



PRAY FOR EAST ASIA

East Asia's Muslims / 12 May 2021

Today is the great festival of Eid al-Fitr, the Festival of Breaking the Fast. Families decorate their homes, prepare great feasts, new clothes are bought and worn and people visit their families. It's a big celebration and after Ramadan ends many Muslims will try and keep up habits formed over the month. Ask God to help you keep praying his blessing on East and Southeast Asia's Muslims beyond Ramadan.

East Asia's Muslims / 11 May 2021

On the last day of the fast consider how Muslims have shown their devotion to Allah through fasting. Pray for local followers of Jesus to reflect on how they show their devotion to God.

East Asia's Muslims / 10 May 2021

Muslims are preparing to celebrate the end of Ramadan in a very different way to normal which may mean that they cannot be in community. Pray for patience and creativity through the extra hours spent in the home.

East Asia's Muslims / 09 May 2021

"The night of Al-Qadr is better than a thousand months" [Sura 97:3]. Muslims believe that on the night of power, Laylat-al-Qadr, the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It is celebrated on one of the last ten days of Ramadan. Muslims often stay up all night praying as they believe prayers on that night are more powerful and the blessings from Allah are more abundant. Pray for Muslims in the East and Southeast Asian regions to have opportunities to learn more about Isa (Jesus) who is honoured in the Qu'ran.

East Asia's Muslims / 08 May 2021

Eid al-Fitr' is the festival marking the end of Ramadan. Many people will buy new clothes or put on their best clothes for the festival, but for some this can be a challenge. Pray for those who may feel left on the edges of these festivals at the end of Ramadan, either because of their social position or financial circumstances.

East Asia's Muslims / 07 May 2021

Islam was carried into East and Southeast Asia by Muslim traders in the seventh century. Today there are many business people in Muslim communities around East Asia. While some businesses may open for reduced hours during Ramadan, there is still work to be done which may seem harder to those who are fasting. Employers may need an extra measure of patience in the fasting month. Pray for fasting workers and employers to be patient with one another in Ramadan.

East Asia's Muslims / 06 May 2021

It's a strong test of discipline to keep the fast during Ramadan. This is now the final week of Ramadan and Muslims all over East and Southeast Asia are looking forward to celebrating the end of the fast. The workload of preparing food in Ramadan is considered a privilege. Those who prepare it often rise very early to get the pre-



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dawn meal ready, before their normal working day and then later creating the special evening meal, Iftar. Ask God to help you pray for those who prepare food as they serve their families and communities in these final days of the fast.

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The month of Ramadan is time for Zakat giving, pray that those who do so do it cheerfully and generously. As we come towards the end of Ramadan pray that as Muslims receive their allocation that it would be a help to their families.

East Asia's Muslims / 04 May 2021

During Ramadan, long portions of the Qur'an are recited in tarawih, the especial extra evening prayers at the mosque. Isa, the Arabic name of Jesus, is honored in the Qur'an. Pray for those who have already had a long day to be able to listen well and want learn more of Isa.

East Asia's Muslims / 03 May 2021

Up and down East and Southeast Asia many children in Muslim communities mark Ramadan by attending extra teaching at the mosque and starting to fast for part of the day. It is considered a great privilege to be old enough to fast. Pray that as Muslim children study Islam they will find out more about Isa, the Islamic name for Jesus in scriptures.