

30 Days of prayer and *feasting*-fasting

Our Dear Friends Around The Globe!

We hope you're all doing well!

We want to **thank you** for praying for us as we're still finding ourselves in this **time of transition**. This Thursday will see us conducting yet **another funeral** in a neighboring village. Please continue to stand with us!



**Ramadan
2022**

This weekend is the start of the **month of Ra.ma.dan** according to the I.sl.am.ic lunar calendar. All Mu.sl.im.s across the world will join together in fasting, praying and seeking forgiveness of their sins.

For many Christians the I.sl.am.ic way of fasting is very strange. Can the idea of not eating all day only to feast in the evening (and throughout the night) be considered spiritual? Similarly, when M.u.sl.im.s hear of how Christians also fast,

they, too, are surprised. Surely drinking water (or juice) while fasting is too easy!

While we are concerned with the outward forms of fasting it wasn't the problem that God had with Israel when HE said in **Isaiah 54:4: 'You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high'**.

In Isaiah 58 the problem, being addressed was one of inward sin, oppression of the weak, injustice, quarrelling and fighting, an absence of mercy and grace among a number of other issues.

Many of these matters in question speak to

Mu.s.lim.s today, especially refugees who have fled lands where the yoke of oppression was often at the hands of fellow M.us.li.ms.

This year R.ama.da.n will approximately cover the entire month of April, and will also coincide with the celebration of Easter. What a great time to pray that Mu.s.lim.s, who in this month so earnestly seek forgiveness, would be able to hear about the good news of forgiveness in the LORD Jesus Christ! Even the least dedicated Mu.s.lim.s during this time switch on and seek to pursue a form of godliness, which presents an atmosphere unlike in any other month.

We do hope many Followers of Christ will utilize this month and take advantage of its great potential.

Please do join us in earnest prayer for the M.us.li.m communities around the world that this unique opportunity will open hearts and minds and may be a starting point for many more **celebrating the resurrected Christ** together with us!



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