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MONTHLY PRAYER GUIDE AT A GLANCE

Day 1: Pray for fervent hearts of prayer for Yemen.

Day 2: Pray for God's holy house in Yemen.

Day 3: Pray for Jesus to be received as the Bread of Life in Yemen.

Day 4: Pray for Yemenis to reach out for Jesus when confronted with an empty and powerless religion.

Day 5: Pray for Yemenis to experience the personal nature and presence of our relational God.

Day 6: Pray for the Yemeni church to walk in the Spirit and produce much fruit.

Day 7: Pray for laborers called upon by God to respond to His leading and walk by faith in Yemen.

Day 8: Pray for those in positions of power in Yemen to seek peace.

Day 9: Pray for those grasping for power and authority in Yemen to humble themselves before the Lord.

Day 10: Pray for the believers in Yemen to cling to the peace they have in Christ and for that peace to be a sweet aroma drawing others to the Lord.

Day 11: Pray for the leaders of the Yemeni church to choose to live humble and peaceful lives as they follow the example of Jesus, and that other local believers would model their example.

Day 12: Pray that the Bride of Christ in Yemen would purify herself and seek to present herself holy and pleasing to the Lord.

Day 13: Pray for those in the Yemeni church to be quick to forgive any who have offended them, just as Christ has forgiven them.

Day 14: Pray that Yemenis would discover and embrace the true and lasting rest that is found in the Lord.

Day 15: Pray that all Yemenis would understand the salvation found in Christ by GRACE. That neither believers or unbelievers would seek to please God by works.

Day 16: Pray for wisdom, discernment and protection for the international aid organizations.

Day 17: Pray for the calling, strengthening and encouragement of spiritual leaders in Yemen.

Day 18: Pray that Yemenis would be convicted of the sin of spiritual pride and feel the weight of the ineffectiveness of their spiritual works. Pray this would lead them to embrace Christ.

Day 19: Pray for opportunities for Yemenis living abroad to learn of Christ and embrace Him as Lord. Pray for the laborers ministering to Yemenis in the diaspora.

Day 20: Sabbath

Day 21: Pray the unspoken prayers that are pressing on your heart. Give God room and ask Him to give you the words to pray.

Day 22: Pray for the little children of Yemen to know Christ and be freed from religious bondage at an early age.

Day 23: Pray for the beautiful women of Yemen. That in the midst of war and significant loss, they would come to know their place as the beloved of Christ...cherished, protected, provided for and whole.

Day 24: Pray for God to frustrate the plans of those who are men and women of destruction, and that He would be glorified.

Day 25: Pray for Yemeni believers to see that all power and dominion belong to their King! Pray they would see a vision of Him that would lead them towards holiness.

Day 26: Praise God that some evil in the world is restrained. Pray that the Yemeni believers would not lose hope in God's victory.

Day 27: Pray for Yemenis to be humbled spiritually and seek forgiveness in Jesus' sacrifice.

Day 28: Pray for the Ethiopian and Somali immigrants in Yemen to meet Jesus in their desperate circumstances.

Day 29: Pray for Yemenis to desire and find freedom from religion that is only found in Christ.

Day 30: Rejoice in all the Lord has done and will do.

AFTER HE HAD GONE INTO THE HOUSE, HIS DISCIPLES ASKED HIM PRIVATELY, 'WHY COULDN'T WE DRIVE IT OUT?' AND HE TOLD THEM, 'THIS KIND CAN COME BY NOTHING BUT PRAYER AND FASTING.'

MARK 9:28-29

DAY 1

Jesus boldly declares to his disciples that rituals, methods, past successes and even position as a disciple is insufficient to break the chains of darkness that keep people in bondage. Spiritual bondage can only be broken through spiritual labor in the power of the Spirit. This is the prayer of which Jesus speaks. Whatever the disciples did in attempting to break the bonds of darkness, they apparently did not bring the boy to Jesus in the true spiritual sense. They didn't pray as Jesus understood prayer. Do we? Are we possibly more like the disciples than like Jesus? Is it possible that the people of God are not receiving the power and work of God because of our own lack of prayer?

At the very least, we must consider this possibility.

And yet even in this state of prayerlessness, unbelief and failure, there is grace. So let us come now corporately into a position of humility before the throne, and there find grace to help in our time of need.

As we begin praying every day for Yemen during Ramadan, pray first that we all would have our eyes open to our desperate need to be people of prayer. We must know that we must pray. We must know what it is to pray. And then we must pray.

Pray today for three groups of people: those who pray for Yemen, those who serve and know Yemenis, and the people of God in Yemen. Pray for each of these groups to humble themselves to the point of knowing and living out the reality that this darkness, these chains of bondage, this overwhelming weight of sin and death in Yemen, can only be broken by the power of God in response to the humble, fervent prayers of His people. Fleshly efforts and labors are of no avail here. So pray that each of these groups would have the faith and faithfulness to pray as Jesus did and thereby see and receive the power and kingdom of God.

O God Almighty, we confess that you are neither unwilling nor incapable of bringing powerful healing and transformation in Yemen. We know you are willing. We know you are able. We know that you said that all things are possible for those who believe.

So Father, we confess our own sin, our own pride, our own unbelief, our own unwillingness to seek you alone as the source and power to break these chains of bondage. Forgive us, Father! Forgive us for trusting at any time in our own power or our own fleshly efforts. Forgive us for seeing and living in the flesh when you have caused us to be born again in the Spirit and to know that our battle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces of darkness.

Help us, faithful One! Help us to remember to live and walk in the Spirit, praying at all times in the Spirit with all kinds of prayer. Help all of us who are your people and who love and pray for Yemen to be made more and more into the image of Christ and into His likeness as a man of prayer. Help us to live in total dependency upon you, in perfect oneness with you, seeing the works that you are doing and doing the works that you desire to accomplish. Help us to put to death any deeds of the flesh and to look to you in faith so that our prayers and your work may not be hindered. The work is yours. The power is yours. The glory is yours.

As we pray during this month of darkness, this month of Ramadan, may we see your great power and glory on display and rejoice in it! O LORD God Almighty, may we also be transformed by your great power at work in and through us! Though we are your people and have received every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, we are not beyond a need for your work in our lives. We look to you expectantly. We eagerly wait for your coming, Lord Jesus! We love you. Amen.

"AS FOR THE FOREIGNERS WHO JOIN THEMSELVES TO THE LORD TO MINISTER TO HIM, TO LOVE THE NAME OF THE LORD, AND TO BECOME HIS SERVANTS - ALL WHO KEEP THE SABBATH WITHOUT DESECRATING IT AND WHO HOLD FIRMLY TO MY COVENANT - I WILL BRING THEM TO MY HOLY MOUNTAIN AND LET THEM REJOICE IN MY HOUSE OF PRAYER. THEIR BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES WILL BE ACCEPTABLE ON MY ALTAR, FOR MY HOUSE WILL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS."
ISAIAH 56:6-7

DAY 2

Today let us pray together for the Yemeni church, that they would know that they are welcome into the people of God and into his presence. Many are outcast and persecuted in their own communities and unwelcome among their own people. This reality weighs on them psychologically, emotionally and spiritually and makes them easy prey for the enemy's tactics of accusation, deception and unbelief.

Pray that they would know that God invites them into his own house to find rest and forgiveness and that he rejoices when they come with their gifts of love. Pray that they would come into his presence TOGETHER in prayer. Pray for the opportunity for scattered, isolated believers to meet together for prayer and worship as the people of God.

Pray that Yemeni believers would also display God's love and invitation for his house to be a house of prayer for all nations by loving and showing intentional hospitality to those who are outcast or rejected in their own communities.

Father in heaven, we come to you in such humility and gratefulness that you would invite us into your presence. For we have all been outcast and rejected and despised and doomed to destruction. Thank you for your grace. We ask now that our brothers and sisters in Yemen would know the abundance and lavishness of your grace that you have poured out on them in Christ. No matter what circumstances or sufferings they may endure, we pray that they would each be overwhelmed in their spirits by your love and that they would rejoice in the truth that you have accepted them because of Christ. Give them strength because of who they are in Christ. Give them strength because of the truth that they are acceptable to you.

And Father we ask that you would provide a way for your people to actually gather together in a house of prayer. We pray especially for the many who have no opportunity to come into your presence with other believers, that you would miraculously bring them to their brothers and sisters in Yemen. Give them wisdom. Give them discretion. Give them angelic protection. Give them strength in their innermost being. For your name and glory's sake, we pray these things. Amen.

"WHEN ELISHA RETURNED TO GILGAL, THERE WAS A FAMINE IN THE LAND. THE SONS OF THE PROPHETS WERE SITTING BEFORE HIM. HE SAID TO HIS ATTENDANT, 'PUT ON THE LARGE POT AND MAKE STEW FOR THE SONS OF THE PROPHETS.'...THEY SERVED SOME FOR THE MEN TO EAT, BUT WHEN THEY ATE THE STEW THEY CRIED OUT, 'THERE'S DEATH IN THE POT, MAN OF GOD!' AND THEY WERE UNABLE TO EAT IT. THEN ELISHA SAID, 'GET SOME FLOUR.' HE THREW IT INTO THE POT AND SAID, 'SERVE IT FOR THE PEOPLE TO EAT.' AND THERE WAS NOTHING BAD IN THE POT." 2 KINGS 4:38, 40-41

DAY 3

Today let us ask God to miraculously bring physical nourishment, healing and sustenance through the food and water supplies available throughout Yemen. Approximately 90% of food in Yemen is imported while approximately 19 million Yemenis do not have access to clean water. Healthy food and clean water are the building blocks of healthy physical, emotional and mental development as well as a source of healing for all people.

Yet many Yemenis lack both.

Disease and death, specifically cholera-related deaths which is an ever present threat in Yemen, have spread through the contaminated water sources. So let us pray and ask the Lord to bring miraculous purity to the water and food that is available to many Yemenis.

Pray that God would prove Himself faithful to millions by providing them with their daily bread and life-giving water in place of disease and malnourishment that they have become accustomed to. Pray that God's people in Yemen would be reminded of how they have received the bread of life in the body and blood of Christ, and that they would be strengthened to give and to share their earthly bread and water in his name because they have the assurance of eternal life.

Good Father, you are so good and perfect that you make your rain to fall on the righteous and the unrighteous. You make your sun to shine on the just and the unjust. So we ask, because of your goodness, that you would miraculously bring purity and cleanliness to the food and water in Yemen. Do this for the undeserving, the poor, the needy, the outcast, the starving, the widow, and all those who do not merit your favor or grace but who desperately need nothing more than your gracious provision in their lives today.

And by your mercy, purify more than just the food and water, LORD God Almighty, for you are the God who will take this mortal corruption and clothe it in immortality and incorruption, so how much more so can you take this contaminated water and food and restore it to newness and life!

We ask also for protection for the aid workers who are delivering the food and water throughout Yemen. Bless the hands and the work that is being done. Strengthen the workers to be diligent, industrious and careful in all that they do. Sustain the lives of those who will be receiving this food so that they might taste of your goodness in the land of the living.

And we ask by your mighty power that your people would have the opportunity to participate in distributing clean water and healthy food to their communities so that they might have the opportunity to speak of the bread of life and living water found in Jesus. Teach your children the depths of the sweetness of these realities in their lives. For your glory, we ask these things. Amen.

"THEY SHOUTED LOUDLY, AND CUT THEMSELVES WITH
KNIVES AND SPEARS, ACCORDING TO THEIR
CUSTOM, UNTIL BLOOD GUSHED OVER THEM. ALL
AFTERNOON THEY KEPT ON RAVING UNTIL THE
OFFERING OF THE EVENING SACRIFICE, BUT THERE
WAS NO SOUND; NO ONE ANSWERED, NO ONE PAID
ATTENTION." 1 KINGS 18:28-29

DAY 4

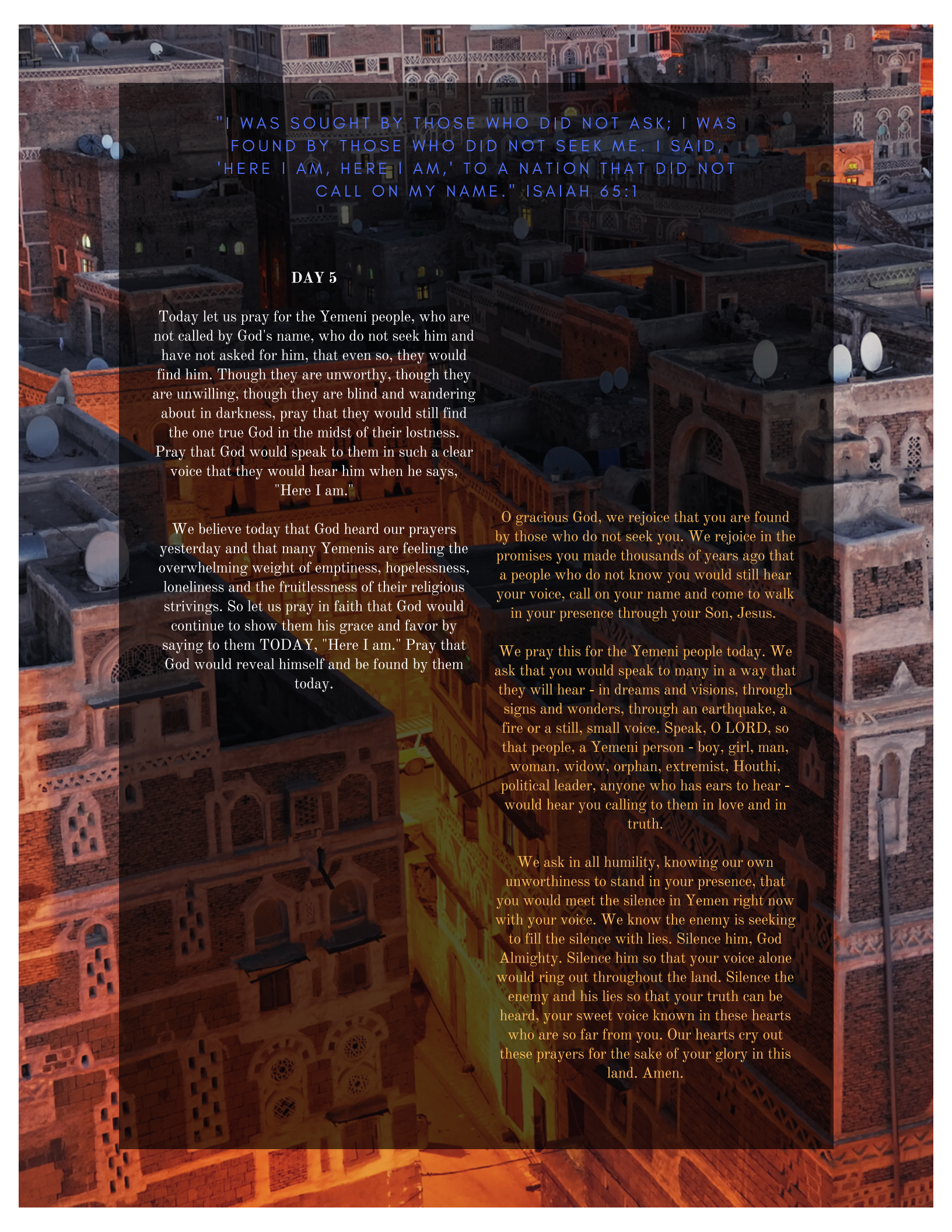
Today let us pray for silence and emptiness in the hearts and lives of Yemenis during this month of Ramadan. Pray that those whose hearts and minds are focused so passionately and fervently on the false god of Islam would be stung deeply by the pain of silence and emptiness. Pray that they would hear nothing and feel nothing and receive nothing in their spirits during their times of fasting, prayers and good deeds. Pray that every longing for forgiveness and every desire for the hope of salvation would be unmet in their lives as they pursue these things through the deception and darkness of Islam.

Pray that this silence and emptiness would fuel a deep desire and a willingness to seek for something more, something outside of their traditions, their rituals, their family, their culture and their religion. Pray that the overwhelming silence would crush their trust in Islam. Pray that the people would be left unsatisfied and thirsty so that they would know that the bread of life and living water cannot be found in their own works but is only to be received by grace. Pray that God would use this time to prepare the Yemeni people to receive his great gospel of grace.

Lord of hosts, we pray that you would protect the enemy from increasing his deception over the Yemeni people during this month of Ramadan. We know that he and his demonic forces will seek to give the Yemeni people momentary tastes of satisfaction and joy and feelings of peace and hope so that they will continue to trust in their own works and their false religion. We ask in boldness that you would not allow him to continue in this work of deception this month. Keep him restrained so that the people of Yemen would feel the overwhelming weight of emptiness and silence and endless hunger and thirst. May they find no satisfaction in their fasting or in their feasting. May they find no joy in their celebrations or their sacrifices. May they remain empty and broken in spirit so that they might seek healing, forgiveness, life and living water from the only Source, who is our great Savior Jesus.

Jesus, our Immanuel, meet the Yemeni people in this place of silence, hunger and thirst. Visit them. Speak to them. Reveal yourself to them so that they might have the opportunity to eat and to drink and to never be hungry or thirsty again. Show your miraculous power through signs and wonders that we could not even ask for or imagine so that they might know that you are God.

And we ask that you would fill your people to the fullest with the living water of your Spirit so that they would overflow to their families, their neighbors and their friends, whether in Yemen or outside of Yemen. We are weak and frail just like Elijah, and so we ask that your great power and not any of our own works would be the testimony of truth after the silence. For the sake of your glory to the ends of the earth, Amen.



"I WAS SOUGHT BY THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK; I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME. I SAID, 'HERE I AM, HERE I AM,' TO A NATION THAT DID NOT CALL ON MY NAME." ISAIAH 65:1

DAY 5

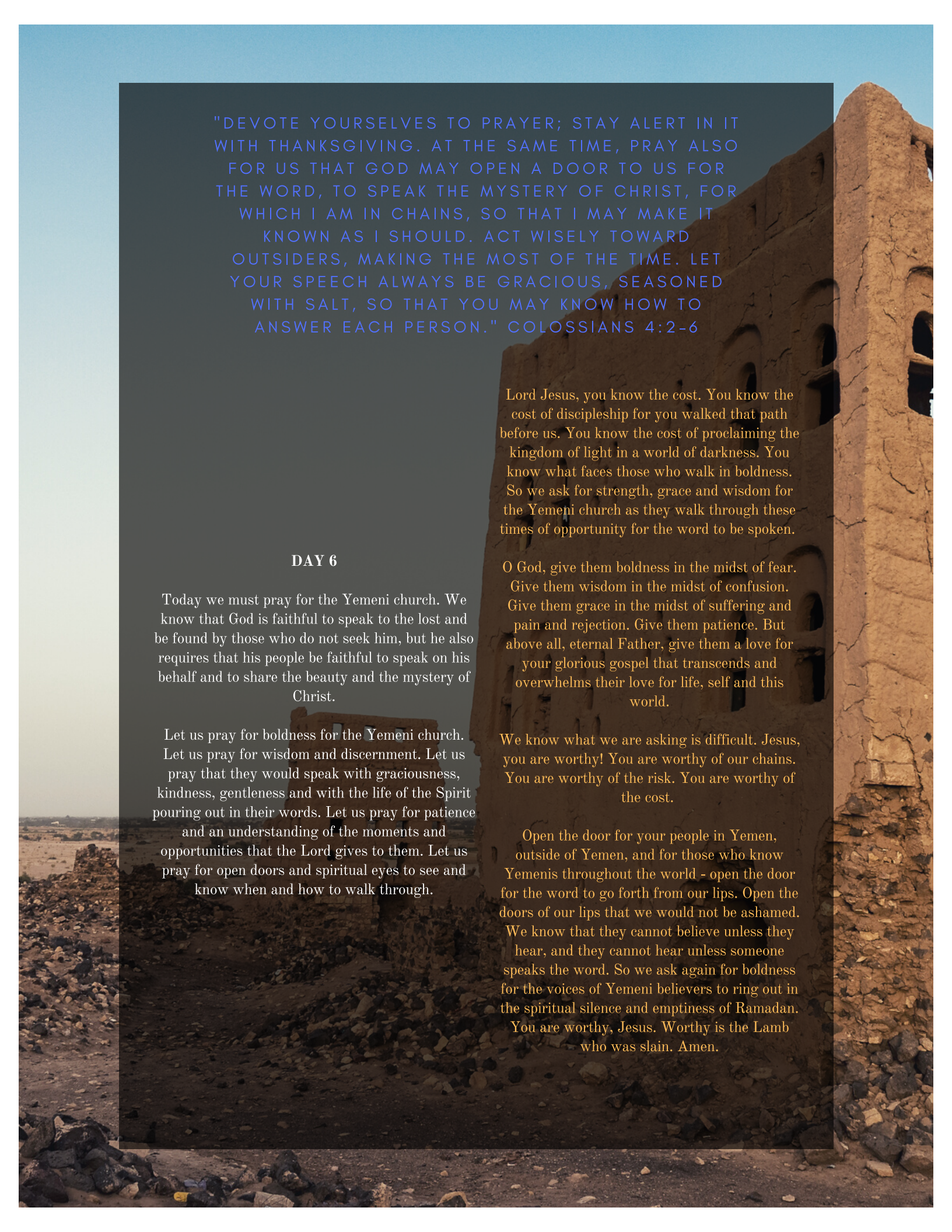
Today let us pray for the Yemeni people, who are not called by God's name, who do not seek him and have not asked for him, that even so, they would find him. Though they are unworthy, though they are unwilling, though they are blind and wandering about in darkness, pray that they would still find the one true God in the midst of their lostness. Pray that God would speak to them in such a clear voice that they would hear him when he says, "Here I am."

We believe today that God heard our prayers yesterday and that many Yemenis are feeling the overwhelming weight of emptiness, hopelessness, loneliness and the fruitlessness of their religious strivings. So let us pray in faith that God would continue to show them his grace and favor by saying to them TODAY, "Here I am." Pray that God would reveal himself and be found by them today.

O gracious God, we rejoice that you are found by those who do not seek you. We rejoice in the promises you made thousands of years ago that a people who do not know you would still hear your voice, call on your name and come to walk in your presence through your Son, Jesus.

We pray this for the Yemeni people today. We ask that you would speak to many in a way that they will hear - in dreams and visions, through signs and wonders, through an earthquake, a fire or a still, small voice. Speak, O LORD, so that people, a Yemeni person - boy, girl, man, woman, widow, orphan, extremist, Houthi, political leader, anyone who has ears to hear - would hear you calling to them in love and in truth.

We ask in all humility, knowing our own unworthiness to stand in your presence, that you would meet the silence in Yemen right now with your voice. We know the enemy is seeking to fill the silence with lies. Silence him, God Almighty. Silence him so that your voice alone would ring out throughout the land. Silence the enemy and his lies so that your truth can be heard, your sweet voice known in these hearts who are so far from you. Our hearts cry out these prayers for the sake of your glory in this land. Amen.



"DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO PRAYER; STAY ALERT IN IT WITH THANKSGIVING. AT THE SAME TIME, PRAY ALSO FOR US THAT GOD MAY OPEN A DOOR TO US FOR THE WORD, TO SPEAK THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST, FOR WHICH I AM IN CHAINS, SO THAT I MAY MAKE IT KNOWN AS I SHOULD. ACT WISELY TOWARD OUTSIDERS, MAKING THE MOST OF THE TIME. LET YOUR SPEECH ALWAYS BE GRACIOUS, SEASONED WITH SALT, SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW HOW TO ANSWER EACH PERSON." COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

DAY 6

Today we must pray for the Yemeni church. We know that God is faithful to speak to the lost and be found by those who do not seek him, but he also requires that his people be faithful to speak on his behalf and to share the beauty and the mystery of Christ.

Let us pray for boldness for the Yemeni church. Let us pray for wisdom and discernment. Let us pray that they would speak with graciousness, kindness, gentleness and with the life of the Spirit pouring out in their words. Let us pray for patience and an understanding of the moments and opportunities that the Lord gives to them. Let us pray for open doors and spiritual eyes to see and know when and how to walk through.

Lord Jesus, you know the cost. You know the cost of discipleship for you walked that path before us. You know the cost of proclaiming the kingdom of light in a world of darkness. You know what faces those who walk in boldness. So we ask for strength, grace and wisdom for the Yemeni church as they walk through these times of opportunity for the word to be spoken.

O God, give them boldness in the midst of fear. Give them wisdom in the midst of confusion. Give them grace in the midst of suffering and pain and rejection. Give them patience. But above all, eternal Father, give them a love for your glorious gospel that transcends and overwhelms their love for life, self and this world.

We know what we are asking is difficult. Jesus, you are worthy! You are worthy of our chains. You are worthy of the risk. You are worthy of the cost.

Open the door for your people in Yemen, outside of Yemen, and for those who know Yemenis throughout the world - open the door for the word to go forth from our lips. Open the doors of our lips that we would not be ashamed. We know that they cannot believe unless they hear, and they cannot hear unless someone speaks the word. So we ask again for boldness for the voices of Yemeni believers to ring out in the spiritual silence and emptiness of Ramadan. You are worthy, Jesus. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Amen.

"WHEN HE SAW THE CROWDS, HE FELT COMPASSION FOR THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE DISTRESSED AND DEJECTED, LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD. THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, 'THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT, BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW. THEREFORE, PRAY TO THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST.'" MATTHEW 9:36-37

DAY 7

Today we ask God to send out more laborers because we know that the harvest is truly abundant in the fields of Yemen. And so we pray exactly as Jesus commanded we should pray - that the Lord would send out laborers. We do not ask that more people would go. We do not ask for more organizations to commission or more churches to give. We ask that the Lord of the harvest would send more laborers.

Pray that God Himself would equip and send those who understand and faithfully persevere in the spiritual labor of Christ here on earth. We ask for laborers to be sent by God. We pray for those who serve in the Spirit, those who work in the Spirit, those who give themselves fully to the Master and have a desire for nothing more than that Jesus would receive the inheritance that is rightfully his.

We pray that God would send these who are true laborers, and that these individuals, families, and communities would enter the harvest of Yemeni people and continue reaping until their God-ordained task is complete.

You are the Lord of the harvest. We do not pretend to know the number, the person, the time or the place whom you have prepared, so we simply ask humbly and in faith, according to your promises, that you would send out laborers. Prepare these laborers, Lord, by training them, equipping them, refining them, disciplining them even now, so that they might be ready for the task of entering into the fields of Yemen.

You see the heart and do not look at the outward appearance and are not deceived by the works of the flesh, so we pray that you would send those whose hearts are fully devoted to you. Send them from within. Send them from without. Send those who will labor well, tirelessly and with the love and compassion that our Savior felt and showed toward us.

O God, call your people to yourself, into your very presence, to know your great promises and the glory of doing the works of Christ, which is simply to believe and walk by faith no matter the cost, no matter the labor, no matter the location, no matter the circumstances. And as you call your people to yourself in this manner, may it lead them into the lives and homes of Yemeni people so that they might also enter into your presence and the joy of fellowship with your Son. You are good. Your presence is good. And so that all people might know this goodness, we pray these things in unity. Amen.