



Emirati Prayer Guide

30 day prayer guide for Emirati people and the Northern Emirates of UAE



Would you commit to praying for Emirati people and the UAE during the month of November? Join others during this month by praying for the requests provided in the following resource. Let the following information about people and places guide your intercession, during times of private and corporate prayer this month.

The following document is intended to guide the reader day by day with insight regarding prayer needs for various concerns of the Northern Emirates of *United Arab Emirates*. If being viewed in **Sway**, please scroll down to view each day's prayer topic. If there is a video, please click on it to play.

Alternatively, a **PDF** 1-page document was attached to the email which provides one prayer request for each day of the month.

November 2020



Sunday, November 1

THE WORD PROCLAIMED



1 - Arabic Bible

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple (Psalm 19:7, ESV).

- Pray for God's Word to be received and read by Emirati people.
- Pray for many Emirati to begin studying the Bible, with desire to hear what their Creator has spoken.
- Ask God to open Emirati eyes to behold His glory displayed throughout the Bible.

Monday, November 2

LASTING KINGDOM



2 - Map of UAE

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10, ESV).

United Arab Emirates is a small country located on the Arabian Peninsula, in the Middle East. In addition to the Covid19 pandemic this year, UAE has felt the economic threats of low oil prices as well as the security threats of ongoing regional tensions. Although very stable and prosperous for more than four decades, reminders of a shakeable kingdom are present.

- Pray for the Lord's Kingdom to come among the Emiratis.
- Pray for Emiratis to look to Jesus as king, and find their identity in his unshakeable and lasting kingdom.

Tuesday, November 3

FLAG DAY (in UAE)



3 - UAE flag on top of fort

On December 2, the United Arab Emirates will celebrate its 49th year as a country. Emirati people love their country and are proud of their many achievements. Although the country has changed

significantly since its establishment in 1971, Emirati people strive to hold onto their heritage as Arab Muslims from the Arabian Peninsula.

The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made (Psalm 145:8-9, ESV).

- Praise God's greatness over all the nations, including UAE.
- Pray He would accomplish His good plans in UAE, and among Emiratis.
- Pray for Emiratis to comprehend the Lord's goodness provided through Jesus, and repent and believe.

Wednesday, November 4

LEADERSHIP

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way (1 Timothy 2:1-2, ESV).

- Pray for God to give UAE leadership wisdom to rule with justice.
- Pray they would understand how to protect and provide for all who live in UAE.
- Pray for their knowledge of Jesus, who is King of kings.

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Thursday, November 5

SHARJAH is a densely populated city within the Sharjah emirate, and it is also viewed as the most religiously conservative. Unlike other emirates, Sharjah forbids the sales of pork and alcohol. Sharjah was called 'Islamic Culture Capital' in 2014.

- Pray for bold Christian witness among the Emirati of Sharjah.
- Ask the Lord to establish mature Arabic speaking churches in Sharjah.

- Pray for the Gospel to transform lives and the culture in Sharjah.

Click on the pictures to view the city of Sharjah.



5 - Mosque



6 - 5 star hotel



7 - Fruit and vegetable market



8 - Traditional shopping market



9 - Community tea shop



10 - Government square



11 - Developed coastline



12 - Traditional dhow boat (used for regional travel to/from South Asia)



13 - Fishing boats and nets

Friday, November 6

BEDOUIN life has changed tremendously alongside the increase in wealth and modernization. However their core values, such as honor, generosity, and hospitality remain unchanged. These values are put on display by Emirati bedouin whether you are visiting them in modern suburban homes, or sitting with them in the desert by a campfire.

- Pray the Emirati bedouin will establish their lives upon the words of Jesus.
- Likewise, pray for open doors for the words of Jesus to be preached to the be douin of UAE.
- Pray for new birth and new identity, in Christ, among the Emirati bedouin tribes.

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Saturday, November 7

SALVATION

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

ROMANS 10:1-4, ESV

15 - Romans 10:1-4, ESV

- Pray for Emiratis to repent of their striving to enter paradise by their good works.
- Pray they would understand the revealed righteousness of God, in Jesus Christ, and rest in him by faith.
- Ask God to glorify himself through salvation among the Emirati people.

Sunday, November 8

GOSPEL FAVOR

UAE government has provided favor for churches to form, meet, worship, and preach the Gospel from pulpits. Churches from various denominations and languages regularly meet according to government approval. This favor is a significant display of God's kindness and power to work according to His will.

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied (Acts 9:31, ESV).

- Praise God for providing a display of the Gospel on the Arab Peninsula.
- Pray for continued favor and growth of the churches established in UAE.
- Pray for faithful Gospel preaching, and boldness to preach it to Emirati people.



16 - Stone from 7th/8th century church and monastery in UAE

Monday, November 9

DHAID is a centrally located town that historically served as a crossroads for Bedouin. Like so much of UAE, Dhaid is experiencing development and change of its own. However, Christian witness in Dhaid still remains limited.

- Pray for bold and faithful Gospel witness in Dhaid.
- Pray for the Emirati tribes of Dhaid, specifically the *Kitbi* tribe, to hear the Gospel and believe.
- Pray for Gospel fruit in Dhaid that would provide blessing to the remainder of UAE.

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Tuesday, November 10

LABORERS



18 - Dates ready for harvest

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:36-38, ESV).

- Pray for the Lord to continue sending faithful Christians to UAE.
- Pray for these laborers to have a passion to teach their Emirati neighbors the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for an increase in Christian laborers who are able to share their faith and disciple others in Arabic.

Wednesday, November 11

Families



19 - Family

Emirati families have traditionally been large and tight knit. In recent decades families are becoming smaller, and they are also becoming more fragmented because of mobilization, divorce, and changing cultural norms. At the same time, family continues to be very influential in a person's identity and the choices he/she makes.

- Pray for whole families to hear the Gospel message, and believe together.
- Pray for protection of families.
- Ask God to graciously preserve Emirati marriages and preserve families for the nurture and instruction of children.

Thursday, November 12

AJMAN



Ajman is a very small Emirate with many tall apartment buildings housing a large number of expatriate residents from Asia. Beyond the tall buildings, there are also neighborhoods where local Emiratis have built their family homes. The Emirate has changed a lot since the days of fishing, pearl diving, and farming, when the Al Naeem tribe settled the area.

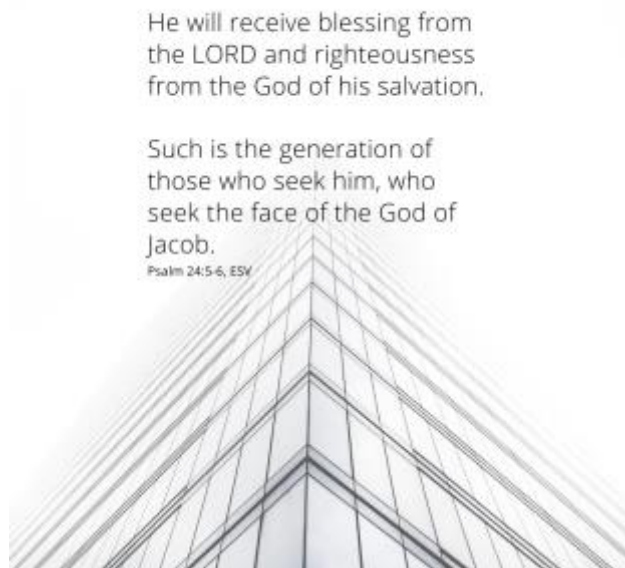
- Pray for Christian witness among the Emiratis of Ajman.
- Pray for churches to be planted in Ajman.
- Pray for repentance and faith in Jesus among the Emiratis.

Friday, November 13

YOUTH in UAE are facing a world far different than their parents and grandparents faced. In the midst of increasing influences from a cosmopolitan nation, young Emirati men are focused on cars, new technologies, and football (soccer). At the same time, young Emirati women have seemingly unlimited access to education and employment, as well as shopping for designer products. Family has always been a foundational structure for relationships, but youth are now forming an increasing amount of relationships with classmates, people with shared interests, and people worldwide through online connections.

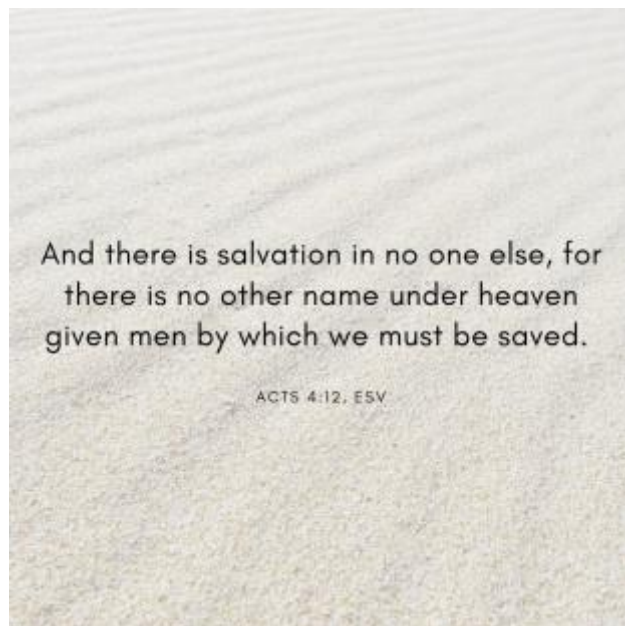
- Pray for Emirati youth to seek Jesus.

- Pray that they would be dissatisfied with the material and temporal things that occupy so much of their life, and pray they would pursue God's blessing, provided in Christ.



Saturday, November 14

SALVATION



20 - Acts 4:12, ESV

- Pray for Emiratis to see the power, love, and sufficiency of Jesus for salvation from the punishment of sin.

- Pray they would leave everything in order to believe, with confidence, that Jesus alone is able to save.

Sunday, November 15



21 - The Lord's Prayer, in Arabic calligraphy

ARABIC SPEAKING CHURCHES have permission to meet in UAE. However, there are only a few Arabic speaking evangelical churches meeting together today.

- Pray for these churches to increase in number and to grow in maturity.
- Ask God to provide qualified leadership who would serve the church in faithfulness and perseverance.
- Pray for Arabic speaking churches to have courage to proclaim the Gospel inside and outside their church gatherings.

Monday, November 16

DIBBA is a group of small towns located in the far northeastern section of the country. The area contains high, rugged mountains, beautiful beaches, and clean seas. In the midst of this wonderful landscape and the Arab tribes living in it, there is little Christian witness.

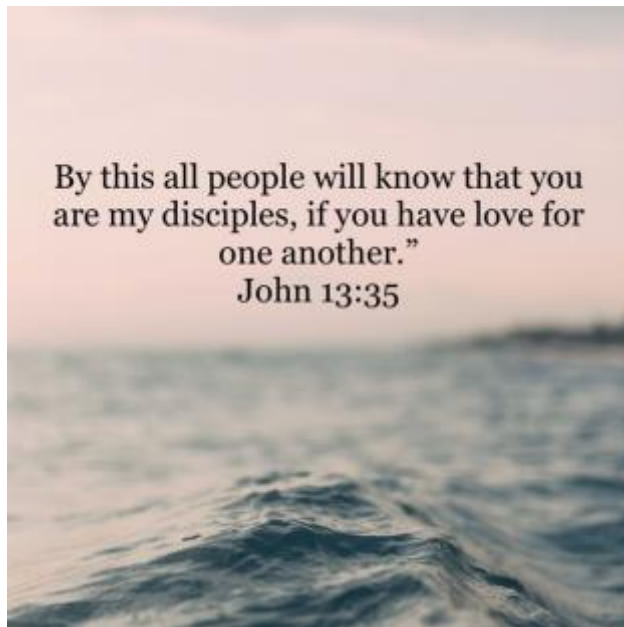
- Pray for God to establish Christian witness in Dibba.
- Pray for God's Word to be heard through social media.

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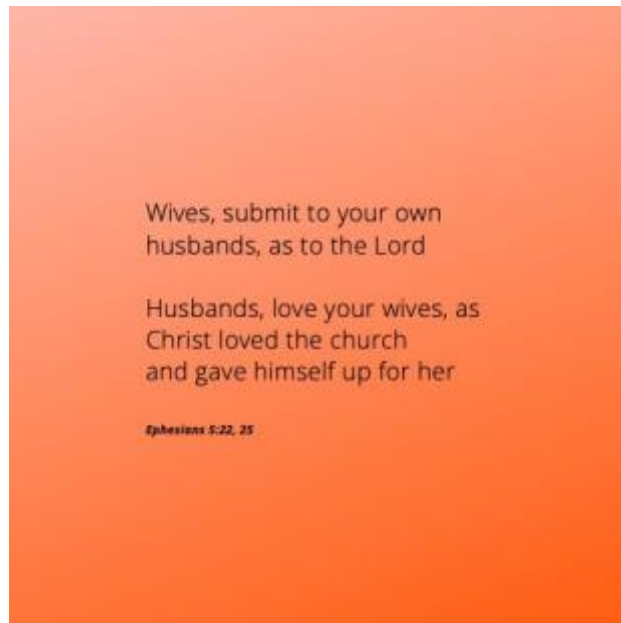
23 - John 13:35, ESV

CHRISTIAN UNITY

It is quite feasible that divisions weakened the church in Arabia, and contributed to the spread of Islam centuries ago. The threat of disunity in Jesus' church remains today. As churches increase in UAE, God's people are urged to be *eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3, ESV)*.

- Pray for unity of the Spirit among God's people in churches throughout UAE.
- Pray for unity that is contended for according to doctrinal truth.
- Pray that unity of God's people would be expressed by love for one another, and would bear witness to the truth and power of Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, November 18



24 - Ephesians 5:22, 25, ESV

EMIRATI MARRIAGES

Until fairly recently, marriages were typically arranged between a man and woman who had little interaction prior to the wedding. Although a cultural norm of gender separation remains, romance is finding its way into more and more marriage stories. In addition, many Emirati marriages are taking place between men and women from different families, tribes, and nationalities. There are many Emirati marriages that display happiness, and there are many that display brokenness. Remember that very little to no Emirati marriages are shaped by Jesus' love and faithfulness.

- Pray for God to graciously protect Emirati marriages from brokenness in order to strengthen families and the society.
- Pray for married couples to be converted together by faith in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for Christian marriages in UAE to display the unique love of Jesus Christ.

Thursday, November 19

FUJAIRAH is a growing city and emirate located on the eastern side of UAE. It has strategic importance since it provides a port for shipping that doesn't require ships to pass through the Strait of Hormuz. In addition, Fujairah is a location of strategic importance for the Gospel to enter many Emirati homes and villages, which still lack Gospel witness.

- Pray for God to strengthen the local church in Fujairah.
- Pray for open doors to preach the Gospel in Emirati homes and villages throughout the emirate of Fujairah.
- Pray for God to send more Arabic speaking witnesses to Fujairah.

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Friday, November 20

ELDERLY men and women hold a position of honor throughout the Middle East. When greeting a room of Emirati people, it is appropriate to kiss the forehead of the eldest in the room in order to show them honor. Emiratis honor their aging parents and grandparents by caring for all their needs.

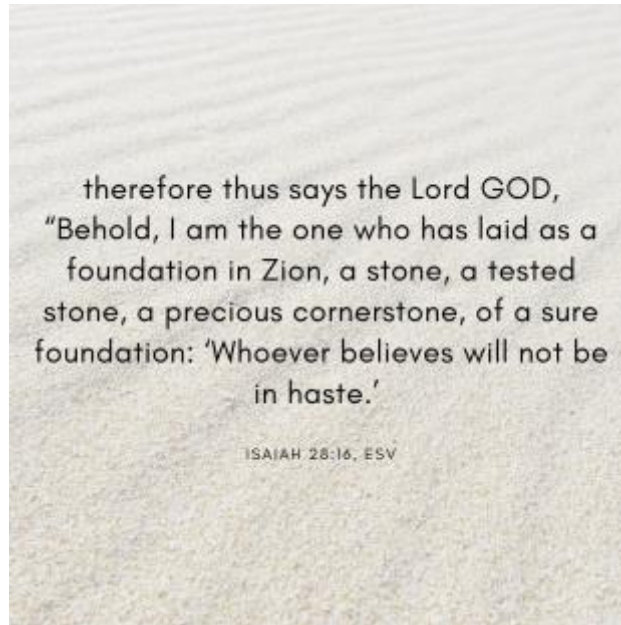
You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the LORD (Leviticus 19:32, ESV).

- Pray for Christians to be wise in showing honor to the elderly, with love and kindness.
- Pray for opportunities for the local church to minister to the needs of elderly Emiratis.
- Pray for elderly Emiratis to be given opportunity to believe in Jesus Christ.



26 - Picture of Emirati elders

Saturday, November 21



27 - Isaiah 28:16, ESV

SALVATION

- Pray for Emiratis to repent from their haste to trust falsehoods for peace, comfort, and satisfaction.
- Pray for them to turn to Jesus Christ, the precious cornerstone, in faith.
- Pray they would be established in Jesus and his teachings, and pray for their inclusion in his church.

Sunday, November 22

CHURCH PLANTING

God is to be praised for the churches that exist in UAE today! At the same time, there are places in the UAE that still do not have a church. Furthermore, there is an absence of particular people groups in the churches of UAE today. Emiratis are one of the UAE people groups that is particularly absent in the local churches.

- Pray for God to provide for new churches, preaching the Gospel in multiple languages (especially Arabic), in every Emirate.
- Pray that every Emirati would have access to a local church in order to hear the Gospel, and to grow in the Gospel if they would believe.
- Pray for new Emirati believers in Jesus Christ to become members of local churches in UAE.

Monday, November 23

UMM AL QUWAIN is the least populated emirate in UAE, however it is notably proud of its geographic location. The name means "Mother of Two Powers" because of its position among the sea (Arab Gulf) and desert.

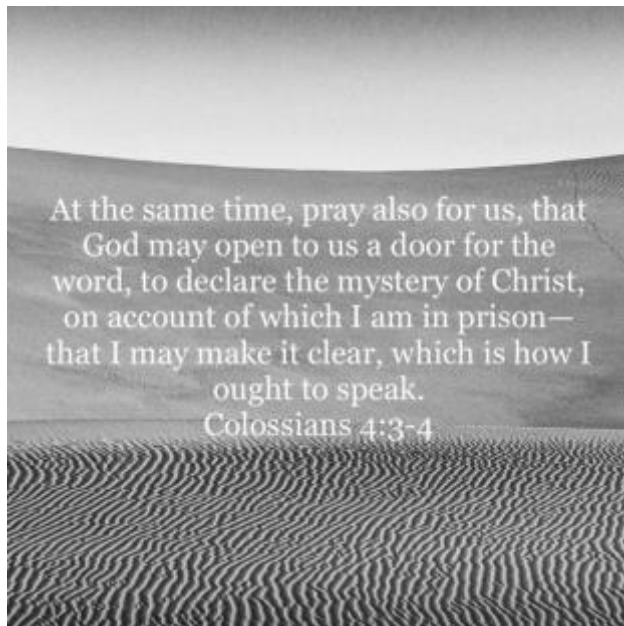
- Pray for bold Christian witness in Umm Al Quwain.
- Pray for the tribes of Umm Al Quwain to hear God's word with open hearts.
- Pray for God to do a great work of salvation in this little known place.

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Tuesday, November 24



29 - Colossians 4:3-4, ESV

BOLD WITNESS is portrayed in the New Testament and continues to be the means of God's plan for Kingdom growth, through faith. Fear easily, and often, prevents Christians from declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ to Muslim friends, colleagues, and neighbors. Threats against bold Christian witness can be both real and exaggerated. However, the need for bold Christian witness in UAE is urgent.

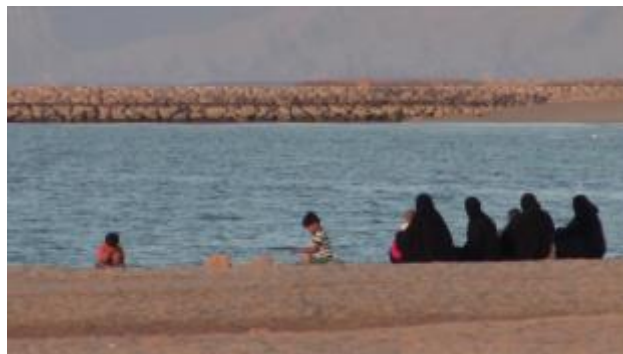
- Pray for opportunities for Christians to proclaim the Gospel.
- Pray for Christians to proclaim the Gospel boldly and clearly.
- Pray for Emirati hearts to be open and receptive to the Gospel proclaimed.

Wednesday, November 25

RAS AL KHAIMAH is an emirate located in the northern part of UAE, near the Strait of Hormuz. The city of Ras Al Khaimah is a beautiful tourist destination, where tourists enjoy the mountains, desert, and beaches. Furthermore, the Emiratis of Ras Al Khaimah are a people who offer incredible hospitality and kindness to their visitors.

- Pray for Christian visitors and residents to be bold and faithful proclaimers of the Gospel in Ras Al Khaimah.
- Pray for God to strengthen the local church in Ras Al Khaimah.
- Pray for God to graciously save Emiratis from Ras Al Khaimah, by faith in Jesus Christ.

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Thursday, November 26

THANKS be to God for his mercy shown toward the people and country of UAE. God has preserved the Emirati people in a harsh environment for centuries, and has provided means for development and security in recent decades. In addition to the abundance of goods now available in UAE, God has provided for the establishment of churches. A number of the local governments have provided land and freedom for Christians to gather together and worship Jesus Christ. This is a remarkable privilege in the Arabian Peninsula worthy of giving thanks to God for his mercy toward His people living in UAE.

- Thank God for his patience toward generations of Emiratis, giving opportunity for repentance and saving faith in Jesus Christ.
- Thank God for faithful Christian witness in UAE over multiple generations.

- Thank God for the churches established in UAE today.
- Thank God for the open doors to declare the Gospel to Emiratis today.



31 - Psalm 107:1, ESV

Friday, November 27

SHUHOOH are a unique Emirati tribe located in the northern mountains of UAE. It is a large tribe that preserves a distinct Arabic dialect and distinct traditions which can be seen at weddings and other festivities. Although they are still recognized as a historically tough people from remote mountain villages, most of them live and work in cities, alongside all other Emiratis, today.

- Pray for Gospel witness among the Shuhoooh.
- Pray for God's gracious work of salvation among the Shuhoooh.

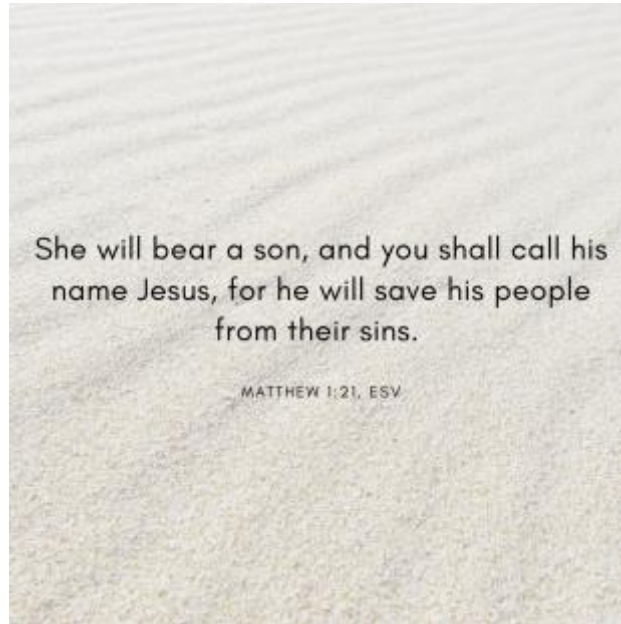
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Saturday, November 28

SALVATION



33 - Matthew 1:21, ESV

- Pray for Emiratis to feel the weight of their sin, and experience conviction of sin according to the Holy Spirit's work.
- Pray they would understand and trust in God's Son, Jesus, for the forgiveness of sins.
- Pray for conversion and new life among the Emirati people.

Sunday, November 29

SOCIAL MEDIA



Emiratis, of all ages, are connected to one another and connected to the rest of the world. 99% of the UAE population are active social media users. Instagram, Twitter, and other social media applications significantly influence the information Emiratis receive everyday. These applications also provide great opportunity for Emiratis to be confronted with the Gospel.

- Pray for Christians to be wise and faithful users of social media for the purposes to providing Gospel news to Emiratis.
- Pray for Emiratis to seek and find news about Jesus through social media.
- Pray for Emiratis and Christians to meet in person for Bible study as a result of Good News conveyed through social media.

Monday, November 30

HOPE

In July of this year, the UAE participated in the successful launch of a mission which will deliver a probe to Mars. The mission was named "Hope". Of course, the Bible teaches us that the only true and lasting hope is offered by God.

For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience (Romans 8:24-25, ESV).

- Pray for Emiratis to repent of the many falsehoods they have placed their hope in.
- Pray for the knowledge of hope offered through Jesus' Christ to be presented to every Emirati person.

- Pray for Emiratis to place their trust in the hope God provides through Jesus Christ alone.



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- Download **Pray4NAME** app from the Apple iOS App store or Google Play store in order to adopt and pray for the people groups, unengaged and engaged, of NAME. Using this simple app, you can adopt up to seven NAME people groups and will be sent daily reminders and prayer requests (for one PG/day).

and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever
