

Face ^{to} Face

30 Days of Prayer

for Unreached Muslim Peoples



About Frontiers

With love and respect, inviting all Muslim peoples to follow Jesus.

The goal of Frontiers is to see the Great Commission fulfilled among all Muslim peoples of the world.

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

— Romans 10:14–15

With over 1,200 workers serving on teams that reach Muslims in more than 50 countries, Frontiers is helping advance the Gospel in the least-reached places.

Yet hundreds of millions of Muslims still have no one to tell them about the new life found only in Jesus.

God is using Frontiers to recruit, train, send, and serve teams of long-term workers who bring the Good News to those who have yet to hear.

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Face to Face

Frontiers workers leave the comfortable and familiar to go to some of the most challenging places on earth so that they can share the Good News with Muslims.

Through broad outreach, faithful service, and genuine friendships, disciples are made and multiplied—looking forward to the day when all peoples will worship around the throne of Jesus in heaven (Rev. 7:9) and see Him face-to-face (Rev. 22:4).

The beautiful faces in this 30-day prayer guide represent Muslim people groups with the least access to the Gospel. Use their stories, along with hope-filled scriptures and practical prayer points, to ask God to draw them to Himself.

Thank you for joining us in prayer!

DAY 1

Mazandarani

📍 Location: Northern Iran

👥 Population: 4 million

Music of the Heart

Farideh's heart began to race as her father walked around the large circle of women sitting behind their oversize tambourines—round drums resting on the ground. When he reached the bride and groom, the first notes flowed from his wooden flute and shouts of joy filled the garden. This wedding was the first time Farideh had been invited to perform music with the other women in her village. Despite spending years learning the distinct rhythm and beats of their region, she was still nervous.

Taking a deep breath, she listened for the note from her father that would launch the rest of the musicians. When it came, the women moved as one, striking their drums with open hands in a shower of joy. Her worries vanished as she let the rhythm surround her.

Music and dance had been an important part of festivities in her village for centuries, so Farideh felt honored to be part of this group that carried on a vibrant musical legacy. She hoped to have many more opportunities to celebrate.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

— Psalm 96:1–2



Ways to Pray

- Ask God to reveal the Source of all hope and joy to Mazandaranis like Farideh.
- Pray for Mazandaranis to see how God has uniquely made them to worship Him through their music.
- Pray that there will be many celebrations in heaven as Mazandarani men and women come to know and follow Christ.

DAY 2

Azeri

📍 Location: Azerbaijan, Iran, Russia, and other parts of the Caucasus

👤 Population: 40 million

Lasting Legacy

Vugar's father and grandfather had both been sheep herders, so he looked on with pride as his eldest son Rashad expertly cared for the newest lambs.

Rashad seemed to love the majestic mountains and fertile river valleys of their home in Azerbaijan. He was always eager to learn and happy to practice the skills he'd been taught to keep their herd healthy and growing. One day, Vugar would pass along all that he had built to his son.

But lately, he wondered if his sheep, a home in the mountains, and his devout Muslim beliefs were enough of an inheritance. Many of his relatives had moved to neighboring countries and large cities in pursuit of more money and opportunities. Could there be something more he should pass on to his son?

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

So that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

— Titus 3:7



Ways to Pray

- Ask the Lord to bring an end to conflicts in this region, which have caused hardships for its inhabitants for generations.
- Pray that Azeri fathers will come to know Jesus as Lord and tell their children the truth of God's Word.
- The Azeris are sometimes called the gateway people to the Muslim world. Pray that many Azeri men and women will follow Christ and share their hope with friends and family around the globe.

DAY 3

Rohingya

📍 Location: Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Southeast Asia

👥 Population: 2.2 million

A Home of Their Own

Hugging her three children close, Zurah watched their apartment building—with all of their belongings inside—burn. As the heat from the flames pressed toward them, her eldest daughter buried her face in her hands, sobs shaking her shoulders.

Zurah was thankful they were all safe, but this apartment had been their hope. After being forced from Myanmar with hundreds of thousands of other Muslim Rohingya during a brutal genocide, they had survived in refugee camps in Bangladesh for years. But they continued to struggle. No employer would hire them. No landlord wanted to rent to them.

Only a few months ago, Zurah had received the key to this apartment, but it too had been taken from them. Despite all the pain, she felt in her heart that there had to be a place for her people. Someone wanted them and would welcome them. And she would keep searching until she found that person.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

— Philippians 3:20

Ways to Pray

- Ask God to reveal Himself to the Rohingya and show them they belong with Him.
- Pray that the Lord will comfort the brokenhearted and heal the hearts of the mistreated.
- Pray for an end to oppression and injustice toward this people group and that they will know they are precious in Jesus' eyes.



DAY 4

Libyan Arabs

📍 Location: Libya

👤 Population: Approx. 1.6 million

Answers to Every Question

Omar ran to the field where he often played football—soccer to some foreigners—with his friends after their college classes ended. He always looked forward to their games, but today, he was even more excited, hoping to talk to the young American engineer named Mark who had joined them last time.

Mark worked in the oil business and had told Omar he could be successful in the same career. After looking into the courses he would need to take, Omar had more questions and hoped for an opportunity to ask them.

He also wondered if Mark was a Christian. Perhaps he could give Omar more information on part of the *Injil* he'd read on social media. Had Jesus really said that you had to be a servant to be great? That made sense on the football field where Omar often passed the ball to help his team score. But why would someone do that in his everyday life?

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

— Matthew 20:26–28



Ways to Pray

- Pray for young Libyan Arabs to seek answers to their questions and find the truth in Jesus.
- Some Libyan Arabs have found wealth and status due to an abundance of oil in the land. Ask God to show them that money can't bring real fulfillment.
- Other Libyan Arabs are impoverished and barely surviving. Pray that God will meet their physical needs and show them how He alone can satisfy their spiritual needs.

DAY 5

Konjo

📍 Location: Indonesia

👤 Population: 234,000

Searching for Protection

Ten-year-old Achmad scurried to the side of the road—as far away as he could get from the grove of trees on the edge of town. Adjusting the bag of local fruit his mom had asked him to pick up, he tried to hurry, but his cargo weighed him down. If he slowed too much, he feared he wouldn't make it by unscathed.

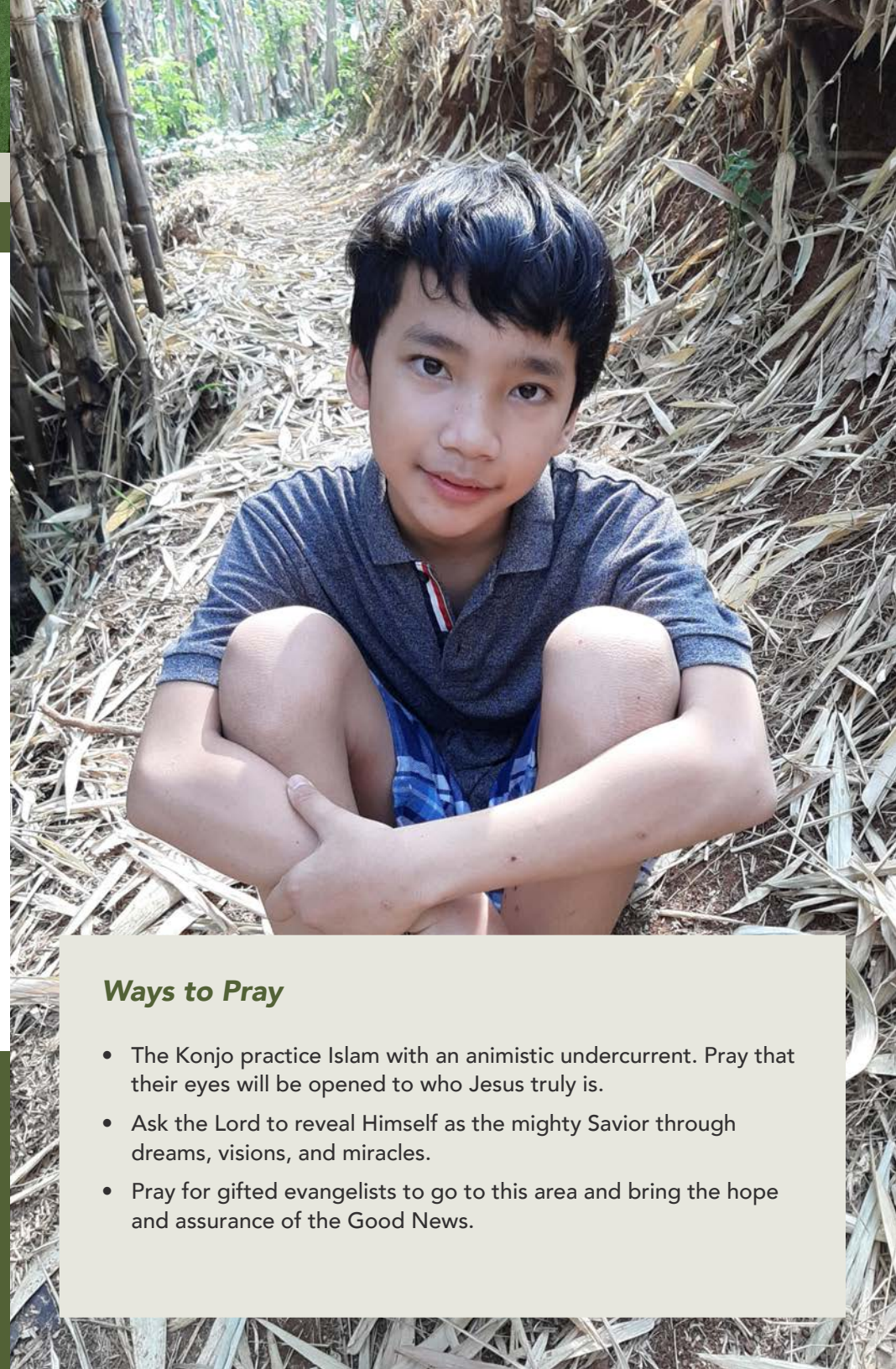
Everyone in his village knew that dark powers lived in those trees. His best friend had even become ill and nearly died after walking by them.

Achmad didn't want to die. But his dad, his grandfather, and even the Imam didn't know how to protect their village from the supernatural forces they believed inhabited the trees. There had to be someone who could save them.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save."

— Zephaniah 3:17



Ways to Pray

- The Konjo practice Islam with an animistic undercurrent. Pray that their eyes will be opened to who Jesus truly is.
- Ask the Lord to reveal Himself as the mighty Savior through dreams, visions, and miracles.
- Pray for gifted evangelists to go to this area and bring the hope and assurance of the Good News.

DAY 6

Bedouin of Saudi Arabia

📍 Location: Saudi Arabia

👤 Population: Approx. 4.5 million

Accepted

As the sun set behind his tent in the desert, Saad smiled at his guests. They had been strangers only a few hours before, but after a large meal and several cups of sweetened tea, their conversation around the fire continued well into the night.

Because of this special dinner, his family would have to survive on less for several days, but he was proud of the way they had hosted the travelers.

Though he often did business with men in nearby cities, Saad rarely felt the same hospitality and kindness he tried to show. Many of them looked down on his nomadic lifestyle and wanted his tribe to settle in one location.

He prayed there was someone who would accept him just as he was.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

— Romans 15:7 (NIV)



Ways to Pray

- Pray that Saudi Arabian Bedouins will recognize that Jesus welcomes them with open arms and great joy.
- Ask God to make many Gospel resources available to this people in their heart language.
- Pray that the Lord will raise up laborers willing to go to this hard-to-reach people.

DAY 7

Sunni Turks

📍 Location: Türkiye

👤 Population: Approx. 50 million

Complete Joy

Eren rushed into his home just as the sun set and the *akşam namazi* call to prayer sounded outside. He quickly washed his hands and unrolled his prayer mat, facing Mecca. Then he pressed his head against the rug and repeated the prayer he had offered every day for 45 years.

When he rose a few minutes later, he glimpsed his reflection in a mirror. A dark spot in the center of his forehead from pressing into the floor was evidence of his devotion. Yet, no matter how many times he prayed or what rituals he practiced, Eren never felt close to Allah.

Recently he had heard one of the new professors at his college praying for a student. This professor spoke as though he had a deep friendship with God and enjoyed talking with Him. Maybe he could teach Eren how to have that joy too.

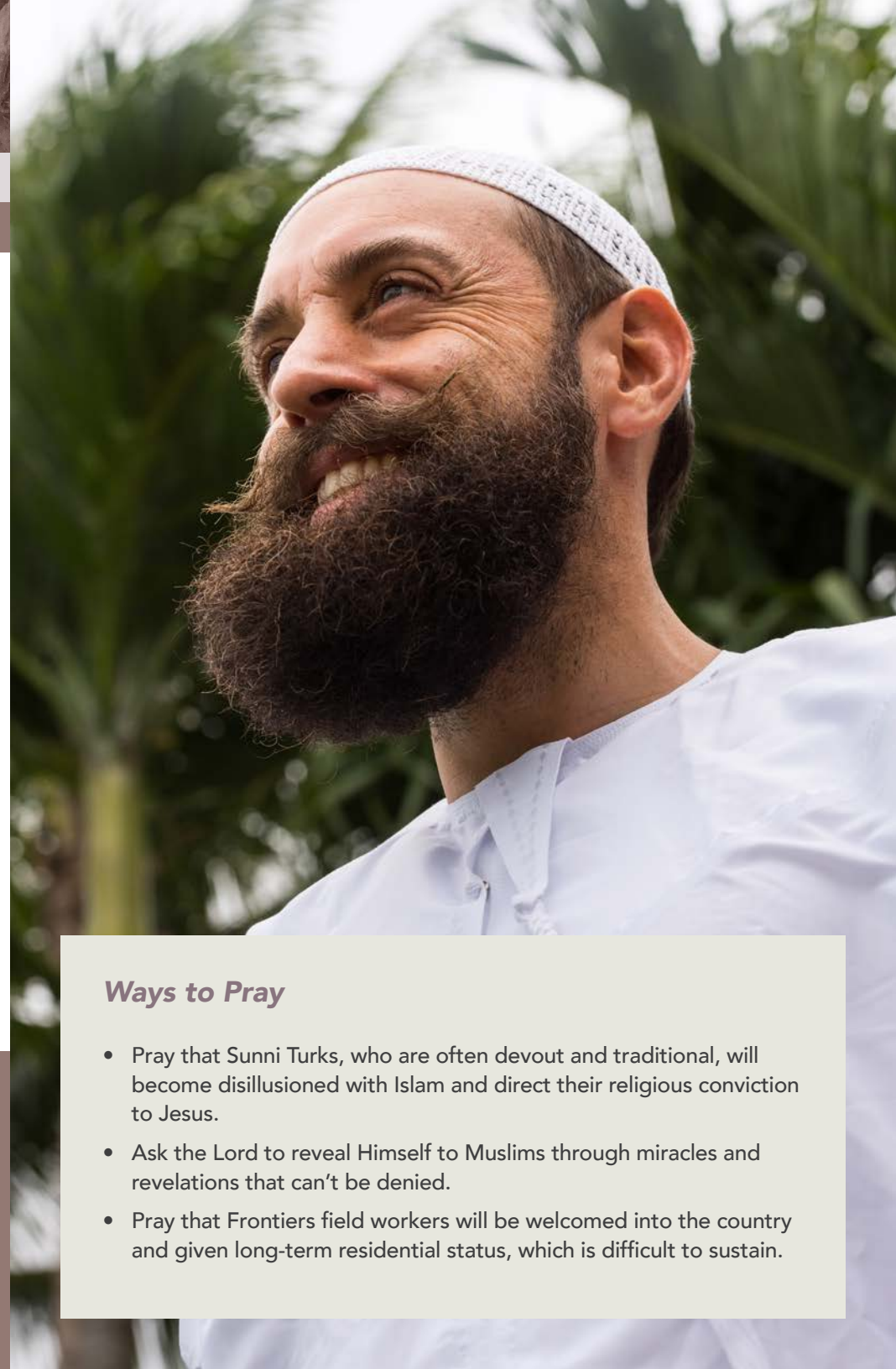
HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

— John 16:24 (NIV)

Ways to Pray

- Pray that Sunni Turks, who are often devout and traditional, will become disillusioned with Islam and direct their religious conviction to Jesus.
- Ask the Lord to reveal Himself to Muslims through miracles and revelations that can't be denied.
- Pray that Frontiers field workers will be welcomed into the country and given long-term residential status, which is difficult to sustain.



Looking for More

Huan set two bowls of halal beef noodles in front of a couple who had just sat down at his restaurant's last open table. They quickly thanked him and began scooping up the rich broth and tender beef. The man said it was still the best in the city.

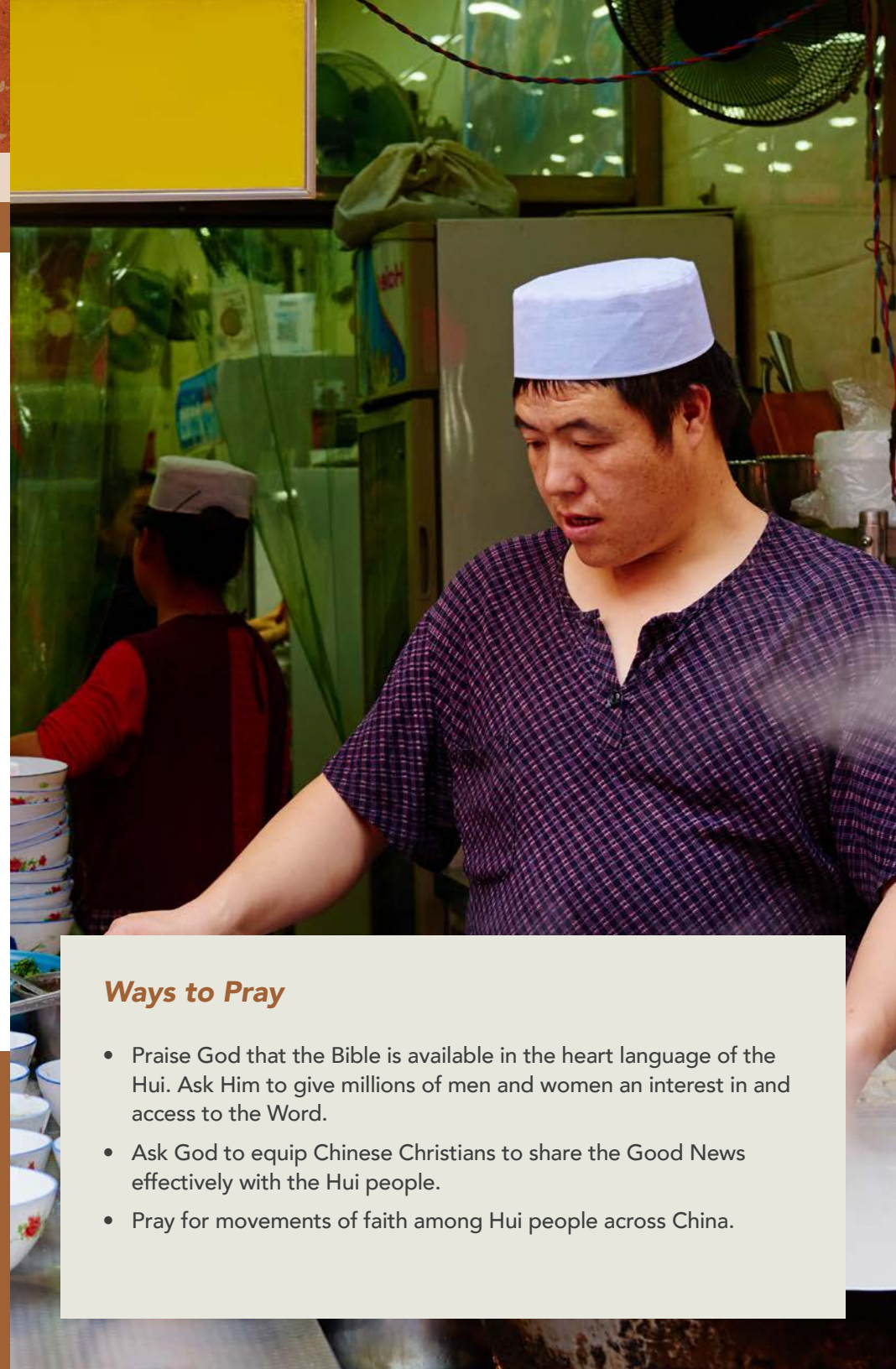
Smiling to himself as he returned to the kitchen, Huan decided he should call his *Mā* after the lunch rush. Huan had left home years ago, looking for something more than he could find on the family farm. His mother would be proud that her recipe was the key to his restaurant's success.

Recently, several foreigners had begun coming in for lunch. Each visit, they greeted Huan as a friend and spoke about their faith. He had been raised as a Muslim, but the more his new friends talked about Jesus, the more Huan wondered if he'd been looking for Someone rather than something.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

"You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord."

— Jeremiah 29:13–14



Ways to Pray

- Praise God that the Bible is available in the heart language of the Hui. Ask Him to give millions of men and women an interest in and access to the Word.
- Ask God to equip Chinese Christians to share the Good News effectively with the Hui people.
- Pray for movements of faith among Hui people across China.

DAY 9

Bohra

📍 Location: India

👥 Population: 1.3 million

Truly Seen

As Faiza spun around in front of the mirror admiring her new *rida*, she smiled broadly. She'd spent hours sewing and pressing the poncho-like top and sleek skirt until they were perfect. While Bohra women generally wore bright colors to distinguish themselves from other Muslim women in the area who wore black, this bright green *rida* with its intricate embroidery would make her shine even among her own people.

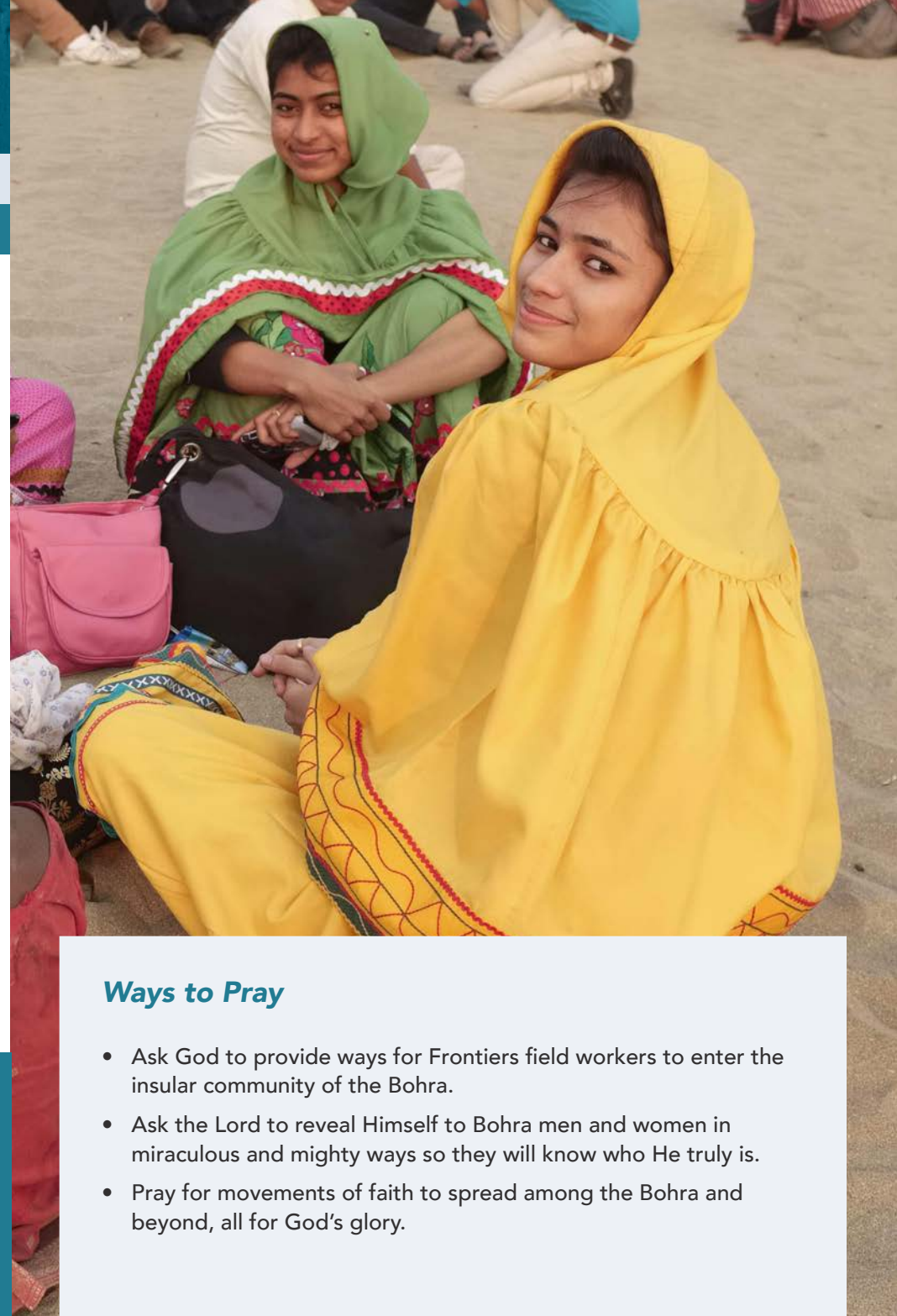
After checking one more time in the mirror, she left her home to meet Nadira and three other friends for coffee. As she approached the table where they sat, her heart sank. Nadira was wearing a new *rida* too, and their friends couldn't stop talking about her incredible talent and skill.

Faiza sighed as she walked home. No one had said anything about her new clothes. She'd felt invisible. There had to be someone who saw her and knew her. She just hadn't met that Person yet.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."

— Genesis 16:13 (NIV)



Ways to Pray

- Ask God to provide ways for Frontiers field workers to enter the insular community of the Bohra.
- Ask the Lord to reveal Himself to Bohra men and women in miraculous and mighty ways so they will know who He truly is.
- Pray for movements of faith to spread among the Bohra and beyond, all for God's glory.

DAY 10

Rashaida

📍 Location: Sudan, Eritrea, Egypt

👤 Population: 200,000

More than Wealth

Rania held her breath and tried to calm her nerves as she stepped toward her new groom, Gamal. In a short time, he would be the first man to see her face since childhood. As every woman in her village did, she had worn a beautiful veil covering all but her eyes for most of her life.

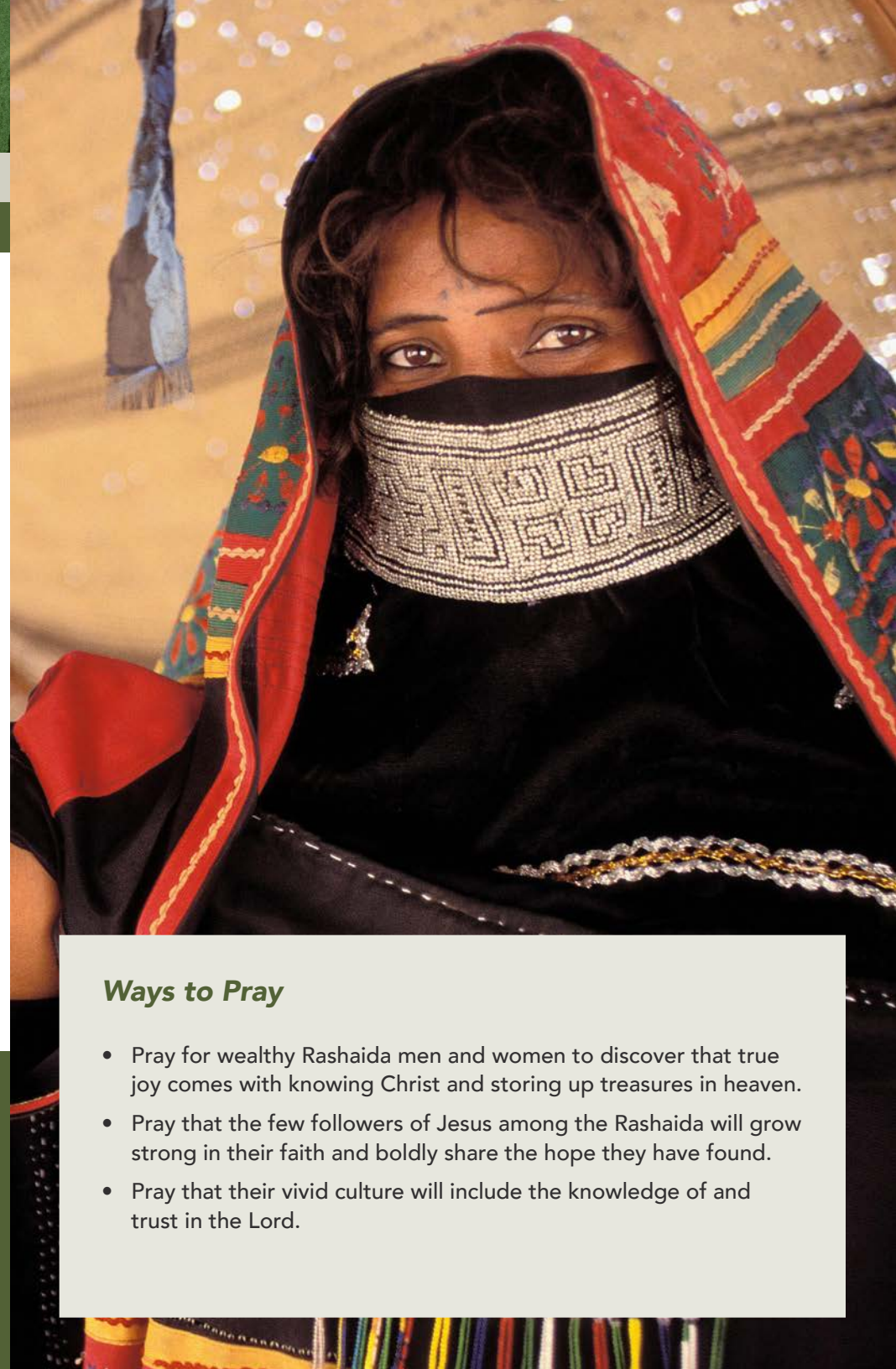
When Gamal smiled at her, her stomach filled with nervous flutters. She hoped he would be a good man. She knew little about him except that he was wealthy; the racing camels he raised brought in top dollar from buyers across Sudan and the Arabian Peninsula.

But money would not be enough to make them happy. Some men in her village loved possessions more than their wives and families. Although her mother had assured her that Gamal followed Islam, Rania wondered if that would be enough to bring them joy in their marriage.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the Maker of them all.

— Proverbs 22:1–2



Ways to Pray

- Pray for wealthy Rashaida men and women to discover that true joy comes with knowing Christ and storing up treasures in heaven.
- Pray that the few followers of Jesus among the Rashaida will grow strong in their faith and boldly share the hope they have found.
- Pray that their vivid culture will include the knowledge of and trust in the Lord.

DAY 11

Iraqi Sunni Arabs

📍 Location: Iraq

👤 Population: Approx. 8 million

Harmony at Home

"I don't want you to be part of that group," Karrar declared to his 20-year-old daughter Esraa. "You could be in danger."

"But, *Baba*," Esraa pleaded. "We only want to see Sunnis reclaim some influence so that there will be jobs available for my generation. We want education, public services, and unity for our country. Is that so wrong?"

Karrar frowned at her. After decades of conflict that had begun long before Esraa was even born, he too longed to have a voice in his country. But the youth movement his daughter had joined guaranteed only risk and conflict. "I forbid it," he repeated.

Esraa stomped down the hall and slammed her bedroom door behind her. Karrar wondered how there could ever be peace in their country, if he couldn't even have harmony in his home.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

Let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

— Romans 14:19



Ways to Pray

- Pray that God will open the hearts of Sunni Arabs in Iraq to the true source of peace and harmony—Jesus Christ.
- Ask the Lord to use audio recordings of the Gospels and radio broadcasts to reach many Iraqis with the Good News.
- Pray that heads of families will turn and follow Jesus and share the hope that they've found with all their relatives.

DAY 12

Pattani Malay

📍 Location: Southern Thailand

👤 Population: 2.4 million

Wishing for Peace

As the morning sun rose, Dolo pushed his boat into the harbor and rowed toward his usual fishing spot. When he neared his friend Aree's boat, he greeted him. Aree was usually talkative and smiling, but this morning, Aree barely waved before throwing his net into the clear blue water.

Dolo understood. After a recent clash between the Thai government and a rebel group in the southern provinces where his people, the Pattani Malay, lived, he didn't feel like talking either. His people had experienced violence and repression ever since the government demanded the Pattani Malay assimilate into Thai culture almost a hundred years ago. And there seemed to be no hope of a resolution.

Despite the ongoing conflict, Dolo knew he had to focus on providing for his family. If he didn't fish, his family would have nothing to eat. But he wished he didn't have to worry about their safety, too.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."

— Isaiah 26:3



Ways to Pray

- Pray for God's peace to reign in southern Thailand and to end violence and fear.
- Ask the Lord to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of Pattani Malay men, women, and children—many of whom live in deep poverty.
- Ask God to draw Pattani Malays to Him and then send them out to become fishers of men.

DAY 13

Pashayi

📍 Location: Afghanistan

👤 Population: Approx. 800,000

Opening a Closed Door

Farzad picked up his two-year-old grandson and swung him high in the air among the mountains far north of the city. The boy giggled and begged for more, but Farzad set him down. There was still much more work to be done before he could rest for the day.

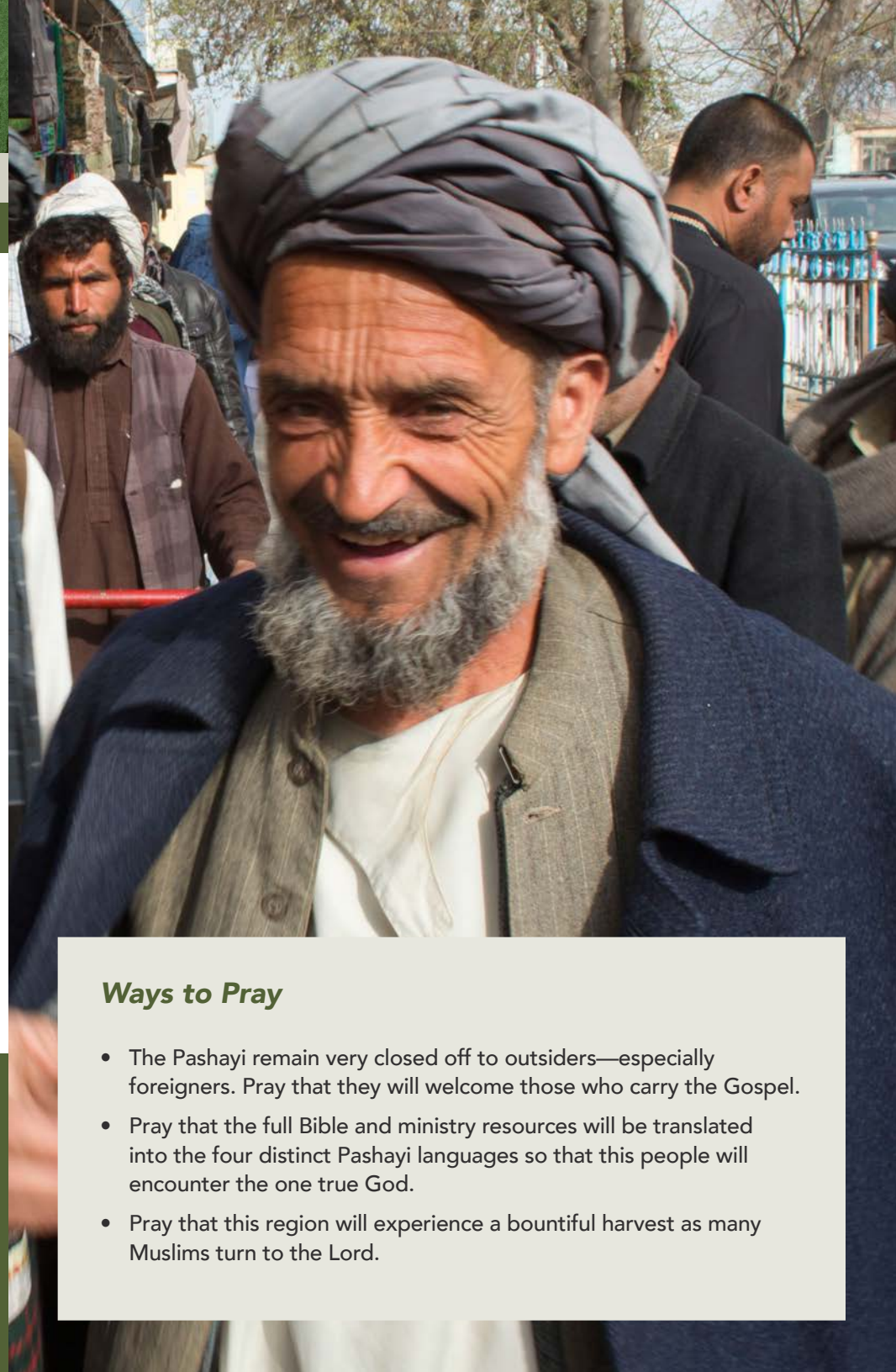
As he harvested the wheat in his rocky hillside field, Farzad told the little boy stories about his life and his people. Like many others, in his youth, Farzad had traveled between Pashayi villages during the harvest season. At each stop, he sang songs and told stories about his own home.

Lately, Farzad had been hearing stories of Pashayi talking with outsiders. In their tight-knit community, news traveled fast, and Farzad prayed that the village council would put an end to the actions of a few—for the sake of his family and the generations to come.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and
increase the harvest of your righteousness.

— 2 Corinthians 9:10



Ways to Pray

- The Pashayi remain very closed off to outsiders—especially foreigners. Pray that they will welcome those who carry the Gospel.
- Pray that the full Bible and ministry resources will be translated into the four distinct Pashayi languages so that this people will encounter the one true God.
- Pray that this region will experience a bountiful harvest as many Muslims turn to the Lord.

DAY 14

Syrian Arabs

📍 Location: Syria and surrounding countries

👤 Population: 20 million

Seek and Find

Mostafa hurried from tent to tent in the camp where his family had settled the year before. Following a bombing at the medical center where he'd worked as a doctor, he and his wife had realized they could no longer stay in their hometown while the civil war continued.

So, even with limited resources, he offered whatever care he could to other displaced peoples. He set broken bones, bandaged wounds, and distributed the meager medicine he could obtain.

In every face, Mostafa saw heartache and despair. Each man, woman, and child was desperate for hope. But his training—and even Islam—had not taught him how to treat emotional wounds. Early in his medical career, he'd learned that if he didn't have the answer, he should research until he found one. So, that's exactly what he would do.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

"I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me."

— Proverbs 8:17

Ways to Pray

- Pray that refugees and those longing for hope will seek Jesus and find the Answer to all their needs.
- Pray for God to bring peace to this war-torn land.
- Ask God to show those who have been displaced by the civil war in Syria that they belong with Him and Jesus is their sure foundation.



Secret Hope

Leyli looked over her shoulder once more before ducking into her friend's tent. "Were you followed?" several people asked in a hushed tone.

She shook her head. "I don't think so." A sigh of relief seemed to fill the space as Leyli took a seat on an available pillow. This group of seven friends had been meeting to study the *Injil* together for several weeks, despite the danger. Unregistered religious gatherings were forbidden by the government, and their countrymen were only allowed to practice Sunni Islam or Russian Orthodoxy.

Yet, the words of Jesus drew Leyli to keep coming back to this secret meeting. He offered hope and assurance that Islam never could.

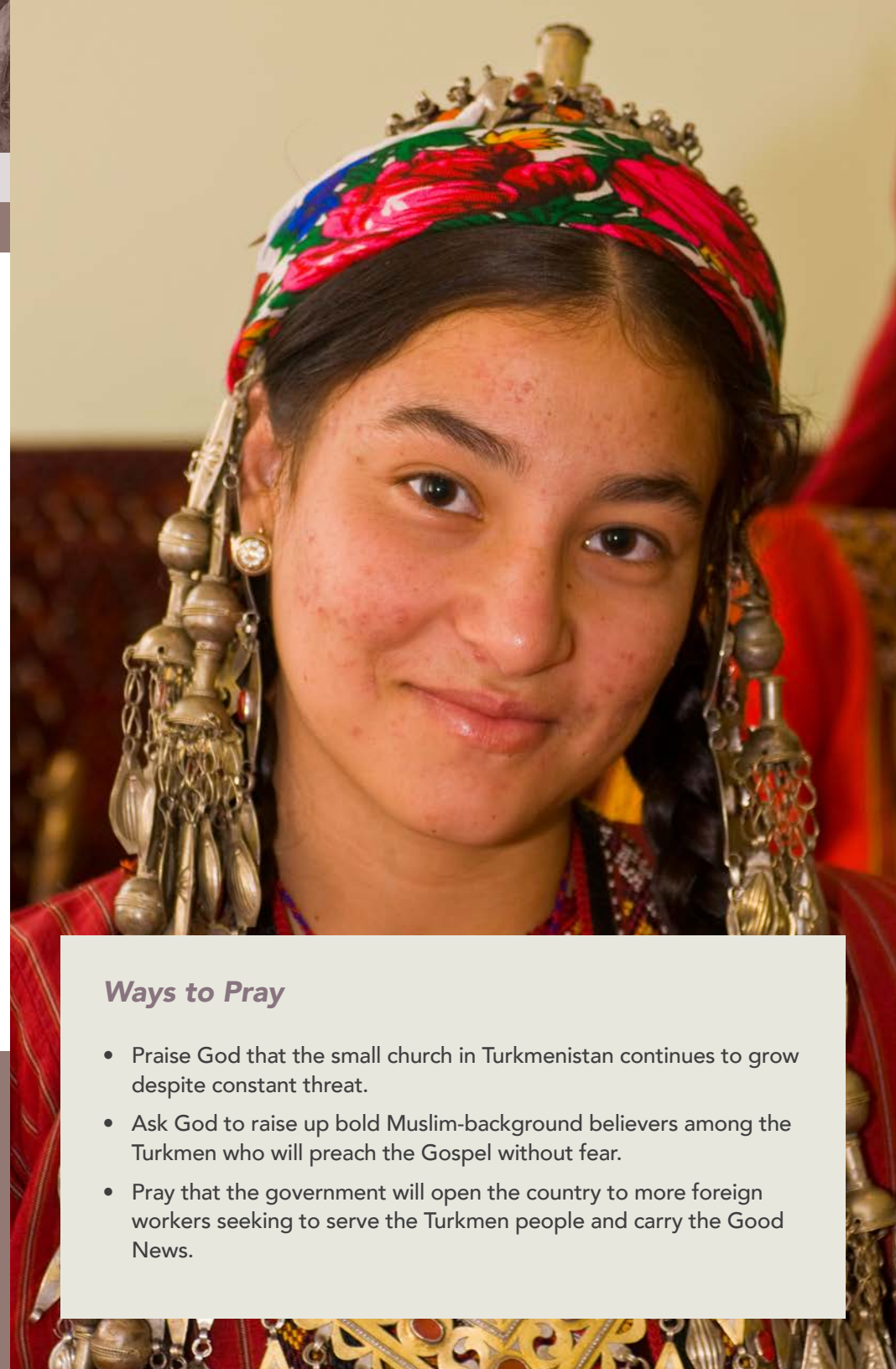
HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life."

— John 6:68

Ways to Pray

- Praise God that the small church in Turkmenistan continues to grow despite constant threat.
- Ask God to raise up bold Muslim-background believers among the Turkmen who will preach the Gospel without fear.
- Pray that the government will open the country to more foreign workers seeking to serve the Turkmen people and carry the Good News.



DAY 16

Kurmanji Kurds

📍 Location: Southeast Türkiye, Syria, and Iraq

👤 Population: Approx. 14 million

Dignity and Respect

It had been only ten years since the conflict between the Turkish army and the Kurdish militants erupted in the heart of the city where Yusuf used to live with his young family. Then, he worried about their lives as bullets flew through the streets. Now, he worried about his teenage sons' futures.

While violence in the city was less common these days, Kurds like Yusuf were still a despised and suspected minority, often denied basic human rights. He didn't want his children to know that life.

A new friend had recently given Yusuf a copy of the *Injil* in his own language, and something he'd read made him think integrity and dignity were keys to acceptance and respect. He would begin teaching his sons to live this way, too.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

— Titus 2:7–8

Ways to Pray

- Pray that Kurds will have access to and read the Word of God.
- Pray that as they discover wisdom in Scripture and apply it to their lives, they will see the truth of who Jesus is and declare Him Lord and Savior.
- Ask God to bring peace and understanding to this region that has endured violent conflicts for many years.



Even the Rain Obeys

As their morning prayers came to an end, Patimat and her husband Bagomed rolled up their rugs and turned to the window of their small home. The sky hung low, and the rain continued. A mudslide a few days before had blocked the only road to their village, and some of their neighbors said that the rain would damage the harvest.

Bagomed paced the width of their living room. “We must do something, or the rain will wash us all away.”

Patimat nodded. She had been taught—as her mother and grandmother had before her—an ancient ritual that was believed to stop the rain. As she collected kindling for a small fire, she hoped it would work. But how could it when even their daily prayers weren’t being answered?

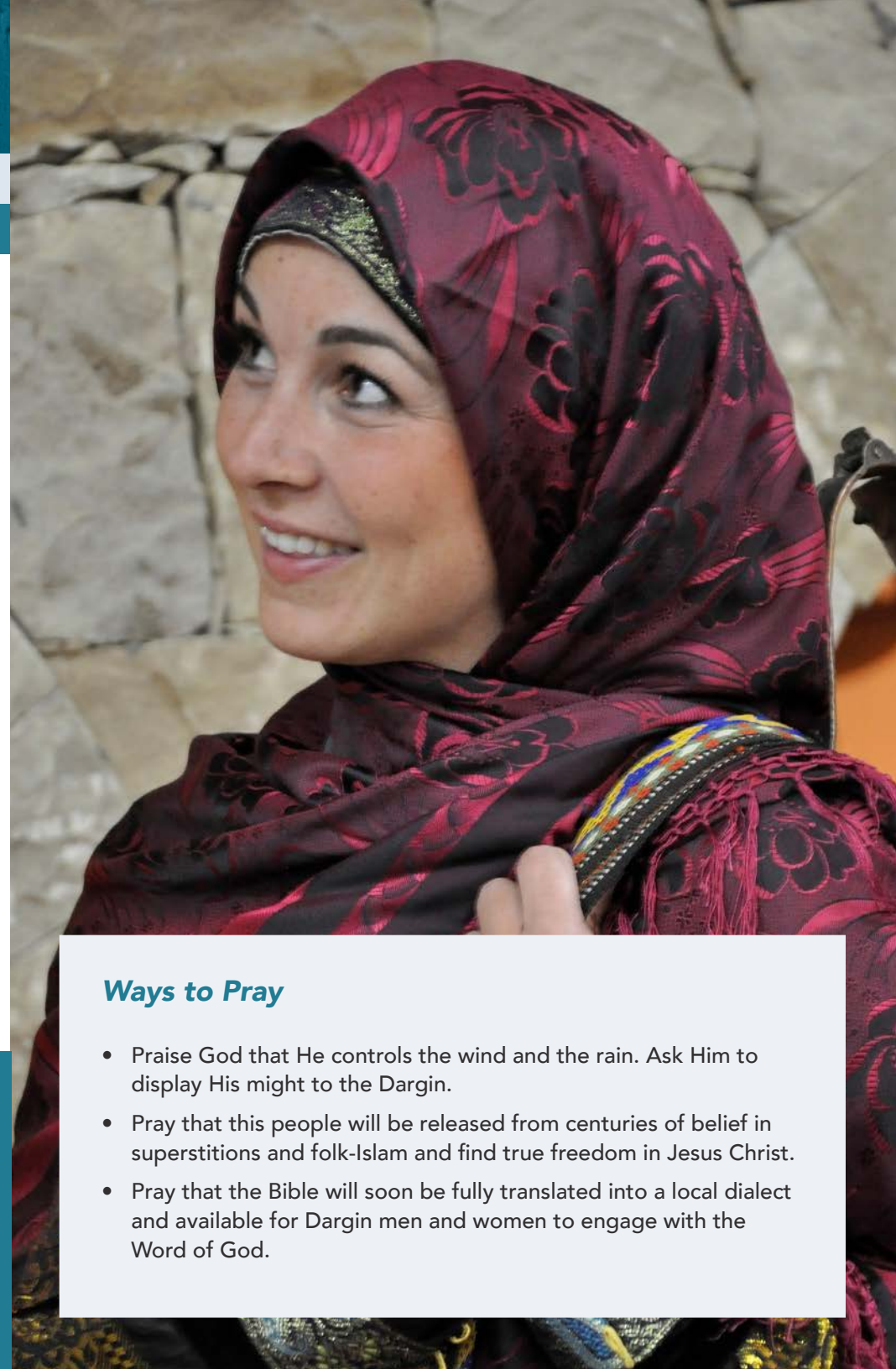
HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

“God’s voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. He says to the snow, ‘Fall on the earth,’ and to the rain shower, ‘Be a mighty downpour.’ So that everyone he has made may know his work.”

— Job 37:5–7 (NIV)

Ways to Pray

- Praise God that He controls the wind and the rain. Ask Him to display His might to the Dargin.
- Pray that this people will be released from centuries of belief in superstitions and folk-Islam and find true freedom in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Bible will soon be fully translated into a local dialect and available for Dargin men and women to engage with the Word of God.



Heirs with Christ

Sunarti sat on a bench in the park with her friend Chelsea, an American also studying at the local university. Between sips of coffee, they chatted about their studies and their lives. Chelsea was intrigued when Sunarti shared that her family name was passed down through the women.

“As the eldest daughter, I will inherit everything. Then, as the *ninik mamak*, my brother will manage my home and watch over my children and our family’s heirlooms.” Sunarti frowned suddenly. “I’ve met other students who think it’s strange that daughters are the heirs among my people. Do you think so?”

Chelsea smiled. “Not at all. The *Injil* says all children—sons and daughters—can be heirs of God. Can I show you?” Sunarti quickly agreed and leaned closer to read the words on Chelsea’s phone.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

— Romans 8:16–17

Ways to Pray

- Pray that the mothers of the Minangkabau people will come to know and follow Christ and will share the Good News with their children.
- Ask God to make Himself known among Muslim students at Indonesian universities so that movements of faith will spread to their people groups throughout the country.
- Praise God for opportunities and open doors for teams to find residency and share the Gospel. Ask Him to raise up workers to go.



DAY 19

Kuwaiti Shia

📍 Location: Kuwait

👥 Population: Approx. 900,000

As Christ Forgives

Sherifa hurried across the bustling street, holding her hijab in place as the dry wind tugged at the fabric. Ducking into the theater along with other well-dressed locals and foreigners, she sighed with relief as the cold air wrapped around her. Suddenly, her American friend Deanna ran up to her side. "I'm so glad we could see this show together." With a quick hug, Sherifa agreed.

After the play, the two friends went to a nearby café for coffee. "What did you think?" Deanna asked.

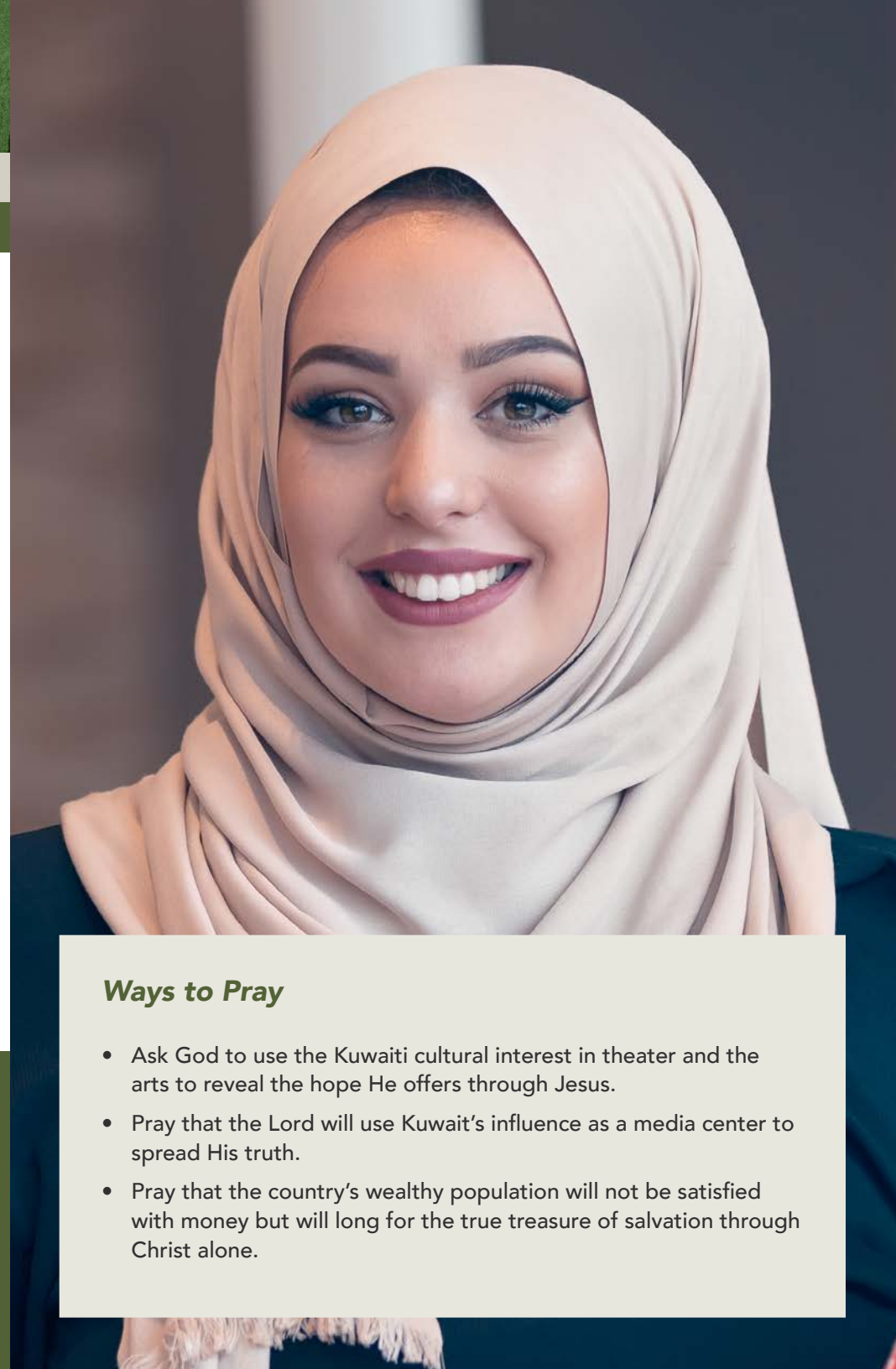
Still mulling over the story about a young woman who had fought with her parents, Sherifa stirred her drink slowly. "I wish her father had been able to forgive her. It ended so sadly."

"Before I realized how much Jesus had forgiven me," Deanna said, "I struggled to forgive others too." Sherifa had never heard anyone in her Muslim community talk of forgiveness like Deanna did. She was desperate to know more.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

— Ephesians 4:32



Ways to Pray

- Ask God to use the Kuwaiti cultural interest in theater and the arts to reveal the hope He offers through Jesus.
- Pray that the Lord will use Kuwait's influence as a media center to spread His truth.
- Pray that the country's wealthy population will not be satisfied with money but will long for the true treasure of salvation through Christ alone.

DAY 20

Tubu Teda

📍 Location: Northern Chad, Niger, Sudan, and Nigeria

👤 Population: Approx. 150,000

A Prayer for Peace

Haroun's eyes scanned the neighboring mountains as he cared for his grazing sheep. Always watchful, always prepared, he waited for any sign of an attack from another clan. They could steal his sheep or just as easily take his life.

Like the rest of his tribe, Haroun was raised to be a warrior. He was not afraid, but he felt the weight of responsibility as the night sky closed in around him.

He had often prayed for an end to conflicts among clans in the area but felt that his prayers to Allah were never heard.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

— Psalm 145:18–19 (NIV)



Ways to Pray

- Pray for the Tubu Teda to recognize that Jesus is the only way to peace and an end to violence among them.
- Pray that audio Scripture will be available to the Tubu Teda, that they will hear and follow the Word of God.
- Ask God to reveal Himself through dreams and visions in this area that's extremely difficult to reach.

DAY 21

Malinke

📍 Location: Mali, Senegal, Guinea, and other parts of West Africa

👤 Population: Approx. 11 million

Words of Rescue

Young Kadiatou sat with his seven brothers and sisters and all the other families of their village as the *griot* stood in the middle of the large circle between two trees. Kadiatou loved when the storyteller told of their people's beginnings.

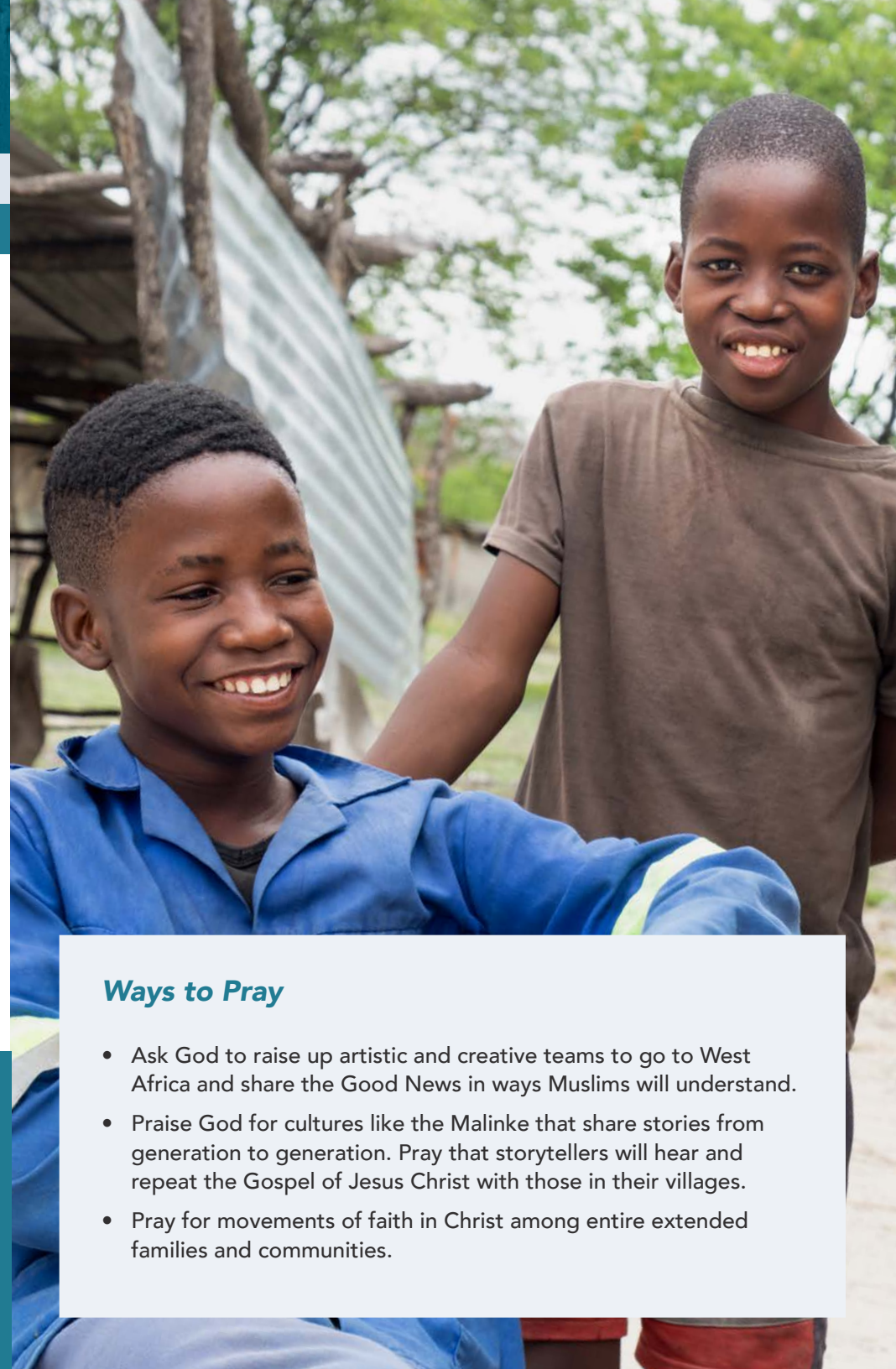
Today was extra special since one of the men played a traditional stringed instrument called a *kora* as the *griot* spoke, his voice rising and falling, his hands emphasizing the words to illustrate his meaning.

The *griot* invited another storyteller to join him. The new man seemed to speak from personal experience about a Shepherd who had sacrificed His own life to rescue those who had sinned. Kadiatou knew he had made many mistakes, but the words he'd heard from the Quran had never told of a Savior. After the storyteller finished, Kadiatou raced to speak with him. He had to hear more.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.

— Ephesians 6:19 (NIV)



Ways to Pray

- Ask God to raise up artistic and creative teams to go to West Africa and share the Good News in ways Muslims will understand.
- Praise God for cultures like the Malinke that share stories from generation to generation. Pray that storytellers will hear and repeat the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those in their villages.
- Pray for movements of faith in Christ among entire extended families and communities.

DAY 22

Gheg Albanians

📍 Location: Northern Albania

👤 Population: 5.1 million

A Renewed Strength

"Look at my leg!" Roan yelled as he sprinted into the small medical clinic in the remote village. He stopped only in time to hug Julie, the physical therapist from America who had helped him recover.

His mother Amelia chided her son to be gentle. But Julie wore a brilliant smile as she squeezed the little Muslim boy. Medical care could be hard to come by in this rural area, so she was thankful she'd been available to make sure his broken leg had healed well after a mountain fall.

"I feel great!" To prove his point, Roan galloped around the small room, weaving between the few pieces of equipment.

Amelia sighed and rolled her eyes. "I'm glad he feels better, but now he has so much energy, and I'm exhausted."

Nodding in understanding, Julie said, "The Bible says if we hope in the Lord, He will renew our strength." Amelia immediately perked up and asked Julie to tell her more.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

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 40:31 (NIV)



Ways to Pray

- Ask God to open the door for medical workers and teachers to enter the country and skillfully convey the Gospel message in word and deed.
- Pray that Gheg Albanians, who are often skeptical of outsiders, will have open hearts to hear and receive the Good News.
- Ask the Lord to motivate the few Albanian believers in the south to reach out to their countrymen in the north with the hope they have found.

DAY 23

Banjar

📍 Location: Indonesia

👤 Population: 4.2 million

Shining Like a Diamond

Intan's name meant diamond, but she had always felt like broken glass instead. Born with a large birthmark on her cheek, she tried to cover it with a veil, but many of the girls in her class still made fun of her. Though her mother had told her that the girls risked God's anger, Intan could not ignore them.

As she arrived home from school after a particularly hard day, her father stopped her. Kneeling before her, he asked, "Why have you been crying?" She confessed that the other girls' words had hurt.

"You know that I sell precious stones and jewelry made of the best gold," he said. She nodded slowly before he continued. "You are more special and more beautiful than any of them."

She wanted that to be true, but how could it be?

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

On that day the Lord their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

— Zechariah 9:16



Ways to Pray

- Pray that the Banjar will understand God's delight in them and His plan to deliver them through Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to reveal the incomparable beauty of His love and salvation to a people surrounded by literal diamonds.
- Pray for movements of faith in Christ that will shine throughout this region.

DAY 24

Anatolian Alevi

📍 Location: Eastern Türkiye

👤 Population: Approx. 7 million

The Beginning of Knowledge

Kaan held tighter to his father's hand as they navigated the crowded city streets to meet with a man selling a car. He tried to pay attention to the people around him, but he bumped into many of them anyway. Before him, a giant domed roof and multiple spires filled the skyline. It was unlike anything in their village.

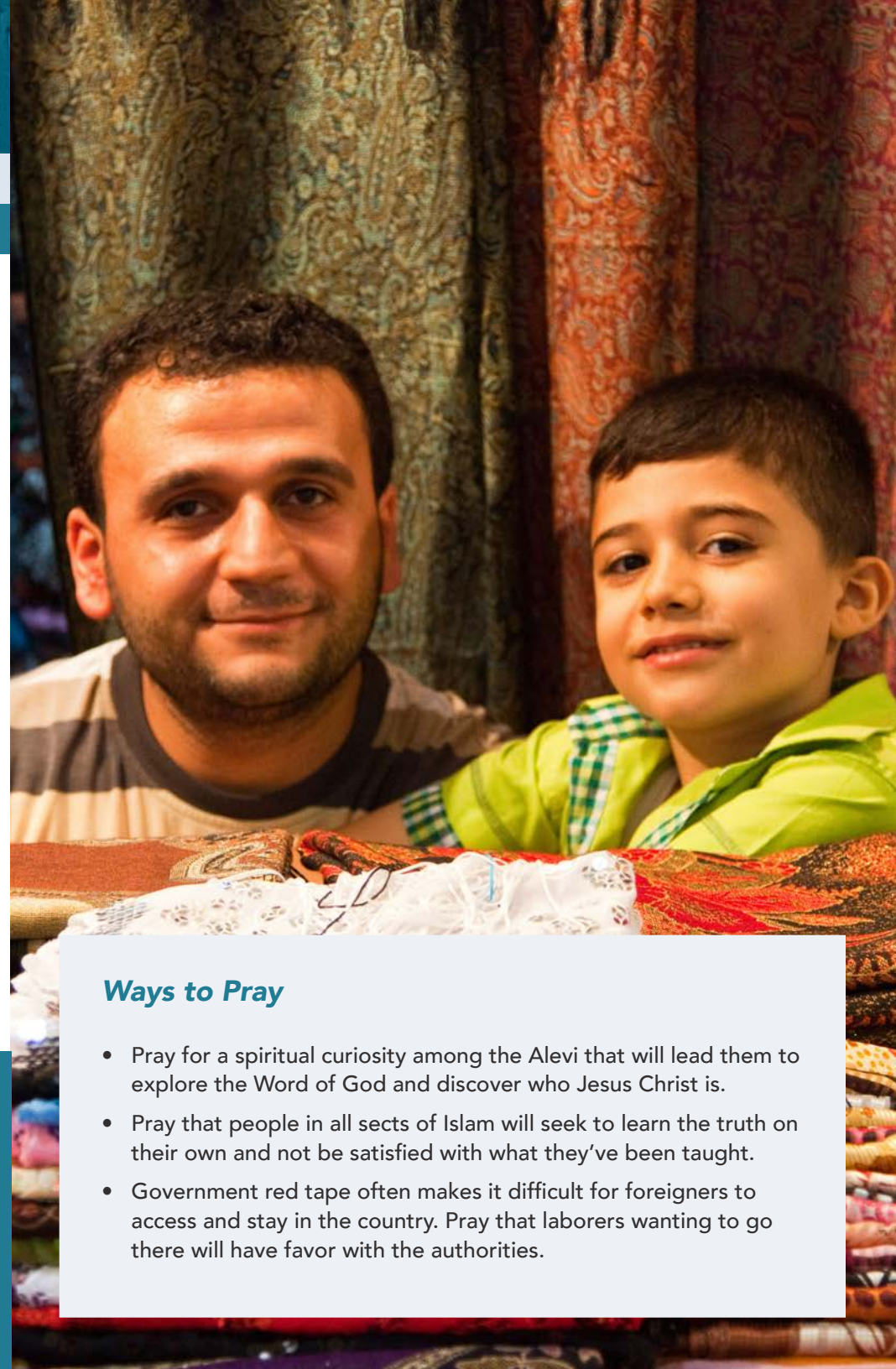
His father had said it was a mosque. While he'd heard of them, he'd never seen one before. His people gathered in a worship center called a *cemevi*. That wasn't the only difference between how the Alevi and others in their country practiced Islam. His people also followed mystical teaching attributed to Ali.

As they passed the mosque and hundreds of people hurrying inside to worship, Kaan wondered what their prayers were like. If there were differences among Muslims, what about other religions? Though still young, he wanted to learn about what others believed.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

— Proverbs 1:7



Ways to Pray

- Pray for a spiritual curiosity among the Alevi that will lead them to explore the Word of God and discover who Jesus Christ is.
- Pray that people in all sects of Islam will seek to learn the truth on their own and not be satisfied with what they've been taught.
- Government red tape often makes it difficult for foreigners to access and stay in the country. Pray that laborers wanting to go there will have favor with the authorities.

DAY 25

Moroccan Imazighen

📍 Location: Morocco

👤 Population: 2.9 million

True Freedom

Once called Berbers—meaning barbarians—Beni's people were now known as Amazigh or Imazighen. Free men. Beni was free to herd his sheep through the Atlas Mountains, free to roam from one grazing spot to another, and free to return to the village where his family made their permanent home.

Soon he would move out of his father's tent and begin his own family where he would make decisions in all household manners. But Beni couldn't deny that there was one area of his life that had never felt free.

While the tenets of Islam were strict, he didn't mind the structure. But he felt trapped in the uncertainty and fear that he could never be—would never do—enough to earn forgiveness. He wondered if there was another way.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

— John 8:36



Ways to Pray

- Pray that Amazigh men and women will break free from the uncertainty of Islam and find true freedom in Christ alone.
- Pray that God will open the door for Frontiers teams to carry the Good News to North Africa.
- Ask God to draw the Imazighen to Himself through miracles and wonders.

DAY 26

Ingush

📍 Location: Southern Russia

👤 Population: 445,000

A Heart of Compassion

Imran stood over his grandfather's fresh grave as a cold wind swept down from the mountains. His grandfather had suffered greatly throughout his life. In 1944, he, his family, and his whole Muslim people group had been accused of supporting the Nazis. Herded into rail cars at Stalin's orders, they'd been sent to Kazakhstan with no heat, no food, and little water.

His grandfather hadn't been allowed to return to his home until 1957, when he found Ingush lands had been given to another people. Imran had wanted to bury his grandfather in a centuries-old family cemetery, but new landowners wouldn't allow it.

When Imran told his boss, a foreigner from a distant land, that he couldn't find a place to bury his grandfather, his boss immediately offered to help. Together, they found a spot, and his boss even helped pay for the burial plot. After his family experienced so much hate and pain over the decades, Imran was left to wonder where such love and compassion could come from.

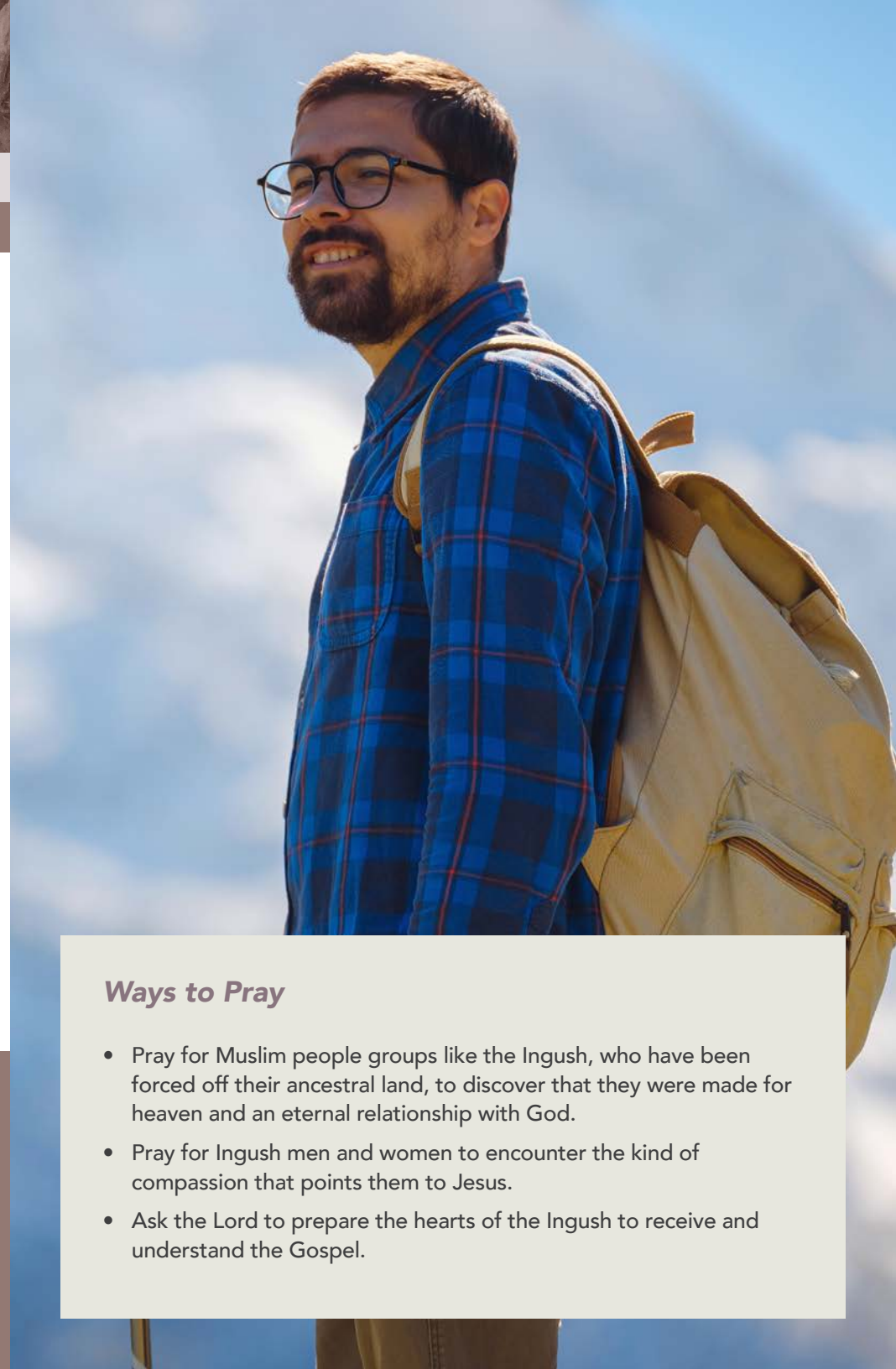
HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

All of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

— 1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

Ways to Pray

- Pray for Muslim people groups like the Ingush, who have been forced off their ancestral land, to discover that they were made for heaven and an eternal relationship with God.
- Pray for Ingush men and women to encounter the kind of compassion that points them to Jesus.
- Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of the Ingush to receive and understand the Gospel.



DAY 27

Bihari

📍 Location: Bangladesh

👤 Population: 966,000

A Traitor No More

As he lowered the hood of the car he'd just finished repairing, Umesh let out a long sigh. The car's owner had brought it to his small auto shop after it had broken down. He had made it clear that he didn't trust Umesh but had no other option.

Umesh knew that his people—the Bihari from India—were often hated by the locals. He didn't blame the Bengalis. Only a generation ago, his ancestors had sided with Pakistan in brutal conflicts, leaving many locals bitter and wary.

Recently, Umesh had begun reading the *Injil* with his friend Jon. Though first a holy book, it also contained much practical wisdom he could use in his business. He was determined to apply Jesus' teachings to his life so that all his customers had no reason to doubt him.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God;
that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes
trouble.

— Hebrews 12:15

Ways to Pray

- Ask God to open the door for teams to reach the Bihari people and share the Good News of the Gospel.
- Pray for an end to bitterness between Bengalis and Biharis—that the peace of Jesus would reign.
- Though incredibly hard workers, many Bihari live in urban slum communities. Ask the Lord to meet their physical and spiritual needs.



DAY 28

Southern Lurs

📍 Location: Iran

👤 Population: 1.2 million

In Need of a Blessing

Darius had nearly reached the shrine on the outskirts of town when he saw his friend Peter. The two had met at a coffee shop months before and often talked about spiritual things. Though Peter did not follow the tenets of Islam, he often offered good advice and insight into daily life.

"Where are you going today?" Peter asked.

Darius pointed toward the round stone wall that marked the place where an imam had been buried hundreds of years before. "I am going to ask for a blessing and for my wife's healing."

Peter asked if he could walk with Darius, who quickly agreed. As the two strolled along, Peter asked, "Did you know that God has already blessed those who love and follow Jesus Christ with every spiritual blessing?"

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

— Ephesians 1:3

Ways to Pray

- Ask God to turn the hearts of Southern Lurs to Christ so that they may know His true blessings.
- Pray that the Lord will remove any hinderance to the Southern Lurs hearing and responding to the Good News.
- Pray that this independent people will discover the security and assurance of depending on Jesus.



DAY 29

Yemeni Shia

📍 Location: Yemen and surrounding countries

👤 Population: 10.6 million

Help Is on the Way

Not a single house in Ali's neighborhood had been left untouched. Bombings and grenades had ravaged his village for more than a decade, with no end in sight. Neighboring nations took sides, which only seemed to prolong the crisis.

What little food could be found didn't fill the empty bellies of his wife and children. Medical care was even more sparse. Rumors had swirled for years that aid organizations were trying to provide help, but the war made it nearly impossible for them to even enter the country, let alone reach the ones in need.

As Ali looked toward the sky, he wondered who could help them. Who could fix this terrible situation and end this brutal war? There had to be an answer.

HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

— Psalm 121:5



Ways to Pray

- The Yemeni civil war has been going on since 2011. Pray for a swift end to the war and for people of peace to be placed in positions of leadership.
- Pray for refugees and displaced people to find their home in Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to show Yemeni Shias their need for Jesus through dreams and visions.

DAY 30

Fulani

📍 Location: Sahel region of Africa

👤 Population: Approx. 40 million

A Different World

Moussa and Salamata leaned in, keeping their voices low as they shared their concerns about their son Hassan. They had done everything they could to teach him *Pulaaku*, the Fulani religious code. *Pulaaku* was about more than being a devout Muslim—it encompassed calculated courage, kindness, hospitality, and many other virtues.

Yet, Hassan had been influenced by youth in settled villages that their clan passed through. He had talked about giving up their nomadic lifestyle, and Moussa had even caught him smoking. This, among many other vices, was forbidden by *Pulaaku*.

Their world was changing, and it was clear that Hassan was looking for something more than his parents could offer. But what could they do? What if Hassan was right and there was more to life than following *Pulaaku*?

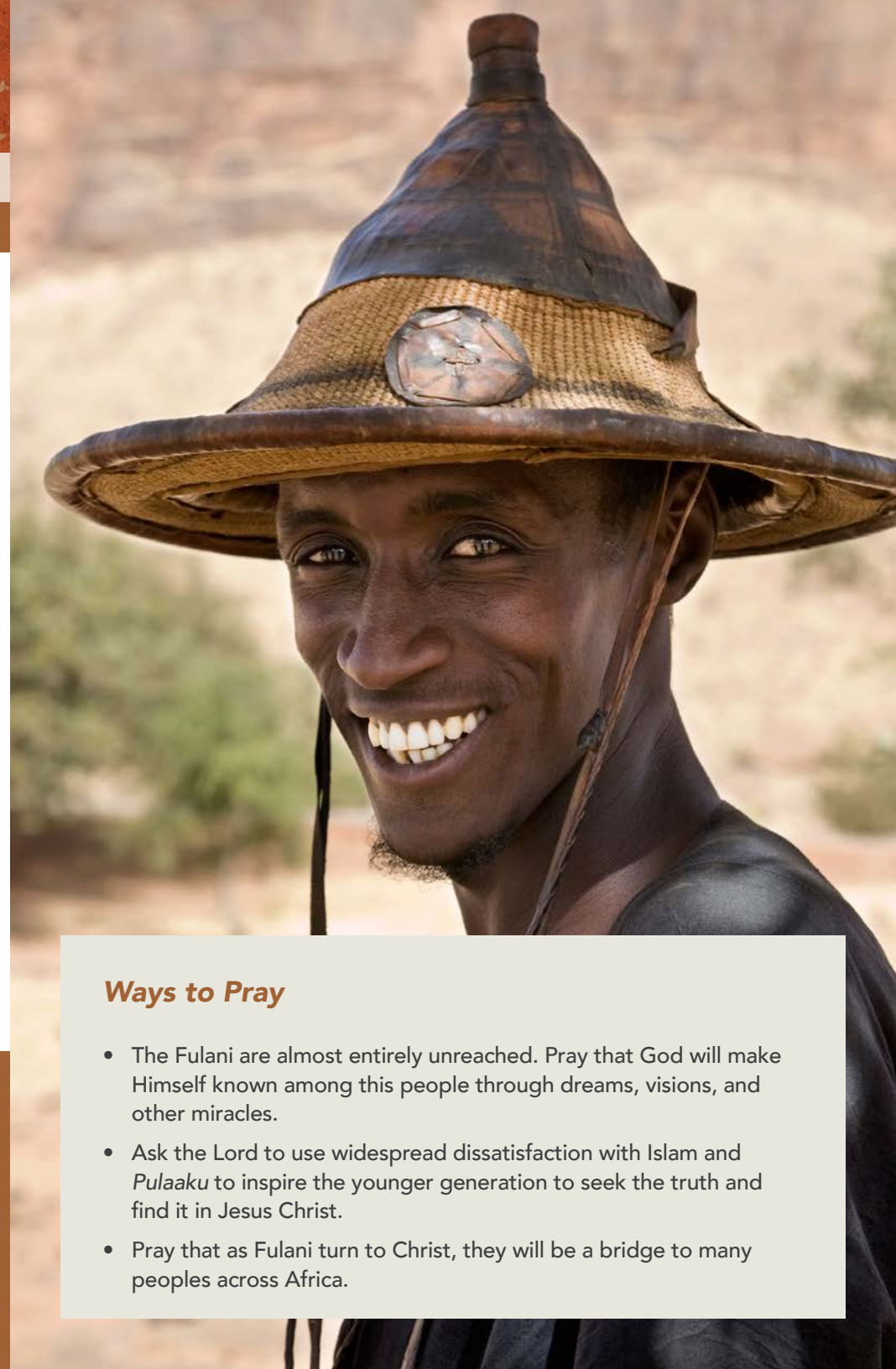
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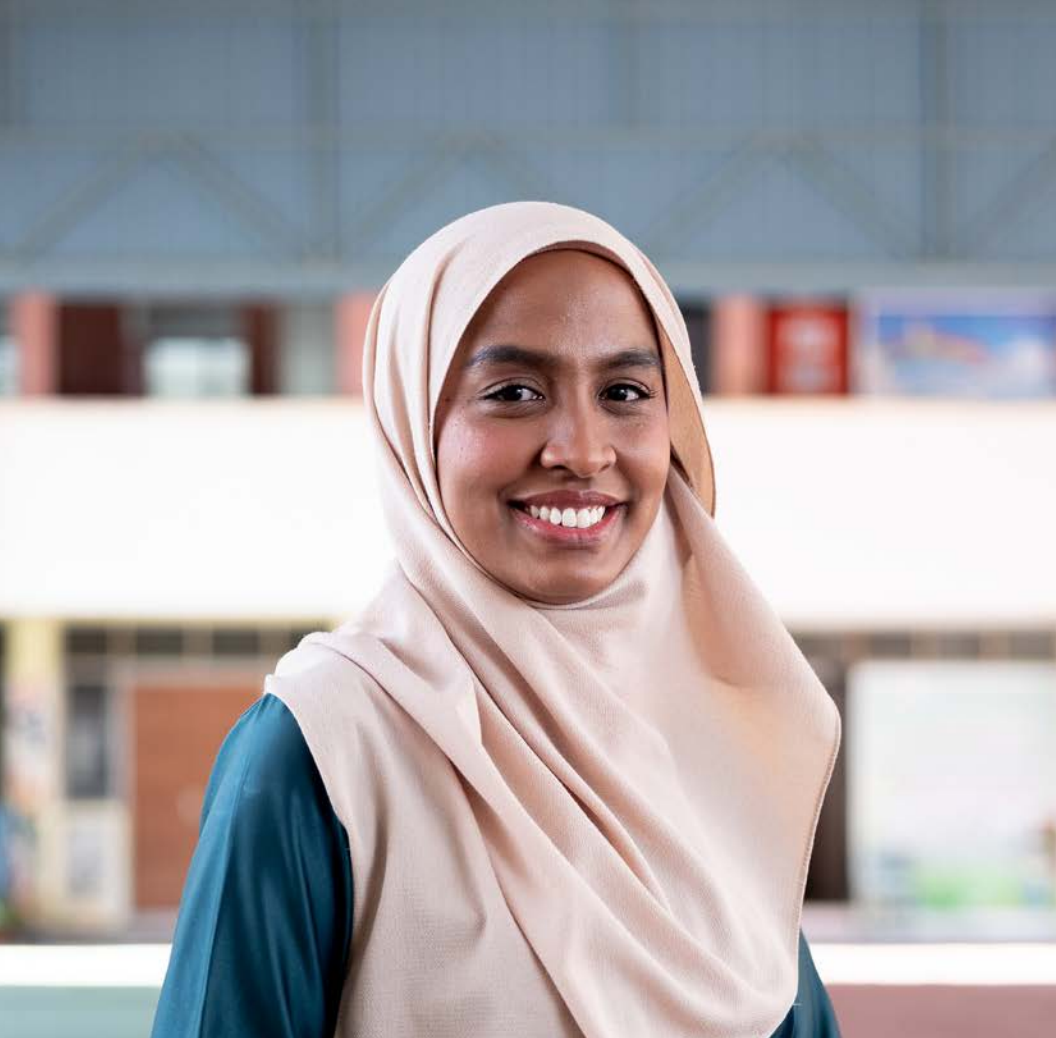
Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

— Psalm 34:10

Ways to Pray

- The Fulani are almost entirely unreached. Pray that God will make Himself known among this people through dreams, visions, and other miracles.
- Ask the Lord to use widespread dissatisfaction with Islam and *Pulaaku* to inspire the younger generation to seek the truth and find it in Jesus Christ.
- Pray that as Fulani turn to Christ, they will be a bridge to many peoples across Africa.





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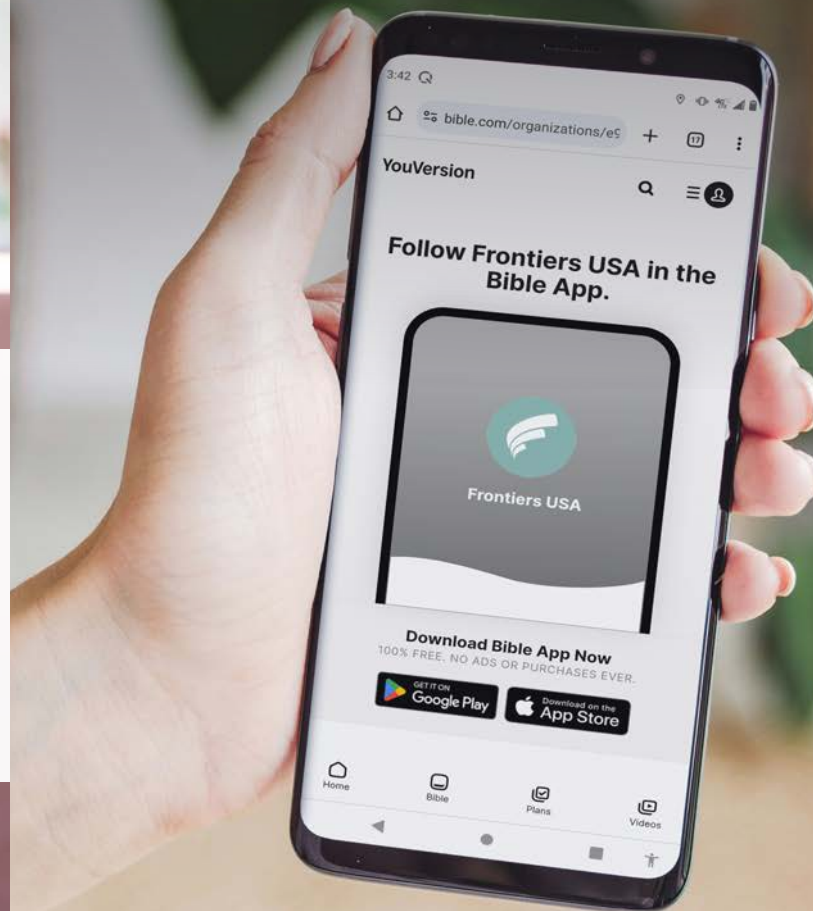
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