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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 accustom 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.

"THE EARTH AND EVERYTHING IN IT, THE WORLD AND ITS INHABITANTS, BELONG TO THE LORD; FOR HE LAID ITS FOUNDATION ON THE SEAS AND ESTABLISHED IT ON THE RIVERS....LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YOU GATES! RISE UP, ANCIENT DOORS! THEN THE KING OF GLORY WILL COME IN. WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD, STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD, MIGHTY IN BATTLE." PSALM 24:1-2, 7-8

DAY 8

Today we need to pray against the ongoing refusal of the warring parties to honor their ceasefire agreements. The Yemeni people are well aware that words and documents do not transform hearts or produce peace as they have lived for years under failed promises and proclamations, so we must pray that they would break free from the generational bondage to lies and treachery. Even the most recent mutterings of peace spun quickly into violence and betrayal, revealing the unbreakable chains of division and deception that are suffocating any hope of peace for Yemen's future.

Pray for God to sovereignly direct the hearts and minds of all leadership in Yemen's War to honor their word and agreements established in the pursuit of peace. We must continue to pray for Yemen to become free of violent warfare. We must pray that the opposing parties in this conflict will no longer lie, deceive, manipulate and retaliate at the expense of innocent people. We need to pray for a vision of peace and prosperity among leaders. And let us pray that leaders would see how their honor is bound together with their pursuit of peace and their willingness to offer concessions rather than an exercise of military dominance.

Pray also for the younger generation of Yemenis to see that they have the power to break this demonic cycle of betrayal. Satan is the father of lies, but our God is truth and in him there is no shadow of turning. Pray for the church to manifest the character of God and to lead the next generation to lives of truth.

The earth is yours, O LORD, and all the inhabitants therein. Thank you for how you have worked to raise up some among international leaders who promote peace and justice in Yemen, for we know that this pursuit is a result of your work in the hearts of leaders and kings. You turn their hearts wherever you wish and work these things together for your good purposes.

We pray for all parties involved in Yemen's War. Keep them safe, Father. Protect them from the evil that lurks all around them, and especially from the evil that lurks within them that compels their minds and actions toward continued betrayal and violence. We ask that these men and women might understand the great honor that is reserved for those who walk in humility, for those who put others before themselves and for those who serve even their enemies. We pray that you would convict their hearts of the beauty of truth and faithfulness.

We ask boldly for this next generation of Yemeni people to become people of truth. Break the demonic spirit of deception and betrayal that is holding Yemen captive to decades of bitterness, war, hatred and violence. Use your people to shine light into this unimaginable dungeon of darkness where Satan's rule has been known. Break through, Lord Jesus, for you and you alone have dominion and authority and power in Yemen. Break through by your mighty power! Amen.

"WHY DO THE NATIONS RAGE AND THE PEOPLES PLOT IN VAIN?...THE ONE ENTHRONED IN HEAVEN LAUGHS; THE LORD RIDICULES THEM. THEN HE SPEAKS TO THEM IN HIS ANGER AND TERRIFIES THEM IN HIS WRATH. 'I HAVE INSTALLED MY KING ON ZION, MY HOLY MOUNTAIN.' I WILL DECLARE THE LORD'S DECREE. HE SAID TO ME, 'YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BECOME YOUR FATHER. ASK OF ME, AND I WILL MAKE THE NATIONS YOUR INHERITANCE AND THE ENDS OF THE EARTH YOUR POSSESSION. YOU WILL BREAK THEM WITH AN IRON SCEPTER; YOU WILL SHATTER THEM LIKE POTTERY. SO NOW, KINGS, BE WISE; RECEIVE INSTRUCTION, YOU JUDGES OF THE EARTH. SERVE THE LORD WITH REVERENTIAL AWE AND REJOICE WITH TREMBLING. PAY HOMAGE TO THE SON OR HE WILL BE ANGRY AND YOU WILL PERISH IN YOUR REBELLION, FOR HIS ANGER MAY IGNITE AT ANY MOMENT. ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM ARE HAPPY." PSALM 2:1, 4-12

DAY 9

Today we continue to pray because the nation of Yemen continues to rage. Small steps of progress or small glimmers of hope often emerge, but the oppressive dominion of darkness finds power in the raging violence of the people. So as we pray, we must see their raging as what it is: a rebellion against the LORD and His anointed. All the raging, all the violence, all the devastation throughout Yemen finds its root in spiritual rebellion.

So pray today for the hearts of the rulers, the leaders, the tribal authorities, the kings, the judges, the military commanders and the people. Pray that they will see the vanity of their raging. Pray that they will hear, not the laughter of or scorn of those they are fighting, but that they would hear in their hearts and spirits the laughter of the LORD, the voice of the LORD, and the words of the LORD that all authority in heaven and on earth is his. Pray that they would see the fruitlessness of striving to grasp some sense of authority when it can never be obtained. Pray that these leaders and their followers would choose humility and would submit themselves to the one true King.

LORD God Almighty, and Jesus, our Savior, we pray in the Spirit for the rulers and authorities in Yemen, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. We raise these men to your throne and ask that you would break their hearts to humility and repentance. Start today by showing them the absolute emptiness of their raging and striving for power. Somehow make them see the emptiness of their vision of power, greatness and authority. Show them the truth. Open their eyes to the reality that their power is simply an illusion and that you alone have power and authority on the earth.

We pray that you would open their eyes to see that they are following their father, the devil, and not the one true God. So many of these we are praying for live in the delusion that they are serving God and walking in righteousness. Open their eyes to the truth. Heal them of this spiritual blindness. Make them to see their own wickedness and that the end of these things is death – that nothing but destruction and shame awaits them so long as they persist in their rebellion.

We ask also that you will send some who will proclaim the rule and authority of the Son to these who are raging against you. We know what we are asking – we are asking for you to raise up and send out laborers into the most dangerous part of this field, and that our prayers may lead to their persecution and death. But Jesus, we know that you are worthy to receive the worship of these kings and rulers, and that you love them. Send some of your children specifically to those who are raging against you so that they might hear your gospel and have the opportunity to repent and believe. May we all see your worthiness, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU. MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU. I DO NOT GIVE TO YOU AS THE WORLD GIVES. DON'T LET YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED OR FEARFUL."
JOHN 14:27

DAY 10

Today we pray for Yemeni believers that they would live in the peace that they have received from Christ. Ironically, these few, persecuted people have obtained by grace what the entire global community is pursuing desperately but can never achieve in Yemen: peace.

So let us pray that these who have peace would remember the blessing of peace they have in Christ. Pray that they would experience in the depths of their hearts and minds the joy and stability of the peace of Christ. Pray that they would live out the power of the peace they have in Christ, and in this manner, they would draw many to Christ because who He is and what He offers to the world is so much better.

Pray that the church in Yemen would remember and rejoice that what they have received - namely, peace with God through Christ - is so much better than anything they have lost. They have lost much and continue to lose all that the world holds dear, so we must pray for them to have faith to believe that what they have received is truly incorruptible and will not fade away. Pray that they would strive to remain in the peace of Christ rather than striving to pursue the peace of the world or recover the blessings of the world.

And finally, pray for them to speak peace to one another.

Father in heaven, we are so grateful that you are a God of peace. You have made peace with us through the blood of the cross. You have given us your peace so that we might all rest in comfort and joy no matter what happens around us. And so we pray today for our brothers and sisters in Yemen that they would remember the peace that you have given them.

We ask that your peace would fill them and wash over them in a new way today. Lord, we know that many may not have your word and may not have the opportunity to read and understand what you have given them, so we ask that you would speak to them by your Spirit so that they would know that the peace they are experiencing is a divine peace, a peace that comes through Christ alone.

We pray for your church that they would live out this precious, blood-bought peace so that all might see the great value and superiority of the peace of Christ. Make it known throughout Yemen and even beyond that the world's peace is fragile and temporary at its very best. And in contrast, Lord, raise up your people in Yemen to be the ones who will demonstrate to the people of Yemen and to all the spiritual forces of darkness, that the peace of Christ is eternal, it is powerful, it is transforming, and it is so much better. Jesus, be glorified in your people as they live in your glorious peace. Be glorified in Yemen today. And we ask that you would store up great treasures and glory in heaven for these precious brothers and sisters who are living faithfully in your name. Bless them with an abundance of your peace through your presence today. Amen.

"IF THEN THERE IS ANY ENCOURAGEMENT IN CHRIST, IF ANY CONSOLATION OF LOVE, IF ANY FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT, IF ANY AFFECTION AND MERCY, MAKE MY JOY COMPLETE BY THINKING THE SAME WAY, HAVING THE SAME LOVE, UNITED IN SPIRIT, INTENT ON ONE PURPOSE. DO NOTHING OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION OR CONCEIT, BUT IN HUMILITY CONSIDER OTHERS AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOURSELVES. EVERYONE SHOULD LOOK OUT NOT ONLY FOR HIS OWN INTERESTS, BUT ALSO FOR THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS. ADOPT THE SAME ATTITUDE AS THAT OF CHRIST JESUS..." PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5

DAY 11

Today we need to pray for the humility and love of the brothers and sisters in Yemen. We rejoice that they have peace with God, who has also abolished the dividing wall of hostility between people, but we must pray that they would walk in the humility of Christ in order to experience and live out that unity and peace that has been purchased for them.

Pray that our Yemeni brothers and sisters would put to death their own selfish ambitions and conceit, and choose to think of others as more important than themselves. We need to pray that they would put to death any bitterness, hurt, anger, and past offenses that would prevent them from walking in the humility of Christ as the enemy is so deceptive and makes God's people believe they have a right to cling to these things.

Pray especially that this attitude of humility and service would begin with the leaders in the church. Pray that they would recognize the eternal value of living out the life and attitude of Christ in this manner.

Lord Jesus, you have lived this life of humility so that we might look to you and find comfort, encouragement and understanding of what it means to walk in humility. We ask that, by your Spirit who indwells each Yemeni believer, you would set yourself forth as an example for humility and love and that they would see your glory in your humility.

And we pray that they would remember their identity in you, the peace you purchased for them, and indwelling power they have by your Spirit, and they would choose to put aside their own rights, their own desires, their own needs, their own past hurts and bitterness, and that they would esteem their brothers and sisters and all those around them as more important than themselves. We know there is hurt and division and pain within the Yemeni community of believers, so help those who have been wounded in spirit or body to still have the strength to choose the attitude of Christ towards their offenders.

O Lord, we all struggle with this because the flesh is strong and the enemy is strong, but we know that you have overcome. We know that they also struggle with walking in humility before one another, and so we pray that you would give those who are struggling - and we know there are many - the encouragement and conviction they need today. We pray for the leaders in the Yemeni church especially that they would model the very heart and attitude of Christ for newer disciples and younger believers. We pray this so that your bride in Yemen might continue to grow up into the beauty and glory of holiness that is worthy of you, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

"BE GRACIOUS TO ME, GOD, ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITHFUL LOVE; ACCORDING TO YOUR ABUNDANT COMPASSION, BLOT OUT MY REBELLION. COMPLETELY WASH AWAY MY GUILT AND CLEANSE ME FROM MY SIN. FOR I AM CONSCIOUS OF MY REBELLION, AND MY SIN IS ALWAYS BEFORE ME. AGAINST YOU - YOU ALONE - I HAVE SINNED AND DONE THIS EVIL IN YOUR SIGHT. SO YOU ARE RIGHT WHEN YOU PASS SENTENCE; YOU ARE BLAMELESS WHEN YOU JUDGE. INDEED, I WAS GUILTY WHEN I WAS BORN; I WAS SINFUL WHEN MY MOTHER CONCEIVED ME. SURELY YOU DESIRE INTEGRITY IN THE INNER SELF, AND YOU TEACH ME WISDOM DEEP WITHIN. PURIFY ME WITH HYSSOP AND I WILL BE CLEAN; WASH ME, AND I WILL BE WHITER THAN SNOW." PSALM 51:1-7

DAY 12

As we continue to read the news and hear reports of the ongoing violence and aggression from all sides within this conflict, we must stop and ask the Lord, "What do you want us to pray?" We know that our God is working. He is not idle nor is he apathetic toward the pain and suffering that is flooding the hearts and lives of Yemeni people during these days of war. But then we remember that these devastations and tragedies are simply symptoms of a deeper, more real, more eternal problem - the problem of sin.

Sin corrupts. Sin destroys. Sin causes people to walk around like the living dead as if emaciated, diseased, and repulsive to all that is clean and pure. Sin is utterly offensive to a holy God, separating us from him entirely.

And so let us pray today against sin within the Yemeni church. Let us pray that they would not just look at the outside world and consider all others or their enemies or the truly wicked as "sinners", but that they would recognize and repent in sorrow and brokenness of the sin in their own lives.

Jesus died not just to redeem his bride but that she also might stand before him pure and holy, lovely and adorned with his glorious robes of righteousness. Let us pray today for the holiness, the beauty, the righteousness of the church in Yemen. Let us pray that their hearts would long for the righteousness of Christ within them. Let us pray that they would hunger and thirst for righteousness so that they might be filled and satisfied in the depths of their souls. This is good. This is what God wants to see and to find in his church when he returns to receive them to himself. So let us pray for this.

Oh holy Father - the one who is set apart, the one who is like no other, the one whose righteousness shines bright as the sun - we are so humbled in your presence. What else could we be, Lord? We have no right. All our righteousness is nothing more than filthy rags compared with the beauty of your holiness. And yet you clothe us with your own righteousness, your own beauty, your own perfect works, your own armor and splendor.

Forgive us for despising your holiness and treating it with contempt when we choose our sin over your purity. Forgive our brothers and sisters in Yemen for we know they are guilty as we are, for none of us has been perfected or made complete.

We pray for conviction in their hearts where there is sin. We pray for eyes to see the weight and wretchedness of their own sin. Lord, we pray that they would despise their sin and cast it off violently so that none would remain in their hearts or lives. We pray that those who engage in and tolerate sin would be rebuked, confronted, and disciplined by your Holy Spirit so that they would repent before your holy throne in brokenness and with a longing to be filled with nothing but your righteousness.

Oh Lord, may they all hunger and thirst for nothing more than your righteousness through your very presence indwelling and overflowing out of them. We ask that you would reveal the beauty and satisfaction of holiness so that they would pursue it, pray for it, walk in it, and cultivate it in their lives and in their communities of faith. Help them see that everything in this life will burn away, but the robes of righteousness will remain for eternity. Teach them to cherish this glorious gift of your very own holiness you have given them. What a joy! What a blessing, Father! No matter what else is taken away from them, may they know and rejoice in and live out with fear and trembling the great salvation that you have worked and are working within them even now. May they be a beautiful bride who is arrayed in splendor and worthy of her bridegroom. For your glory and because of your great love, we pray these things. Amen.

"BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED,
FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, AS GOD IN CHRIST
FORGAVE YOU." EPHESIANS 4:32

DAY 13

Let us pray today for forgiveness to abound within the Yemeni church. As we have meditated on the great offense and horrors of sin, now we can pray with great joy because of the forgiveness of God who washes each of us white as snow. So let us thank God for the forgiveness he has offered to the Yemeni church.

And then let us pray for those within the Yemeni community of faith to forgive one another JUST AS God has forgiven them - regardless of the depth of the offense, regardless of the pain that was caused, regardless of the lasting consequences that may have been suffered as a result. Let us pray that they would choose forgiveness, divine forgiveness, as the path to walk.

Pray that they would look today to the cross of Christ, and there find the strength necessary to forgive those who have sinned against them.

Almighty King, we cannot possibly fathom the depths of our own sin or the magnitude of your forgiveness toward us, but we see as in a mirror dimly, not knowing or understanding what has truly transpired in the spiritual realm on our behalf. But we believe by faith and want to walk in that same, divine forgiveness toward one another. Help us, Lord. If we have sinned, may we seek forgiveness. If we have been sinned against, may we offer forgiveness freely and with joy. And Lord, we know that we have sinned and we have suffered the effects of sin, so yes, of course we need help from your Spirit!

And we pray this also for our brothers and sisters and in Yemen because they have endured such great consequences from sin. Help them to forgive. Remind them of the greatness of your forgiveness. May they know that they themselves are the servant who has been forgiven 10,000 talents and so the forgiveness you are asking them to extend is small in comparison. Help them to see. Convict their hearts today and reveal again and afresh the sweetness of the bloody cross of Christ.

Lord, we pray that they would just look to Jesus today so that the glory of your gospel of forgiveness can be known in a country and people who only know works and guilt and shame. We love you, God Almighty. Amen.

"FOR IF JOSHUA HAD GIVEN THEM REST, GOD WOULD NOT HAVE SPOKEN LATER ABOUT ANOTHER DAY. THEREFORE, A SABBATH REST REMAINS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE. FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS ENTERED HIS REST HAS RESTED FROM HIS OWN WORKS, JUST AS GOD DID FROM HIS. LET US THEN MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENTER THAT REST, SO THAT NO ONE WILL FALL INTO THE SAME PATTERN OF DISOBEDIENCE."
HEBREWS 4:8-11

DAY 14

Pray today for rest. We have been praying much this year that it would be a year of jubilee for Yemen, a year of restoration, a year of peace, a year of rest from the war and sufferings they have endured. Though we know that true rest will never be known on this earth, let us pray that the people of God would experience the rest of God here on earth in a way they never had before. And pray that they would be filled with hope because of the final rest that is to come.

Pray for the nation and the people that God would give them rest from the war and rest from the constant struggles and striving and chaos that has abounded for years. Rest is of God, so let us pray that they would know it can only come from him. Pray that God would use their longing for rest to draw the people to himself.

Gracious Lord, we thank you that you are a God of rest, that you ordained rest as a blessing and that you commanded it to your people for our good and your glory. We know that as we pray for rest for the Yemeni people, we are praying in accordance with your will. Answer us today, Lord. Though we are not present with them and can offer them no physical instruments of rest, we pray that you would give rest to those who need it.

We pray for the believers that today would be a day of spiritual and physical rest. We ask that you would just let peace flood their souls. For those who are in the midst of persecution or trials or in prison, give them a special gift of your supernatural rest today. We pray that they would set their hope fully on you and the rest that is to come.

Lord, give the country of Yemen rest just for one day. Just for one day, Father. They endure so much. Change the hearts of the leaders so that they would long for rest instead of power and conquest. You alone can do this. You alone can change the hearts of man and settle the raging nations. Oh Father, we have been crying out to you on their behalf for years now, please hear and answer us, Lord. We trust you in all things. Amen.

"WILL THE FAST I CHOOSE BE LIKE THIS: A DAY FOR A PERSON TO DENY HIMSELF, TO BOW HIS HEAD LIKE A REED, AND TO SPREAD OUT SACKCLOTH AND ASHES? WILL YOU CALL THIS A FAST AND A DAY ACCEPTABLE TO THE LORD? ISN'T THIS THE FAST I CHOOSE: TO BREAK THE CHAINS OF WICKEDNESS, TO UNTIE THE ROPES OF THE YOKE, TO SET THE OPPRESSED FREE, AND TO TEAR OFF EVERY YOKE? IS IT NOT TO SHARE YOUR BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY, TO BRING THE POOR AND HOMELESS INTO YOUR HOUSE, TO CLOTHE THE NAKED WHEN YOU SEE HIM, AND NOT TO IGNORE YOUR OWN FLESH AND BLOOD?" ISAIAH

58:5-7

DAY 15

As Yemenis continue to fast throughout Ramadan despite their already horrific living conditions and the impending doom of famine invading the land, our brothers and sisters in Yemen struggle with cultural and spiritual pressure to conform to the legalism of Islam, both to avoid persecution and also because of the fleshly appeal of religious works. Pray that they would remember that the one true God is a God of grace who lavishes his Spirit and blessings, and not a God of works who demands and exacts payment or self-sacrifice for favors. Pray that they would know that their only "work" is to believe and to receive and then to allow God's life to flow through them. Pray that they would remember today that God is calling them to a life of love and mercy and justice. For those who have been caught up in works of flesh, pray that they would repent and return to their first love.

Pray for the nation of Yemen, the millions of lost souls who are punishing themselves and others daily through their fasts, that they would realize that God is not pleased with acts of the flesh but only with a humble and contrite heart who walks by faith in his Son. Pray that they would repent of their religious works, confess their sin and seek him truly by faith. We know that God is faithful and will reveal himself to those who are seeking.

And let us pray especially for those who have already heard the gospel but are continuing to persist in their unbelief. Pray that they would repent of their self-righteousness and deception and would receive by the faith the word as it was shared with them.

LORD God, it is humbling again to realize that our good works do nothing to earn favor or honor with you. We know that you look to the heart and are not like man who sees only the outward appearance. You are truly holy and righteous and will not accept the ritual offerings of a wicked and proud heart. We are grateful that you have revealed what it is that you desire from us - love and mercy and justice. Thank you for revealing your truth and your heart to us, for we are all bound under deception and lies and the desires of the flesh to walk in the pride of our own deeds. But you have shined light into our darkness and so we pray in a spirit of thanksgiving.

Thank you for revealing yourself and your truth to the many Yemenis who call on your name. Today, Father, we know they are struggling with the powerful call of the world around them and the flesh within them that would say to them "Here is righteousness. Here is your good work. Here is security and safety." We pray that they would hear your voice above all these others and walk in truth. We pray that they would walk in love and justice and mercy. For those who have a little extra, for those who have a home to share, for those who have influence or ability, we pray that they would share the blessings you have given them today and be a blessing of your love to those around them. We pray that as they do these things, you would affirm their spirits and remind them the righteousness they possess is the perfect righteousness of grace and they need not do any more to earn or add to what they have received. Comfort their spirits today as they struggle amidst the violence of this spiritual battlefield.

We pray for the people of Yemen that they would see the emptiness of their fasts. We ask that those who have heard the words of truth in the past would remember and repent of their wickedness and pride. Yes, Lord! We know that many have had the opportunity to seek you, to find you and receive your salvation, so convict these Lord. We pray that the lives of the believers in Yemen would demonstrate the difference between self-righteousness and true righteousness, and you would use them to draw many to yourself. We long to see your kingdom come in Yemen! Amen.

"IN THE FIRST YEAR OF KING CYRUS OF PERSIA, IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE WORD OF THE LORD SPOKEN THROUGH JEREMIAH, THE LORD ROUSED THE SPIRIT OF KING CYRUS TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION THROUGHOUT HIS ENTIRE KINGDOM AND TO PUT IT IN WRITING: THIS IS WHAT KING CYRUS OF PERSIA SAYS: 'THE LORD, THE GOD OF THE HEAVENS, HAS GIVEN ME ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH AND HAS APPOINTED ME TO BUILD HIM A HOUSE AT JERUSALEM IN JUDAH. ANY OF HIS PEOPLE AMONG YOU, MAY HIS GOD BE WITH HIM, AND MAY HE GO TO JERUSALEM IN JUDAH AND BUILD THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, THE GOD WHO IS IN JERUSALEM. LET EVERY SURVIVOR, WHEREVER HE RESIDES, BE ASSISTED BY THE MEN OF THAT REGION WITH SILVER, GOLD, GOODS, AND LIVESTOCK, ALONG WITH A FREEWILL OFFERING FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD IN JERUSALEM.'" EZRA 1:1-4

DAY 16

Pray today for wisdom and success for the humanitarian workers and organizations working in Yemen. Most recent reports indicate that over 100 NGOs (non-government organizations) are operating in Yemen, some local and some international. In the midst of the current global crisis, many organizations struggle for funding and struggle to recruit the necessary workforce to meet the overwhelming needs of the Yemeni people – over 80% of whom require humanitarian assistance for basic needs.

Pray for wisdom for the leaders of these organizations and the countries who primarily support the NGOs. Pray for resolutions to issues regarding access and distribution of the resources and available aid. Pray for open doors and clear pathways to distribute food and aid to those in the furthest reaches and most desperate parts of Yemen. Pray for political leaders to compromise and even capitulate when necessary to the requirements of international aid organizations. Pray for integrity for the aid organizations so that they might not justify any suspicions or accusations raised by any faction within Yemen's War.

Father, you provide us our daily bread and have taught us to ask for it. So we ask for the daily bread for the Yemeni people. We ask that you would continue to provide the aid, the bread, the resources, the food necessary through these humanitarian organizations. We ask that you would open the doors that need to be opened. Open the roads that need to be opened. Protect the bridges that need to be protected. Maintain the trucks and transport vehicles and cranes and other machinery that are all a necessary part of distributing aid.

But more importantly than these things even, we ask that you would break the hearts of these leaders for the devastation of their people. Change their hearts, O God, that they would be willing to work together in order to see their people saved. We pray that you would bring to justice those who are stealing and bring to compassion those who are abusing the system for personal gain.

Please give supernatural wisdom to the leaders of these humanitarian organizations who have such difficult decisions and burdens weighing on them every day. Lead them by your Spirit, Lord, even though most, if not all, do not even know you. Lead them as you led Cyrus and roused his heart to serve and bless the people. We pray this for all the leaders, Father. Rouse their hearts according to your righteousness and compassion. Lead them into works that honor and glorify your name and demonstrate your glory and compassion among the nations. Amen.

"MY CHILDREN, I AM AGAIN SUFFERING LABOR PAINS
FOR YOU UNTIL CHRIST IS FORMED IN YOU."
GALATIANS 4:19

DAY 17

Pray today that God would raise up spiritual fathers for the Yemeni church. Pray that men and women who are in positions of spiritual leadership and influence would recognize that their primary calling in Christ is to suffer and labor by the Spirit in the flesh so that Christ might be formed in the lives of the those God has entrusted to them. The church in Yemen needs more spiritual fathers (both men and women) who will labor as Paul did for the Galatian church. Let us pray for God to raise up and send more to our brothers and sisters.

Remember also that spiritual fatherhood is exhausting. It places oneself in the midst of a violent spiritual battle and yet perseveres until the end. Pray today for those who are spiritual fathers, that God would strengthen them and encourage them. Pray blessing over these men and women. Pray for the fullness of the Spirit to carry them as Jesus was carried throughout his time of fasting and temptation in the wilderness. Pray for faithfulness and protection against pride and sin, which are a greater threat to their labors in the faith than persecution might ever be. Pray that they each might see Christ in his glory and be strengthened by the knowledge that he is working in and through them.

Gracious Father, we rejoice that you have placed men and women in positions of spiritual influence and leadership among the brothers and sisters in Yemen. We rejoice that you have not left them orphans but that you have given to them the gift of spiritual fathers. We ask that you would raise up more - more men and women who would labor tirelessly, painfully, and with great expectation and hope in the Spirit, so that the Yemeni church, your bride, might be transformed more completely into the glorious image of Christ here on earth.

We pray also for those who are even now laboring in prayer, laboring in ministry, in teaching, in reproof, in exhortation, in love, in patience, in confrontation. Lord, we pray for these that you would strengthen them.

Encourage them by your Spirit. Encourage them by revealing to them the fruit of their labors and allowing them the joy of knowing that they have not run and are not running and striving in vain.

Protect these men and women from their own fleshly desires that would lead them into sin, from the temptation of the enemy and the world and even the church around them that would lead them away from your grace and your calling. Protect them from discouragement and depression as they see the overwhelming task before them and feel helpless to accomplish what is in their hearts to accomplish. Protect them from the sin of self-sufficiency. Keep them broken and on their faces before your throne so that they might labor and minister out of your great sufficiency and the power of your Spirit. Use these men and women to do greater works than what has been seen before in Yemen. Use them so that your glory would be manifested in the church both now and forever. Amen.

"BUT HE GIVES GREATER GRACE. THEREFORE HE SAYS: 'GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.'" JAMES 4:6

"WHENEVER YOU FAST, DON'T BE GLOOMY LIKE THE HYPOCRITES. FOR THEY MAKE THEIR FACES UNATTRACTIVE SO THAT THEIR FASTING IS OBVIOUS TO PEOPLE. TRULY I TELL YOU, THEY HAVE THEIR REWARD." MATTHEW 6:16

"THE SPIRIT IS THE ONE WHO GIVES LIFE. THE FLESH DOESN'T HELP AT ALL. THE WORDS THAT I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU ARE SPIRIT AND ARE LIFE." JOHN 6:63

DAY 18

Pray today against the detestable sin of pride.

By God's grace, the country of Yemen is a place where the temptations of the world and the flesh have been stripped away and people live in a state of humbleness and poverty, which allows hearts to recognize both the desperate need for a Savior more readily and the total inability for the individual to save oneself. However, during this time of Ramadan, the temptation towards spiritual pride is powerful. Yemenis everywhere are reminded and considering the possibility that they might earn or merit grace from God through their suffering, that they might deserve reward because of fasting and good works, or that they might have some ability to affect salvation in their own lives through efforts of the flesh.

Pray against this pride. Pray that they would instead feel the ineffectiveness of their own effort and strivings. Pray that they would realize that all their righteous deeds are as filthy rags. Pray that they would be humbled as they see that fasting in the flesh has no power in the spirit. Pray that in humility they would recognize the humility of the Savior, our Servant King, who alone has accomplished salvation. Pray that they would humbly admit their need for something so much more than good works, something so much more effective than deeds of the flesh, something powerful enough to effect change in the spiritual realm and remove the stench and filth of the sin in their hearts.

Oh Jesus, our Savior and King, we pray for the people of Yemen that you would protect them from the powerful pull of the flesh towards pride. Even in the midst of their dire circumstances, we know that the enemy is deceitful and capable of leading people into a state of spiritual pride wherein they think that they have some power or ability to accomplish salvation on their own behalf. We know the enemy is at work powerfully during this month and will take full advantage of the people who are living in his darkness. Protect the Yemeni people from the Satanic sin of pride! Humble them, Lord. Keep them humble. For we know that only in a state of humility will one ever be able to receive by faith the salvation offered in Jesus. So we pray for the humility of the Yemeni people.

Lord, we do not know if perhaps you have continued to allow this war in Yemen so that the people might be humbled even further so that Your Spirit might blow through and bring eternal life to many. May it be, Lord! We pray that it would be so.

Holy Spirit, rush like a fire through the country of Yemen and the hearts of the people there. Touch those whose hearts are truly humble and contrite during this month of spiritual focus. Reveal yourself to them so that they might have the opportunity to come to you. Even for the proud, those who are unwilling to consider their need for a righteous Savior, we pray, Lord Jesus, that you would appear to them and rebuke them as you did Saul on the road to Damascus. You are the same yesterday, today and forever, so we ask these things in faith for your glory among the nations. Amen.

"ABRAM PASSED THROUGH THE LAND TO THE SITE OF SHECHEM, AT THE OAK OF MOREH. (AT THAT TIME THE CANAANITES WERE IN THE LAND.) THE LORD APPEARED TO ABRAM AND SAID, 'TO YOUR OFFSPRING I WILL GIVE THIS LAND.' SO HE BUILT AN ALTAR THERE TO THE LORD WHO HAD APPEARED TO HIM. FROM THERE HE MOVED ON TO THE HILL COUNTRY EAST OF BETHEL AND PITCHED HIS TENT, WITH BETHEL ON THE WEST AND AI ON THE EAST. HE BUILT AN ALTAR TO THE LORD THERE, AND HE CALLED ON THE NAME OF THE LORD. THEN ABRAM JOURNEY BY STAGES TO THE NEGEV. THERE WAS A FAMINE IN THE LAND, SO ABRAM WENT DOWN TO EGYPT TO STAY THERE FOR A WHILE BECAUSE THE FAMINE IN THE LAND WAS SEVERE." GENESIS 12:6-10

DAY 19

We have received multiple requests recently that we take some time to focus our spiritual battle in prayer towards the Yemeni diaspora, those scattered throughout the world and now making their home in countries and among people who are not their own. In some cases, those who are ministering among the Yemeni diaspora are single women who have requested that we pray specifically for God to raise up men to join the work that God is doing. So let us pray today and join in the work!

Pray for the Yemenis who are living as residents in countries of freedom but also countries of bondage and oppression. Pray that God would use their status as a traveler, a refugee or a temporary migrant, as the occasion to appear to them. Pray that God would show himself so that they would know that he alone is God and that he is God in every country, every place, and that they cannot escape his presence. Pray that as he reveals himself, Yemeni people would call on the name of the LORD.

Pray for the followers of Christ who are seeking to build community with these Yemenis. The Yemeni community in the diaspora is not one that is easily engaged. Pray against the many barriers that exist between the people of God and the Yemeni communities - barriers such as fear, mistrust, language, and culture. Pray that God's people would be faithful and loving and full of Christ-like humility and service. Pray that Spirit-filled men would join the work where men are needed. Pray that God would send Spirit-filled women to the places where women are needed. Pray for wisdom and discernment and holiness. Pray for Christ to be exalted as holy and true!

LORD God Almighty, we know that as you move peoples throughout the earth, you do so with a purpose. We know that you are always working and we see and hear that you are working through your people and by the power of your Spirit among the Yemeni diaspora who are scattered throughout dozens of countries in the world. Oh Father, we pray that you would use their dispersion, their travels, their state as migrants and foreigners, as an opportunity to open their eyes to the truth of who you are. We pray that you would reveal yourself to them in the places where they are. We pray that as you have taken away the comfort and familiarity of the culture and people they love, that you would replace one hundred fold with new families, a new spiritual language, and a new place of residence that is your kingdom. We pray that they would see that your people are also foreigners and exiles here on earth, and that they would find shared community and identity which would serve as a bridge to the Gospel.

We pray for those who are ministering to and loving the Yemeni people in these foreign lands. We pray first and always for the fullness of your Spirit because we know that flesh does not help at all. We pray that they would live and walk in humility before you and that your streams of living water would fill them to overflowing so that the Yemeni people might drink from your presence and be refreshed and satisfied. We pray that you would send more laborers into these fields. Some need godly men, Lord, who are bold and wise and patient and kind. Send them, Father. Some need godly, gentle women who will walk patiently and graciously through the struggles and trials these refugee women are enduring. Send them, Lord of the harvest! Protect those who are already working and laboring.

We ask that you would strengthen them to continue in faithfulness and the power of your Spirit. We ask that you would work signs and wonders through their faith. Jesus, be glorified in and through them! Amen.

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 20

Today we ask you to rest in the power and promises of God that he alone will accomplish his purposes. Part of the purpose of a Sabbath is to prove that we do not rely on human efforts or human labor to accomplish spiritual or even physical results. Pray and commune with our Father today. Simply enjoy His presence. Trust that he is at work even when we are at rest.

Yes, we must pray and fast because, in his sovereignty, God has ordained that we should participate in a beautiful way in this work of salvation that he is bringing about on the earth. But our prayers and fasting do not accomplish the work of salvation. God alone is the author of salvation, the giver of good gifts, our refuge and strength, and the sovereign ruler over Yemen. So let us rest in the powerful hands of our Father today. Let us stand still and see the salvation of the
LORD.

O God Almighty, we rest in your power and your promises. Thank you that you are always working. Thank you that your power, your salvation, your redemption, your faithfulness, does not depend on us. Even when we are faithless, you remain faithful. Even when we are at rest, you are at work. We love you and we praise you! Amen.

"IN THE SAME WAY THE SPIRIT ALSO HELPS US IN OUR WEAKNESS, BECAUSE WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO PRAY FOR AS WE SHOULD, BUT THE SPIRIT HIMSELF INTERCEDES FOR US WITH UNSPOKEN GROANINGS. AND HE WHO SEARCHES OUR HEARTS KNOWS THE MIND OF THE SPIRIT, BECAUSE HE INTERCEDES FOR THE SAINTS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD. WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE." ROMANS 8:26-28

DAY 21

The violence and battles rage on in Yemen. People are dying daily. Grown men who are political leaders and authorities on a global scale argue and accuse and blame like schoolchildren. Schoolchildren who should be growing and laughing and learning are instead diseased and homeless and orphaned, too tired, malnourished and traumatized to even cry.

What do we pray? Some days we don't know what to pray. So we ask the Spirit to intercede for us. We ask the Spirit of God who dwells within us to cry out to the Father the deep cryings of our hearts. We ask our gracious God to hear and respond to the cries of these people who cannot even cry for themselves.

He is gracious. He is faithful. So let us pray today from the depths of our souls for God to work according to his own faithfulness and according to prayers that we cannot even ask.

Father in heaven, hear our hearts as we cry out to you today on behalf of Yemen. We come to you in humility and do not even know what to pray. We long to see salvation. We long to see your kingdom come. We long for life to replace death, for peace to replace war, for love to replace hatred. We long to see Jesus glorified among these people. We long to see hungry bellies satisfied. We long to see the oppressed and the orphaned protected and loved and provided for. We long for all these things that we know are in accordance with your will.

And Lord, we know that you want us to continue praying fervently, seeking, knocking, asking, interceding. But some days we wonder what more can we pray? What more can ask, Lord? Help us remain faithful in doing good for the people of Yemen by praying for them. Help us not grow weary in doing good when it seems so hopeless.

We pray these things because we trust in your faithful love and mercies that are new each morning - not just for us but also for the people of Yemen. Amen.

"'TRULY I TELL YOU,' HE SAID, 'UNLESS YOU TURN AND BECOME LIKE CHILDREN, YOU WILL NEVER ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. THEREFORE, WHOEVER HUMBLING HIMSELF LIKE THIS CHILD - THIS ONE IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ONE CHILD LIKE THIS IN MY NAME WELCOMES ME. BUT WHOEVER CAUSES ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES WHO BELIEVE IN ME TO FALL AWAY - IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM IF A HEAVY MILLSTONE WERE HUNG AROUND HIS NECK AND HE WERE DROWNED IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA.'"

MATTHEW 18:3-6

DAY 22

Today let us pray for the little children in Yemen. Pray that God would redeem the time that was lost in their lives. Pray that many would reach out to them in the name of Jesus during these times. Pray that God would use these times, while they are children, to bring His gospel to them so that they might turn and believe in him with their childlike faith.

Pray against those who would hinder them from hearing or receiving the gospel - parents, siblings, friends or neighbors. Pray that God would protect these children from the spiritual oppression that crushes their souls.

Pray for those of the body of Christ who are actively ministering to children in their communities. Many followers of Christ give and serve and love and teach and provide healing and recovery services and food distribution to these children - pray that these would have wisdom and boldness to call these children into the light of the Gospel of Jesus.

Our Father - good and gracious God who cares for the widows and orphans and brings the lost and lonely into your kingdom - in the love and unity of the Spirit, we pray for the children whom you love today. You have given your only Son that they might have life and freedom and enter your kingdom. So we pray for them that as they are in the right state of mind and heart to receive your gospel, that you would bring your gospel to them. Reach them now in their childlike state so that they might receive your salvation in humility. We pray that your Word would go forth among the children of Yemen!

And we pray that you would protect them from the spiritual abuse and oppression that they experience in their culture. Place them in environments and communities where there is greater freedom for them to humbly come to you. We pray that you would use these times of chaos and the lack of oversight in their lives as the opportunity for them to hear and receive your Gospel. Protect these children from those who would do them harm.

We pray also for those who are ministering to the children in Yemen, for the many who are giving their days and lives and times to bring relief and love to these little ones. Strengthen them and give them wisdom, Lord. Give them the resources they need in mind and spirit and body and material goods. Help them love these children well and faithfully in the name of Jesus! Oh God would you touch these children through your people! Touch them with your gentle love and healing hand! Yes, LORD God Almighty. Amen.

"MY EYES ARE WORN OUT FROM WEeping; I AM CHURNING WITHIN. MY HEART IS Poured OUT IN GRIEF BECAUSE OF THE DESTRUCTION OF MY DEAR PEOPLE, BECAUSE INFANTS AND NURSING BABIES FAINT IN THE STREETS OF THE CITY. THEY CRY OUT TO THEIR MOTHERS, 'WHERE IS THE GRAIN AND WINE?' AS THEY FAINT LIKE THE WOUNDED IN THE STREETS OF THE CITY, AS THEIR LIFE POURS OUT IN THE ARMS OF THEIR MOTHERS...ARISE, CRY OUT IN THE NIGHT FROM THE FIRST WATCH OF THE NIGHT. POUR OUT YOUR HEART LIKE WATER BEFORE THE LORD'S PRESENCE. LIFT UP YOUR HANDS TO HIM FOR THE LIVES OF YOUR CHILDREN WHO ARE FAINTING FROM HUNGER AT THE HEAD OF EVERY STREET." LAMENTATIONS 2:11-12, 19

DAY 23

Today let us pray for the mothers in Yemen who are suffering in the deepest sense as they watch helplessly while their children succumb to the unimaginable sufferings of a war-torn country. Pray first that the mothers would respond to the suffering and circumstances by crying out to God. Pray that they would pour their hearts out like water before the Lord because we know that he is faithful to hear and respond.

Pray also for their physical protection and strength as they must continue to care for and nurture their children, and perhaps even the children of others who have been killed or have abandoned their families, but without any of the necessary physical provisions or even the emotional or psychological provisions needed to do so well. Pray that God would give a special grace and comfort to those who are widows and without the protection of a father or brother or other male relative who might provide some sense of stability and care. Pray for mothers to retain their God-given role of nurturing and compassionately serving their families.

Pray also for the women who have lost their children in the war. Pray for the women who have lost their husbands. Pray for the women who have been raped and violated. Pray for the women who are beaten and abused by those who are supposed to be their protectors. Pray for healing in their hearts and minds from the trauma they have endured. Pray for women of God to minister the lavish love of God and the truth of God, that He can be their Father, their bridegroom and the lover of their souls through Christ Jesus.

God, our Father, we lift up these women today. Oh we are so grateful that you see every single one, that none are lost to your sight and your compassionate care. We praise you because you love those who are unlovely, unworthy and undeserving in this world. We praise you because you have sent your Son so that these women might have hope and a future and a Father and a protector and a husband who will never fail them! We praise your name because we know that their story does not have to end in tragedy. So we pray for your Gospel to go forth among these women that many might be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth and enter into the sweet fellowship of your Son.

But today we pray that you would protect them especially. For those who have no one to watch over, be their guard and their protector at their right hand. Protect them from the elements, for those who are homeless or living in shelters with their children. Protect them from evil men, for those who are widows or alone. Protect them from the bombings and the battles, for those who are still in dangerous locations. You see them and know their every move, so we call out to you, Lord of hosts, to send out your angels to protect these women and their children!

And bring healing by your Holy Spirit! Bring healing in their bodies and healing in their hearts and minds. Who can possibly fathom what they have endured except you, who sees all and knows all? And who else could bind up their wounds but you, our great Healer? Use your people and the wisdom and grace you have given them through your Spirit to bring true healing and recovery in the name of Jesus. Make your word and the wisdom of your truth accessible to them through any means possible so that they might find relief through the refreshing waters of your presence and Spirit. Redeem and restore the years that the enemy has stolen from them. Because of your great and faithful love, we pray these things. Amen.

"THEN HEZEKIAH PRAYED TO THE LORD: LORD OF ARMIES, GOD OF ISRAEL, ENTHRONED BETWEEN THE CHERUBIM, YOU ARE GOD - YOU ALONE - OF ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH. YOU MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. LISTEN CLOSELY, LORD, AND HEAR; OPEN YOUR EYES, LORD, AND SEE. HEAR ALL THE WORDS THAT SENNACHERIB HAS SENT TO MOCK THE LIVING GOD. LORD, IT IS TRUE THAT THE KINGS OF ASSYRIA HAVE DEVASTATED ALL THESE COUNTRIES AND THEIR LANDS. THEY HAVE THROWN THEIR GODS INTO THE FIRE, FOR THEY WERE NOT GODS, BUT MADE FROM WOOD AND STONE BY HUMAN HANDS. SO THEY HAVE DESTROYED THEM. NOW, LORD OUR GOD, SAVE US FROM HIS POWER SO THAT ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH MAY KNOW THAT YOU, LORD, ARE GOD - YOU ALONE."
ISAIAH 37:15-20

DAY 24

Today let us pray in faith that the LORD of Armies, who alone is God, would frustrate the plans of wicked men seeking to bring destruction on innocent people. These men meet together and plan and strategize how to destroy their enemies with no concern for the people who might suffer in the process.

Pray against the plans and the councils and the meetings that are happening even today that are for nothing more than the purpose of planning violent attacks. Pray that these plans would amount to nothing. Pray that the angel of the LORD would destroy the power and ability of these forces who are destroying the land and the people of Yemen.

And pray that through all of this, the LORD God would demonstrate that He alone is God.

Lord of hosts, we ask you today to stop the plans and purposes of these evil men. We know that you see into these military councils and behind the closed doors of all these who are planning the attacks, the drone strikes and the defenses of all the warring parties and factions.

Stop them in their planning and hinder the execution of their strategies. Send our your angels to deflect their attempts at violence and destruction.

We know that their gods are power and authority and vengeance and violence and money. Destroy these things before their very eyes so that they might know that these are not gods at all but that you alone are God in all the earth. Do these things from your compassion and the abundance of your faithful love for the people of Yemen, who we know are unworthy and absolutely deserving of your wrath and judgment, but because of your mercy we ask for these things. Amen.

"IN THE YEAR THAT KING UZZIAH DIED, I SAW THE LORD SEATED ON A HIGH AND LOFTY THRONE, AND THE HEM OF HIS ROBE FILLED THE TEMPLE. SERAPHIM WERE STANDING ABOVE HIM; THEY EACH HAD SIX WINGS: WITH TWO THEY COVERED THEIR FACES, WITH TWO THEY COVERED THEIR FEET, AND WITH TWO THEY FLEW. AND ONE CALLED TO ANOTHER: 'HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD OF ARMIES; HIS GLORY FILLS THE WHOLE EARTH.' THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE DOORWAYS SHOOK AT THE SOUND OF THEIR VOICES, AND THE TEMPLE WAS FILLED WITH SMOKE. THEN I SAID: 'WOE IS ME FOR I AM RUINED BECAUSE I AM A MAN OF UNCLEAR LIPS AND LIVE AMONG A PEOPLE OF UNCLEAR LIPS, AND BECAUSE MY EYES HAVE SEEN THE KING, THE LORD OF ARMIES.'" ISAIAH 6:1-5

DAY 25

Let us pray today for the Yemeni church that they would see the LORD exalted in his temple, seated on his throne. Let us pray that they would not look at the circumstances around them, especially at the deposition of governments or authorities or the establishment of new leaders, as the source of power or control in their country. Pray that they would see the true King as Isaiah did and that they would rest in the sufficiency of this reality.

Pray that in response to seeing the glory and the power and the permanence of the King, they would repent as Isaiah did and receive with humility God's purifying work and even the painful calling that is placed on those who live as called out ones in a generation of wickedness.

Pray for a spirit of repentance to flood through the church in Yemen so that they might remain in the presence of the Lord and hear his calling and his commands clearly and then have the power of the Lord to walk faithfully in his direction. Pray for the believers in Yemen to be careful never to align themselves with human or earthly powers and authorities, but to be known as those whose allegiance is to the one true King. Pray for believers to have the boldness and confidence to encourage one another with the glory of the LORD.

LORD of Armies, we worship you as holy. We stop and are humbled, terrified even, in your presence.

Your holiness, your power, your glory, your beauty and splendor - oh LORD, we fall on our faces before you and cry out with the angels, Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD God Almighty! We know that we cannot look on you in your splendor and glory, but we ask even so for you to open our eyes that we might know you in your glory. As Moses prayed, so do we: show us your glory, LORD. Show our brothers and sisters in Yemen your glory! We know that you have revealed your glory in Christ Jesus and so we praise you and thank you! Jesus, you are enough for us. If we have seen you, we have seen the Father, and it is enough for us. But we do ask and pray, Lord, may it truly be enough for us.

We also ask that your church in Yemen would not succumb to temptations to look to anything other than you for the sure foundation that they need right now.

We ask that you would work in their hearts and minds so that they would not pursue allegiance or stability through any human institution or leader or power. Lord, show them your glory so that they would know that it is enough for them to endure, to persevere, to find comfort. LORD, we pray that those who have seen you and truly live in your presence would encourage those who are struggling, those who are wavering in their faith, those who have doubts and fears and feel as though they cannot continue on. Encourage these brothers and comfort them through the strength and joy of others. May Christ be seen and known as worthy and sufficient through the testimony of your bride in Yemen! Amen.

"'VERY WELL,' THE LORD TOLD SATAN, 'HE IS IN YOUR POWER; ONLY SPARE HIS LIFE.' SO SATAN LEFT THE LORD'S PRESENCE AND INFECTED JOB WITH TERRIBLE BOILS FROM THE SOLES OF HIS FEET TO THE TOP OF HIS HEAD. THEN JOB TOOK A PIECE OF BROKEN POTTERY TO SCRAPE HIMSELF WHILE HE SAT AMONG THE ASHES. HIS WIFE SAID TO HIM, 'ARE YOU STILL HOLDING ON TO YOUR INTEGRITY? CURSE GOD AND DIE!' 'YOU SPEAK AS A FOOLISH WOMAN SPEAKS,' HE TOLD HER. 'SHOULD WE ACCEPT ONLY GOOD FROM GOD AND NOT ADVERSITY?' THROUGHOUT ALL THIS JOB DID NOT SIN IN WHAT HE SAID." JOB 2:6-10

DAY 26

Today let us pray and begin by thanking God for how he restrains evil in this world. At every moment, our enemy and accuser is desirous of bringing total and complete destruction on the earth, and yet God, in his grace, restrains the sheer evil in his heart from being manifest in this world and the lives of the people whom he loves.

Praise God this morning for his gracious love and care over Yemen in not allowing the enemy to wreak more havoc than we have already seen. Bless the name of the LORD this morning!

Pray also that God would silence those who would speak lies to the believers in Yemen, lies that say that God is not faithful, that God has forgotten, that God is not worthy of continued worship and praise. Pray that men and women of faith would hold fast to their integrity and would not succumb to the temptation to despair of God's faithful love and sovereign will in their lives.

Pray finally that God would protect his people from sin in the midst of this great suffering.

O LORD God Almighty, we rejoice in your sovereignty this morning. Truly, LORD, we rejoice in knowing that nothing that comes in life, nothing that comes in this world, nothing that comes or has come in Yemen is outside of your knowledge, your sovereign will and your good purposes.

We rejoice that you are a God who is not bound by this world or the evil in it, but who is still in control, still faithful and still gracious and compassionate to all, even those who do not call on your name. We praise you today. We declare: blessed is your name!

Even when we look at Yemen, we can still see your grace and mercy and control. Thank you, Father, for hindering the Evil One from bringing the destruction and evil that we know he would desire to bring. Thank you that even in the midst of such evil, you are redeeming people, showing your mercy and offering your great salvation in Christ to all who would call on your name!

And so LORD, we pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering and are hearing the lies of the enemy and the lies from the lips of those who are deceived. We pray for them that they would not believe these lies that you are not worthy and you are not faithful. Give them strength to stand firm in their faith. Silence those who are speaking lies by demonstrating your great power and faithful love! Silence them by speaking your truth in a voice that cannot be silenced.

Strengthen your people, LORD. Protect them from sin so that they might prove the enemy is a liar and that you are always true. For those who are wrestling with sin of unbelief and bitterness in their hearts, convict them and restore them into your presence and into your joy. LORD God Almighty, bless them today for their hearts of faith and desire to remain faithful to you. Cut this time short for the sake of your elect! Come quickly, Lord Jesus! The Spirit and the Bride say, come!

"THEN JOB REPLIED TO THE LORD...'I HAD HEARD REPORTS ABOUT YOU, BUT NOW MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOU. THEREFORE I REJECT MY WORDS AND AM SORRY FOR THEM; I AM DUST AND ASHES.' AFTER THE LORD FINISHED SPEAKING WITH JOB, HE SAID TO ELIPHAZ THE TEMANITE: 'I AM ANGRY WITH YOU AND YOUR TWO FRIENDS, FOR YOU HAVE NOT SPOKEN THE TRUTH ABOUT ME, AS MY SERVANT JOB HAS. NOW TAKE SEVEN BULLS AND SEVEN RAMS, GO TO MY SERVANT JOB, AND OFFER A BURNT OFFERING FOR YOURSELVES. THEN MY SERVANT JOB WILL PRAY FOR YOU. I WILL SURELY ACCEPT HIS PRAYER AND NOT DEAL WITH YOU AS YOUR FOLLY DESERVES. FOR YOU HAVE NOT SPOKEN THE TRUTH ABOUT ME, AS MY SERVANT JOB HAS.'" JOB 42:1, 5-8

DAY 27

Let us pray again today as we have prayed so many times - for humility in the hearts of the Yemeni people. They have been seeking forgiveness and blessing throughout this whole month of Ramadan, especially in these last days and during Laylatul Qadr (Night of Power), but it has all been sought in pride and through a confidence of their own works as the basis of God's favor.

Pray that like Job, Yemeni people would recognize that they neither deserve nor merit any answer, recognition or favor from God based on their own deeds. Pray that those who have been seeking such good things through unrighteous means would repent and be willing to receive the sacrifice that God commands to be offered on their behalf.

For those who have heard the glorious gospel of grace, pray that they would have eyes to see the need to receive the sacrifice of another, who is Jesus.

LORD, we pray for the Yemeni people today because we know that you alone have the power to change hearts. And we have faith that you do. We do not simply believe that you have the power, we believe that you are willing and desirous to accomplish something new and different in the hearts and lives of Yemeni people. And so we pray in faith, not despairing and not out of routine or rituals simply because it is our duty. We pray because we know that you are the one true God who hears and answers and compassionately responds to your children.

And so we pray that you would soften the hearts of people in Yemen. Open their eyes to see their own pride and to see that outward acts of penance are not the same as a spirit of humility. Change their hearts, O God!

Lord, we know that salvation can only be received by those who are humble, so this is why we pray these things. We pray because we long to see salvation come to people in Yemen! They have been seeking forgiveness and blessing this month, Lord. You have seen this. You have seen their hearts. And yes, they have done so through pride and deception and selfish ambition. But this is why we ask you to be gracious and compassionate to them - because they have no other hope besides you! They are desperate, Father, and we are desperate before you in asking for their salvation and that you would bring them the message of forgiveness in Christ so that they might be saved! Respond to their cries for mercy as well. Act in accordance with your faithful love and mercy. To you be the glory. Amen.

"THEN JOSEPH SAID TO HIS BROTHERS, 'PLEASE, COME NEAR ME,' AND THEY CAME NEAR. 'I AM JOSEPH, YOUR BROTHER,' HE SAID, 'THE ONE YOU SOLD INTO EGYPT. AND NOW DON'T BE GRIEVED OR ANGRY WITH YOURSELVES FOR SELLING ME HERE, BECAUSE GOD SENT ME AHEAD OF YOU TO PRESERVE LIFE. FOR THE FAMINE HAS BEEN IN THE LAND THESE TWO YEARS, AND THERE WILL BE FIVE MORE YEARS WITHOUT PLOWING OR HARVESTING. GOD SENT ME AHEAD OF YOU TO ESTABLISH YOU AS A REMNANT WITHIN THE LAND AND TO KEEP YOU ALIVE BY A GREAT DELIVERANCE. THEREFORE IT WAS NOT YOU WHO SENT ME HERE, BUT GOD.'"

GENESIS 45:4-8

DAY 28

Today let us pray for the thousands of migrants in Yemen who are from the horn of Africa. The tragedy of this situation is that so many of those who are either compelled or manipulated to undertake the perilous journey from Ethiopia or Somalia to Yemen - of course, with the ultimate destination being Saudi Arabia - have no understanding of what lies ahead and the dangers that will face them in Yemen. They leave their homes with a knowledge of the dangers of the journey, which they are willing to endure, but they have little to no awareness of the fact that there is a terrible war in Yemen which truly destroys any hope of ever reaching their destination.

Pray first for those who are already in Yemen. All are homeless and live either in prison, in migrant camps, or are being detained by the authorities, which is essentially prison. Pray for advocates to see their plight and come to their aid. Pray for provisions to reach them. Pray against racism. Pray for protection for the women and children who are in these places with no protection or companion. Pray for righteous leaders to rise up within these groups to watch over the vulnerable, the sick, and the weak.

Pray also for those who are seeking to aid these thousands of migrants. Pray that God would give them favor with the local and regional authorities so that they can effectively aid those in greatest need. Pray for open airports and open transportation for these aid workers who are seeking to repatriate the many migrants who are willing to return home. Pray for the resources to be properly allocated so that these people can receive the care they need. Pray for the church in Yemen to see the tragedy that is befalling these African migrants and that they would rise up to serve and minister to them in the power of the Spirit.

Father in heaven, we pray for these precious people who are suffering the effects of sin and the curse of the ground. Lord, you see these people who are driven by a desire for blessing, for life, for provision for their families, for a hope and a future, and yet they receive nothing but abuse, pain, abandonment, poverty and death. We pray that somehow you will bring to them the gospel of your salvation because only in Jesus will they find all the things they are searching for. In this life and in this world, they will have nothing but death, but in you they might have life and have it abundantly. O LORD God Almighty, bring these people your life, your eternal life. And we pray that you would protect those who are in Yemen right now. Watch over them with your compassion and loving care. You provide for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, so please, in your grace and mercy, provide the food and aid that they need for this day. We pray for their daily bread.

But more than this, Lord, we pray that you would bring more aid, more workers, more advocates, more organizations, to know and to see and to come to their aid. We know that the situation in Yemen is dire, but we know that these people are just as valuable as each and every Yemeni. We know that the food is scarce and the Yemeni authorities are afraid that these migrants will consume resources that are needed for their own people. So Lord, we pray against this fear. We pray that you fill these leaders and authorities with compassion because they understand now the sufferings and pain of homelessness, starvation and disease.

Fill the Yemeni people with compassion, especially your church, Lord. Your bride, your body, must take the lead in ministering to these people, so open their eyes to see the opportunity you have placed before them to minister your love to the migrant and the refugee in their own land. Provide them with every resource they need to share your love and care for these people. Give them access, Lord. Give them resources and a heart and vision for this work. Use these situations, what man has intended for evil, and bring beautiful glory from its muck and mire. This is who you are and what you do. You are the God who redeems and restores. We praise you in Jesus' name. Amen.

"FOR FREEDOM, CHRIST SET US FREE. STAND FIRM THEN AND DON'T SUBMIT AGAIN TO A YOKE OF SLAVERY. TAKE NOTE! I, PAUL, AM TELLING YOU THAT IF YOU GET YOURSELVES CIRCUMCISED, CHRIST WILL NOT BENEFIT YOU AT ALL. AGAIN I TESTIFY TO EVERY MAN WHO GETS HIMSELF CIRCUMCISED THAT HE IS OBLIGATED TO DO THE ENTIRE LAW. YOU WHO ARE TRYING TO BE JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW ARE ALIENATED FROM CHRIST; YOU HAVE FALLEN FROM GRACE. FOR WE EAGERLY AWAIT THROUGH THE SPIRIT, BY FAITH, THE HOPE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. FOR IN CHRIST JESUS NEITHER CIRCUMCISION NOR UNCIRCUMCISION ACCOMPLISHES ANYTHING; WHAT MATTERS IS FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE." GALATIANS 5:1-6

DAY 29

As Ramadan begins to come to an end around the world and Muslims in Yemen prepare to return to normal daily life with freedom from the fasting and restrictions of the holy month, let us pray today that their hearts would long for freedom from their laws and rituals. Pray that their eyes and hearts would be opened to the unnecessary burden imposed on their spirits. Pray that they would see that they are enslaved to a master that will never give life but will only bring death. Pray that Yemeni Muslims would seek for freedom in their spirits and lives.

Pray for the church in Yemen also that they would refrain from imposing laws and rituals and religious rites on themselves or one another in order to create a false sense of holiness or Christlikeness. This is a continual temptation, so pray for hearts that rejoice in their freedom.

Pray also though for those who would use freedom as an opportunity for the flesh. Pray for conviction. Pray that they would walk by the Spirit and put to death the deeds of the flesh. Pray that they would understand that Christ has set them free so that they might live in righteousness and in the purity and freedom of his love. Pray for a spirit of love and service among the church.

Our God who delivers, who rescues us from bondage, we pray today for the Yemeni people and the slavery they have endured under the yoke of religious oppression and bondage to manmade traditions. Oh Lord, would you hear the cries of your people and set them free! Lead them out in a great exodus and give them freedom from this slavery. We ask that as they complete their rituals and their celebrations over the next several days, that they would see that freedom will never be found or achieved through their works. We pray that they would see that they have nothing to show for their labors except a burden that is too heavy to bear. We pray that they would have hearts that are open to the freedom that you offer them in Christ.

We pray also for your church, your precious bride, that she would enjoy the glorious freedom you have purchased for her and that she would not submit to the temptation to impose unrighteous rules and regulations upon herself. We pray that today, as the believers see so many around them struggling under the burden of religion, that they would rejoice in the free gift of life that you have given them. We pray that their freedom would compel them to boldness to share the gospel with those around them.

We pray for those who are using their freedom as an opportunity for the flesh. We know that many do not understand and many simply still love their sin, so we ask for conviction by your Holy Spirit. Teach them the way of Christ. Teach them what it means to walk by your Spirit and to live in the fruit and freedom of the Spirit. Teach them the glory of dying to self so that Christ might live in and through them. Teach them the joy of obedience. Transform them into the likeness of Christ! For your glory we ask these things. Amen.

"FOR THIS REASON I KNEEL BEFORE THE FATHER FROM WHOM EVERY FAMILY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH IS NAMED. I PRAY THAT HE MAY GRANT YOU, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY, TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH POWER IN YOUR INNER BEING THROUGH HIS SPIRIT, AND THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH. I PRAY THAT YOU, BEING ROOTED AND FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN LOVE, MAY BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND WITH ALL THE SAINTS WHAT IS THE LENGTH AND WIDTH, AND HEIGHT AND DEPTH OF GOD'S LOVE, AND TO KNOW CHRIST'S LOVE THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE, SO THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD. NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO ABOVE AND BEYOND ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS IN US - TO HIM BE THE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS TO ALL GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN." EPHESIANS 3:14-21

DAY 30

Today let us rejoice together that our God is not only able but is willing to do far above and beyond all that we ask or think. And let us rejoice that he has demonstrated this power and willingness through the work of salvation he accomplished through the cross of Jesus Christ, in that he rescued us from death and granted us abundant and eternal life through the Spirit which has been given to us as a guarantee of our eternal inheritance. This is power and love beyond what we can ask or imagine.

And so let us rejoice in faith that the same God who has accomplished this on our behalf - though we were unwilling and undeserving, unworthy and rightly destined for eternal destruction and separation from his holy presence - that he also has heard our prayers throughout this month and is working powerfully in response. He is faithful. He is always faithful. So we rejoice together in his faithfulness and power and for his glory.

Pray also that more people would join with us in prayer for Yemen. Pray that God would raise up an army of prayer laborers for Yemen so that the sweet incense of our prayers on behalf of Yemen would continually rise up before the throne of God Almighty.

God in heaven, we are so grateful to call you Father. Words can never express and so we offer you our lives, our worship, our prayers and our songs. We offer you our rejoicing for knowing who you are and for the joy of coming before your throne with prayers and thanksgiving in the name of Jesus. We rejoice before you today, Lord, knowing that you have done immeasurably more than we even have asked or conceived of this month. We have asked and prayed and sought your face on behalf of the people of Yemen, but the work and the glory is all yours. You alone have accomplished the work.

Oh Lord, we thank you that you love Yemen. We thank you that you are working in Yemen and have been for thousands of years until today. We thank you that you have heard our prayers and that salvation is coming, life is coming, protection is coming, and restoration is coming because of your goodness and your faithfulness. We pray that you would allow us to hear and see the results of this time so that we might rejoice all the more and give you the glory that you deserve. Remember our prayers, O LORD. Remember our prayers and continue to move and work in Yemen because of your faithful love that is new every morning!

And Lord, we do ask that you would send us more partners in prayer. Raise up an army of people who will fervently pray and stand before your throne on behalf of the Yemeni people. It is labor. It is spiritually exhausting at times. We need more to join with us and so we ask it of you. And Lord, may we be found faithful in your sight because you are worthy of our undying love and faithfulness. Help us to remain faithful. Help our brothers and sisters in Yemen to remain faithful. Strengthen your church! Purify your church! For your glory in the church, we pray these things. Amen.