is the only One and that they will accept Jesus.

3) We pray for the Messianic believers in the State of Israel who are persecuted by their family or by ultraorthodox Jews. We pray that the government will be sympathetic towards them and recognize that they are genuine Jews and facilitate them to make alijah. We pray that Messianic Jews will be present in the government.

4) (AL) Since November last year the government is involved in systematic persecution. They closed down churches in Oran, Belabas, Algiers, Tiaret and Ayaida. They stopped building projects for places where believers can meet and prohibit to rent locations so that children of God can get together. An order has been issued to stop the building of a missionary centre where believers can be trained for missions. Believers themselves say: 'All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands.' (1 Samuel 17:47). We pray that this current persecution will bring forth much fruit in eternity.

5) (AL) Mission projects are unabated going on: to Mauretania, Spain and among Libyans in Tunisia. Amazigh believers in Morocco ask prayer that the persecution will not stop Algerian Amazigh to help reaching the Middle Atlas region with the Gospel. 'See, I have placed before you an open door that no-one can shut. I know you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.' (Revelation 3:8).

6) (AL) Some believers have been sentenced to two years of imprisonment and a fine of thousand dollars. Others were only fined for spreading the Gospel. Others have to appear in court. Many of them have no money to pay the fines. Pray that God will provide and work out miracles in their lives so that they will experience His power. Believers are also looking for facilities to come together. During this time of

oppression, we pray that they will be rooted deeply in the grace of God, in His Word and that this all may bring forth much fruit.

7) (MO) Prayer is requested for local leaders of home-communities in all the pastoral challenges they have to face. We pray that they know that 'all authority in heaven and earth has been given to him' (Matthew 28:18) and that therefore they 'are strong in the Lord and in his mighty power' (Ephesians 6:10). We pray that they will know their position that they have power under the authority of God and stand in their position in the heavenlies.

8) (MO) We pray for young adults, raised in believing families, that they will exercise their spiritual gifts and take their place in the body of Christ.

9) (MO) As everywhere else some believers are addicted to alcohol and a burden to their family, community and no witness to the saving power of God. We pray that they will accept help to repent and enter a process of withdrawal and victory. 'I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer.' (Psalm 18:1,2).

10) (TU) We pray that in the city of Mahdia inhabitants will come to faith and a home-community will be established. Mahdia is the largest fishing port in the country. We long for fishers of men among the population and that the inhabitants themselves will be fishers of men.

11) (TU) Prayer is requested for believers to pray more and to know God in the process: 'His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion.' (Ephesians 1: 19-21). We bless them to learn to have victory in spiritual warfare.

12) (TU) The Amazigh Berber population on Djerba are an unreached population-group. We pray for openness in the restraint of these families and that someone among them will let Jesus in his heart and will relate with people outside the clan.

13) We thank God that the authorities of Saudi-Arabia will allow the State of Israel to have no interference in their own country; the emirate of Qatar does the same. We pray that they eventually will recognize the State of Israel. It is a possibility that they have this point of view to take a stand against the policies of Iran. We pray that the dominant religion will get divided within itself in such a way that it loses its importance so that God's plan for the Arabic Peninsula will come to pass.

14) We pray for the holy places in Saudi-Arabia to become of less importance because of the internal struggle within Islam, between Shiite and Sunnite interpretations. Our prayer is that the common Muslim will develop more and more questions and doubts about the religion and will eventually find Jesus.

15) We bless the believers in Jesus in Saudi-Arabia and pray that while being under pressure, they realise that now that 'they have the right to be children of God' (John 1:12) 'the Sovereign LORD their strength is.' (Habakkuk 3:19). Amidst all upheaval and unrest, we bless them with the peace of God.

16) Israel is afraid that during this summer a war may break out with the many rockets that are targeted from Lebanon, the struggle with Gaza, and the internal war in Syria with Iran, Russia, and Turkey involved. We pray that the Israeli people in all this pressure and threats will receive a revelation from God and 'see the

Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!' (Revelation 5:12); that they will be born again.

17) 'Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion...and the kingdom will be the LORD's. (Obadiah 21). We proclaim the prophecy, God's Word about the Temple mount and declare that it is the throne of God. In His appointed time, He will abolish the idolatry taking place on this mountain in His set time.

18) 'So that all men may know of his mighty acts.' (See the theme of this calendar). Palestinian women on the West bank doubted their religion and decided that there is no truth in it. They came to a women's meeting and heard about the mighty work of salvation of Jesus. They were set free from evil spirits and gave their lives to God. We pray for these women that they will get the chance to grow in the knowledge of God's Word and that God 'will make them bold and stout-hearted' (Psalm 138:3) inside their Islamic family.

19) We pray for Syrian refugees who are dispersed over many countries like Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. They come in contact with aid-workers of whom some are Christian, sent out by God: 'Jesus gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.' (Matthew 10:1). We pray that these aid-workers will be empowered by God to reveal God's Kingdom in impossible and seemingly hopeless situations.

20) On Syrian territory the world-powers are trying to enlarge their influence. Next to Syria Iraq is in a desperate situation. Still God has said: 'Assyria my handicraft' and He is 'the LORD Almighty.' (Isaiah 19:25). No human authority can outdo the dominion of the Creator of heaven and earth. Today we proclaim that in the chaos God will fulfil His plan for Syria and Iraq.

21) In Islam Jesus is seen as one of the many prophets. We pray for the leaders of Hezbollah (the party of God) that they will receive a revelation that the authority of Jesus surpasses all authority because He received this from the Father: 'No-one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.' (John 10:18). We pray that Hezbollah will disintegrate because of internal divisions.

22) We bless believers in Egypt who came to faith in Jesus from a Muslim background and read in the Bible that it is about the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and that God has a plan for the world through Israel. We pray for their safety and that they will not feel lonely. 'Envoys will come from Egypt; Cush will submit herself to God. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the LORD. Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel.' (Psalm 68: 31-34).

23) While the Islamic world is in upheaval and Muslims openly say that they no longer believe in the Koran we pray that Arabic speaking believers will be called by God to reach out and preach the Word of God with authority (Luke 4:32), that they 'give orders with authority and power to evil spirits to come out' (Luke 4:36) as Jesus did. We pray for apostles to establish new home-communities among the Muslim population and that God will endorse their testimony with signs.

24) In prayer we bring the population of Yemen before God. There are millions of refugees within their own country suffering from hunger and lack of medical care and all other necessities. Shiites and Sunnites fight their own struggle partially on Yemenite soil. We pray that the population will call out to God for help while aid-workers cannot enter the country out of fear for hostage-taking. We pray that God will reveal Himself to them by dreams and visions. We bless the Yemenite believers.

25) (MAU) 'You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.' (Psalm 77:14). We bless God for revealing His power among the population. We pray that evil spirits will be cast out among those who were involved in witchcraft and that time and again it will be shown that God is victorious because people love and serve God with all that is within them.

26) (MAU) Some believers live very isolated, especially women and young girls who believe in Jesus, they can be locked in the home by their family. We pray for them: 'God is a refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble' (Psalm 46:1) and that they will be able to be visited by other believing women.

27) (MAU) For young people it is difficult to find work and have an income. This is the reason why young men are unable to marry and raise a family. We praise God, He is almighty and is able to do miracles and can give a way in impossible situations. We pray for believing young men that they put their trust in God, in His power and majesty and believe that He will give a breakthrough in their situation. We serve such a mighty God!

28) (LI) 'He gives strength to the weary. Youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.' (Isaiah 40: 30,31). These words we pray for the young believers living in a desperate situation, that they will soar on wings and receive a perspective from God's view, from his unmeasurable omnipotence.

29) (LI) We proclaim God's right to rule this nation in great political and social upheaval and incapacity. All evil powers that are trying to destroy this nation are subject to him: 'Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand- with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.' (1 Peter 3:22).

30) (LI) We pray for the cities in the eastern part of the country: Tubruq, Al Bayda, Benghazi and Aydabija, that Christians from Egypt will be able to enter the country and make contact with the population to share the Gospel with them. We also pray for the women who stay indoors, that they will have the means to hear the Gospel of salvation in Jesus via internet or satellite-tv.

31) 'To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy- to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for evermore.' (Jude 24,25). Let us thank God that He is protecting us and also all believers in Muslim territories, supporting us in affliction and persecution. We honour His majesty and power!