



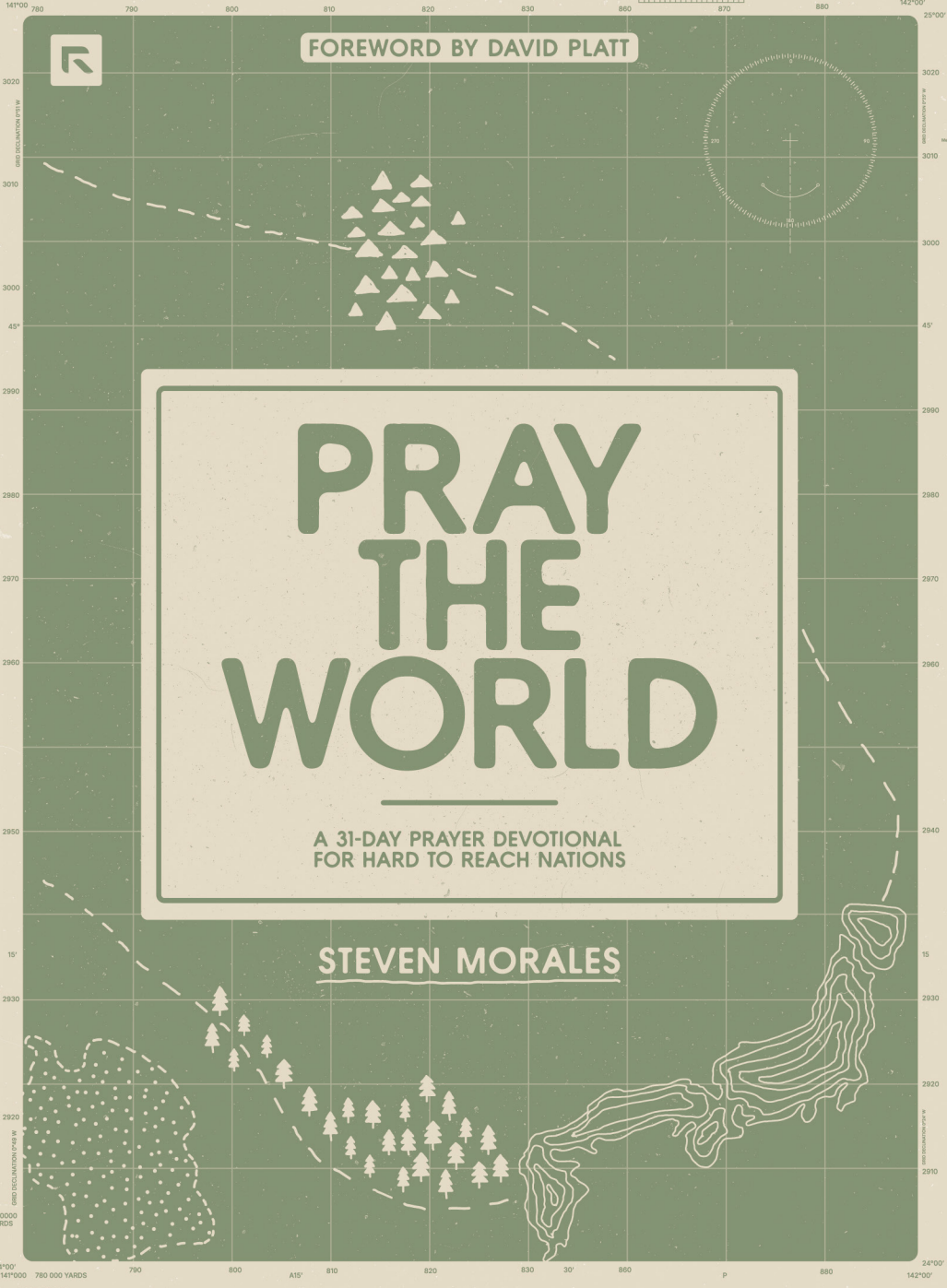
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PRAY THE WORLD

A 31-DAY PRAYER DEVOTIONAL
FOR HARD TO REACH NATIONS

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FOREWORD

God designed prayer to be intimately connected with his Word. And God designed his Word and prayer to be intimately connected with the world.

Yet for many of us, there's a disconnect. We read the Bible in one moment, then pray about our own lives in the next. Our prayers slowly narrow to what's right in front of us—our needs, our families, our responsibilities. And while those kinds of requests aren't wrong, they are incomplete. And disconnected from God's design.

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he invited them into something far bigger than themselves. He taught them to address God as *our* Father and to long for his kingdom to come and his will to be done *all over* the earth as it is in heaven. Prayer, from the very beginning, was meant to be shaped by God's Word with effects that reach all around the world. That's what this devotional is about.

As you move through these pages, you're not just reading isolated passages of Scripture. You're walking through the Gospels—through the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. You're watching him call disciples, heal the needy, confront sinners, announce a kingdom, and lay down his life for the world. And as you read, you will receive an invitation to pray—not just for yourself, but for the nations Jesus came to love and save.

The countries and places you'll pray for here are not random. They represent real people living in all kinds of places where access to the gospel is limited and where following Jesus often comes with real cost. These are also places where Radical is working alongside local believers—brothers and sisters in Christ who are faithfully advancing the gospel in their own communities, most often in the face of hardship and opposition. So when you pray for these places, you're not praying into the unknown. You're personally joining with your heavenly Father in work that he is doing (in response to your prayers!) through our family (our brothers and sisters!) to bring more people into our family all around the world.

Your prayers will, by God's design, affect God's action in the world, and they will fuel God's transformation in you. When we pray according to God's Word and lift our eyes to the world, God does something supernatural in us. He aligns our hearts with his. He softens us, stretches us, and reminds us that the story we're reading in the Gospels didn't end in the first century. Jesus is still building his church. His kingdom is still advancing. And we are working with him first and foremost from our knees.

My hope is that as you walk through the life of Jesus in the Gospels, your prayers will grow deeper, wider, and more faithful (i.e., full of faith). My desire is that praying God's Word will become a daily rhythm for you, and that praying for the world will feel less like a burden and more like

a thrill—rooted in the confidence that God is with you, listening to you, and working in response to your prayers in every place for his glory, the good of the nations, and your joy.

— *David Platt*



Boundaries and names shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance.

DAY 01

MOROCCO

Read John 1:1-14 - The Word
Became Flesh

*“The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness has not overcome it.” — John 1:5*

Before there was time, there was the Word—living, personal, and all-powerful. And then, in a moment of unimaginable humility, that Word took on flesh. Jesus stepped into the very world he created to dwell among the very people he made.

John begins by showing us Jesus not as a teacher or prophet, but as the Creator—the One through whom everything came to be. Yet the world he entered was not as it was meant to be. The same creation that once echoed with God’s goodness now groans under shadows of sin and sorrow. Just as Genesis opens with a void waiting for light, John opens with a world waiting for hope. But darkness does not get the final word.

The incarnation tells us that God is not far off, merely watching from the heights of heaven. He has stepped into our night. The Light didn’t stand

at a distance to condemn the dark—he came close to overcome it. Jesus entered our world to walk in our pain, to love within our brokenness, and to redeem what we could never restore on our own.

This is where the gospel begins: not with our search for God, but with God’s pursuit of us. Every page of Scripture, every heartbeat of his story and ours, flows from this miracle: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). The same Jesus who entered the world still enters hearts today, still speaks light into spiritual night. As we begin this 31-day journey, remember that the story of salvation starts here: God came near, and the darkness has not overcome him.

The Gospel in Morocco

Long before Morocco became known as a Muslim nation, the gospel had already arrived. In the second century A.D., when Morocco was part of the Roman world, ordinary people—like farmers, slaves, and families—welcomed the message of Jesus. These early followers gathered in communities, built churches, and lived out the astonishing truth that God had come near. But then history shifted. In the seventh century, armies swept across North Africa carrying a new religion and a new political order. Over time, Christianity faded from the land where it once flourished, and Islam became woven into the very identity of Morocco’s people and rulers.

Today, Morocco’s constitution identifies the country as a “sovereign Muslim state,” and there is no meaningful separation between religion

and government. The rhythms of public life, law, and culture flow from that foundation, making it difficult for followers of Jesus to live openly and share their faith. Even so, the gospel is not absent. Smaller Christian communities persist, and house churches form quietly in cities and villages. Moroccan believers meet in homes, sometimes regularly and sometimes only a few times a year. They read Scripture discreetly and follow Christ in different ways—some in secret, others with greater boldness—all amid constant pressure.

Morocco itself sits on the edge of continents—Africa and Europe—bordered by the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. In that crossroads, God has placed unexpected avenues for the gospel: migrants passing through, Moroccan families living abroad, and believers returning home with fresh faith and courage. Though the darkness of the past and the country’s law presses in, God’s light has never been extinguished. Like the early church that first took root here centuries ago, the gospel still shines with a promise that no human power can undo.

Frequently Asked Questions

What religion or belief system shapes everyday life in this country?

Islam—specifically Sunni Islam—is the dominant religion, deeply woven into Morocco’s culture, government, and identity, with nearly the entire population identifying as Muslim.

What does following Jesus look like for believers here?

Believers often follow Jesus privately, gathering in small house

churches or secret groups because open Christian worship and evangelism can bring social pressure and legal risk.

How likely is it that someone in this country has heard the good news of Jesus?

Most Moroccans grow up in Islamic contexts and have limited exposure to the gospel, though migration and global connections mean the gospel message is spreading slowly.

Are there local churches where people can openly learn about following Jesus?

Official, public churches for native Moroccans are either extremely limited or illegal, so believers typically meet in informal gatherings or house churches that are less visible.

What are the greatest barriers to the gospel spreading in this country today?

Deep cultural commitment to Islam, legal restrictions on evangelism, and strong societal pressure shape an environment of fear and isolation, where following Jesus is risky and relational hurt is often met with separation instead of reconciliation.

Pray

1. Pray for Moroccans who are quietly searching for truth—that God would draw them to Jesus through Scripture, honest questions, and trusted relationships.
2. Pray for small gatherings of believers who meet in homes—that fear would not isolate them and that the Spirit would strengthen their faith and unity.
3. Pray for Christians who face family pressure or social rejection—that they would be upheld with wisdom, patience, and deep assurance in Christ.
4. Pray for new believers to grow in courage and compassion, learning how to follow Jesus faithfully in everyday life.
5. Pray that the good news of the Word made flesh would dwell richly in Morocco, shaping hearts and communities until many turn to him in faith and obedience.



DAY 02

Algeria

Read Luke 1:26-38 - The Angel and Mary

“For nothing will be impossible with God.” — Luke 1:37

When Luke introduces Mary, he doesn't place her in a temple or a position of influence, but in an overlooked corner of the map. Nazareth was a town in the middle of nowhere, dismissed and surrounded by Gentiles. Yet that is where God's light began to break in.

An angel announced what seemed impossible: a virgin would bear the Son of the Most High—the promised King from David's line, the fulfillment of God's ancient plan to bless all the families of the earth. From the beginning, God was already moving toward the nations.

Mary, young and unknown, responded with quiet surrender: “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord” (Luke 1:38). She didn't know the cost. She didn't see the path. But she trusted the Lord. And her humble “yes” became a doorway through which God entered his creation—and the doorway through which his kingdom began its journey to the ends of the earth.

Gabriel echoed God’s words to barren Sarah: “Is anything too hard for the LORD?” (Genesis 18:14). The same truth carries forward today: the God who brings life from a virgin’s womb can bring hope where the gospel feels shut out. He can open nations, soften hearts, and spread his Word where darkness seems unbreakable.

And while the story begins in Nazareth, it was never meant to stay there. This is how God works: He starts small to reach the world. He starts in hidden places so his grace can be clearly seen everywhere. And now, like Mary, we are invited to answer with trust: “Lord, let it be to me according to your word.”

Because when God’s people say “yes,” the gospel moves. And when we believe nothing is impossible for him, the nations begin to see his light.

The Gospel in Algeria

In the first centuries after Jesus rose and ascended, the gospel moved along Roman roads and trade routes into North Africa. Cities that sit in present-day Algeria—places like Hippo Regius, Cirta, and Tipasa—became bustling hubs of early Christian life and thought. Augustine of Hippo, one of the most influential church fathers in history, lived and preached here, helping shape both Christian theology and Western thought. For a time, the light of Christ burned brightly across this land. But history brought upheaval. In the seventh century, armies swept across North Africa with the rise of Islam, and over the centuries that followed, Christianity faded from public view. By the time Algeria

became an independent nation in the twentieth century, most Christians—especially those of European descent—had returned to their homelands, and the Christian presence shrank to a tiny fraction of the population.

Today, about 1 percent of Algerians identify as Christians, mostly meeting in homes and online. Legal restrictions make open worship difficult, and simply sharing the gospel can bring serious consequences.

However, despite opposition, small gatherings multiply, believers meet in secret, and the gospel is growing at an encouraging pace. In a land where the light once burned and then dimmed, the Spirit of God is rekindling that light again through courageous hearts and whispered prayers. In Algeria's mountains, cities, and villages, God is doing what is seemingly impossible: His love is reaching every dark place with the name of Jesus.

Frequently Asked Questions

What religion or belief system shapes everyday life in this country?

Sunni Islam, reinforced by Algeria's post-colonial history and state laws, shapes public life and defines national identity.

What does following Jesus look like for believers here?

Believers often gather in homes, read Scripture digitally, and rely on trusted relationships after many church buildings were ordered closed by the government.

How likely is it that someone in this country has heard the good news of Jesus?

Most Algerians know Jesus mainly as a prophet in Islam but have never encountered the gospel message of grace and salvation through him.

Are there local churches where people can openly learn about following Jesus?

Since the mass closure of Protestant churches beginning in 2019, open church spaces for Algerian Christians have been extremely limited.

What are the greatest barriers to the gospel spreading in this country today?

Legal enforcement against churches, strong family pressure to remain Muslim, and fear of social exclusion hinder gospel growth.

Pray

1. Pray for Algerian believers who follow Jesus quietly—that fear would not silence them and that their faith would be strengthened through perseverance.
2. Pray for new Christians to be rooted deeply in Scripture and loving community, especially where isolation makes discipleship difficult.
3. Pray for households and small communities to encounter Jesus together—through conversations, testimonies, and the steady witness of changed lives.
4. Pray for courage and wisdom among church leaders as they shepherd believers under legal and social pressure.
5. Pray that Algeria—where the gospel once shaped hearts and history—would again be known not for silence about Jesus, but for lives turned toward him in worship and obedience.



PRAY THE WORLD IS A 31-DAY JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND THE NATIONS.

Each day begins in God's Word by walking through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and then widens the lens to a specific country where that same gospel message is needed—and often resisted—today. From underground churches to displaced communities, from ancient Christian lands to places where almost no one has heard the name of Christ, this devotional invites you to see the world as God sees it.

This book will not overwhelm you with statistics. It will aim for your heart. It will help you pray with understanding as you anchor your confidence in the finished work of Christ and stretch your vision of the Great Commission.

Because the story of Jesus does not end at the empty tomb. It moves outward—to all nations. And you are invited to join it.

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