



2022 Qatar Prayer Challenge: Hayya! Welcome!

As the world goes football crazy for one month this year, we would like to ask you to join us in daily prayer over the host nation of the 2022 FIFA World Cup. This year's tournament will be unlike any before due to the unique situation of the tiny Arabian Gulf nation of Qatar. Although it is one of the wealthiest countries on earth, the Qatari people have yet to experience the abundant Spirit-filled life found in Christ.

We want to challenge you during the next month to pray for Qatar.

2022 World Cup Qatar Prayer Challenge:

Whenever you hear about Qatar or the World Cup, please pray one of these prayers for the people of Qatar.

LORD,

- ***...we ask that Muslim men and women in Qatar will recognize Jesus as the "Pearl of Great Price (Mt. 13:46)***
- ***...that You bless Qatar's leaders with wisdom and compassion.***
- ***...that those who work in Qatar will receive justice, mercy, and care.***
- ***...that Christ-followers in Qatar will share God's truth, love, and grace in boldness and power.***
- ***...that You establish Your Church among every people in Qatar and the Arabian Peninsula.***

Is your team participating in the World Cup? On your team's match days, please share the Prayer Challenge with others on social media, via email, or in person!

- You can copy that day's prayer for the people of Qatar to WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. Use the hashtag #QatarPrayerChallenge
- You can print out cards to challenge your church or Bible Study to pray.
- You can encourage your prayer partners to sign up for PTAP emails.

Arab culture is famous for its lavish hospitality, and Qataris are among the most generous hosts in the world. They have literally spared no expense in preparations to put on this World Cup, and the streets of the capital city of Doha are lined with multicolored flags with the word "Hayya!" (Welcome!) written in Arabic and Latin letters.

We pray that as Qataris welcome the world, they would hear the voice of the One who stands at the door and knocks and will welcome Him in! (Rev 3:20)

Over the next few weeks, we will send out a series of emails designed to guide you deeper in prayer as you learn about this distinctive place. Thank you for praying with us!



2022 Qatar Prayer Challenge: Week 1

It begins today, November 20th!

The first match of the 2022 FIFA World Cup will be played between the host country Qatar and Ecuador this evening. Please join us in persistent prayer for the nation of Qatar with the 2022 Qatar Prayer Challenge!

This week we will begin by praying over the World Cup tournament, then pray by speaking God's Word over Qatar. We will end the week by praying over specific groups within Qatari society.

- **Sunday, Nov 20:** Please pray blessings over all the World Cup events, the fans, players, officials, workers, and volunteers. Pray for a safe, secure, and fun competition for all.
- **Monday, Nov 21:** *"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."* (Isaiah 43:19) Qatar is a dry desert land, both geographically and spiritually. Please pray this verse as a blessing over the land and people of Qatar.
- **Tuesday, Nov 22:** *"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."* (Mt 13:45-46) Pearl diving is a centuries-old heritage in Qatar. Pray that Qatari women and men will recognize the value of Christ that surpasses anything this world offers and will abandon all else to follow Him.
- **Wednesday, Nov 23:** *"Some seeds fell along the path... Others fell on the rocky ground... Others among thorns... Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain"* (Mt 13:3-8) The ground in Qatar is a fine, powdery dust scattered with rocks and thorns—not ideal for gardening! Pray that as we intercede for Qatar, the Holy Spirit will clear the spiritual rocks and thorns so that the seeds of the gospel will sprout and thrive in this place.
- **Thursday, Nov 24:** Please pray for Qatari men to hear the good news of the kingdom of God as blessing. Ask boldly that Qatari men will come to saving faith in Christ and will humbly and powerfully lead their families and friends to the Lord.
- **Friday, Nov 25:** Please pray for Qatari women to hear the good news of the kingdom of God as a blessing. Ask boldly that Qatari women will experience the freedom and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives and will become agents of truth and peace in their families and communities.
- **Saturday, Nov 26:** Please pray for Qatari children and youth to hear the good news of the kingdom of God as a blessing. Ask boldly that they will become captivated by the example, the character, and the power of Jesus, and will follow Him with a simple faith that overcomes any challenge.



2022 Qatar Prayer Challenge: Week 2

The first week of World Cup matches has produced some amazing moments of athleticism, and anticipation is only growing as we continue into the second week of the Group Round!

This week please join us as we begin by praying for the leaders of Qatar and continue by praying for the churches of Qatar.

- **Sunday, Nov 27:** Please pray blessings over the Amir (monarch) of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. Pray that the Lord will grant him supernatural wisdom and compassion to govern with equity and justice. Pray that he and his family will recognize Jesus as King of all kings.
- **Monday, Nov 28:** Over the past 50 years, Qatar has worked hard to develop into an incredibly modern state without losing its tribal heritage and traditions. Tribal considerations are equally important in social affairs as they are in political concerns. Please pray that the Lord will bless Qatari tribal and political leaders with wisdom to exercise justice and peace. Pray for tribal leaders to come to saving faith in Christ and to lead many others to the Lord.
- **Tuesday, Nov 29:** People from around the world come to Qatar to earn a better salary. Foreign laborers comprise a majority of Qatar's population: people from South and Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Some work in very tough conditions and experience difficult restrictions or mistreatment. Please pray the Lord's blessings of mercy and justice will cover these workers.
- **Wednesday, Nov 30:** In addition to migrant workers, many skilled professionals from around the world are attracted to Qatar due to higher salaries and a family-friendly work/life balance. Please pray today that God will send out Spirit-filled, Christ-following professionals from your nation with a bold passion to live out God's blessings of love and grace among the nations in Qatar.
- **Thursday, Dec 1:** In 2005, the Qatari government designated a large plot of land south of Doha as the Religious Complex, where expat communities could build churches. Today it houses many congregations, including buildings for Catholic, Anglican, Coptic, Orthodox, and Indian Interdenominational churches, with many smaller fellowships using these buildings during the week. Please pray that the Spirit of unity will enable these diverse groups to clearly display their love for Christ as they love and bless one another (Jn 13:34).
- **Friday, Dec 2:** Friday is the first day of the weekend in Qatar and is the day most expat churches meet for worship. Please pray that the Lord strengthen His Bride in Qatar. Pray for Spirit-filled worship, bold proclamation of the Gospel, loving fellowship, compassionate ministry, and committed discipleship in the churches of Qatar. Pray that Christ-followers in Qatar live out their calling to be a blessing to all the peoples of the earth (Gen 12:3).
- **Saturday, Dec 3:** In addition to the two main international Evangelical churches, there are more than 50 smaller congregations in Qatar. Many of these smaller fellowships serve foreign believers from a particular language or ethnic group. Please pray that the Gospel will be proclaimed boldly and accepted widely to bless all the people groups in Qatar.



2022 Qatar Prayer Challenge: Week 3

Excitement is growing as we enter the Round of 16 for the 2022 FIFA World Cup! Quarter-final matches are scheduled for later this week!

This week we will pray God's blessings over specific places in Qatar and end by praying blessings over new Christ-followers in Qatar.

- **Sunday, Dec 4:** Qatar's wealth is primarily due to its share of the North Field, the world's largest deposit of natural gas. The northern areas of Al Shamal (literally "The North") and Al Khor are focused on the extraction, liquefaction, and export of natural gas. Al Khor is home to Al Bayt Stadium, constructed to imitate a traditional Bedouin tent. One of today's matches will be played in Al Bayt Stadium. Please pray God's blessings over the areas of Ruwais, Fuwairit, Al Khor, and Dhakhira.
- **Monday, Dec 5:** Al Wakra is an old pearling and fishing village south of Doha. It is home to Al Janoub Stadium (literally "The South"), built to imitate the underside of a traditional dhow boat, the typical Arab sailing vessel used in the region. One of today's matches will be played in Al Janoub Stadium. Located further south you will find Qatar's major industrial port, posh beach resorts, and then a great expanse of billowing sand dunes stretching to the Saudi border. Please pray blessings over the areas of Al Wakra, Mesaieed, Al Wukair, Sealine, and the Inland Sea.
- **Tuesday, Dec 6:** The area just north of Doha is comprised of the small municipalities of Umm Salal and Al Daayen, which includes the planned city of Lusail. Lusail has an ultra-modern skyline with some of the most unique architecture in the world, as well as Lusail Stadium, which will host the World Cup Final. One of today's matches will be played in Lusail Stadium. Please pray God's blessings over the areas of Lusail, Rawdat Al Hamama, Umm Qarn, and Umm Salal Ali.
- **Wednesday, Dec 7:** The central area of Qatar is a flat, dusty desert dotted with few villages. The main town, located about 30 km west of Doha, is Al Shehanyah, with its huge camel-racing track. On the sparsely populated west coast is the town of Dukhan, where oil was first discovered in Qatar in 1935. North of Dukhan is the large Al Reem BioReserve, home to the Arabian Oryx, national animal of Qatar. Please pray God's blessings over the areas of Al Shehanyah, Dukhan, Umm Bab, and Al Reem.
- **Thursday, Dec 8:** Al Rayyan is a major suburb of Doha that includes the Education City university campus, Aspire Sports Zone, and the Mall of Qatar in the district of Al Wajbah. Each of these three areas boasts its own World Cup stadium. The area of Al Rayyan also includes the districts of Bani Hajer, primarily a residential area, and Mesaimeer, which hosts the Religious Complex. Away from Doha, the Municipality of Al Rayyan stretches 90 km southwest to the border town of Abu Samra, the only border crossing to Saudi Arabia. Please pray God's blessings over the areas of Al Rayyan, Education City, Al Wajbah, Bani Hajer, Mesaimeer, and Abu Samra.
- **Friday, Dec 9:** Doha is the capital city and the beating heart of Qatar. The "Old City" of Al Bidda is home to Souq Waqif market, the Amir's palace, and "Stadium 974," which was built using shipping containers to be dismantled after the World Cup. To the north lies the impressive skyline of West Bay, the embassy district of Al Dafna, Qatar University, and the artificial island

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named “The Pearl.” To the south is the area of Al Thumama and its stadium. Southeast of the city is the “Industrial Area” where many foreign laborers are housed. Please pray God’s blessings over the areas of Doha, Al Bidda, West Bay, Al Dafna, QU, The Pearl, Al Thumama, and the Industrial Area.

- **Saturday, Dec 10:** New Christ-followers in Qatar can face different types of opposition. Please pray they will know the comfort and power of the Holy Spirit, the support and love of the Body of Christ, and the depth of wisdom and knowledge of the Scriptures. Ask that they will have effective and consistent discipleship from mature believers. Pray God’s protection over them in persecution, that they will be *“wise as serpents and innocent as doves”* (Mt. 10:16).





2022 Qatar Prayer Challenge: Semifinals Week

Just as each team in this week's Semifinal, 3rd place, and Final matches will strive for each goal to win the golden trophy, we will continue to strive in prayer for the nation of Qatar with the 2022 Qatar Prayer Challenge!

This week we will pray for specific needs in Qatar.

- **Sunday, Dec 11:** *"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven... With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* (Mt 19:24, 26) Please pray against a spirit of materialism and empty worship of wealth in Qatar. Pray that the people of Qatar will begin to see their own "poverty in spirit" (Mt 5:3) and recognize their need for a personal connection to God through Christ.
- **Monday, Dec 12:** The import and sale of Bibles is restricted in Qatar. Please pray for the good news of God's Word to become easily accessible by all in Qatar through all means possible: online, print, audio, video, music, social media, etc.
- **Tuesday, Dec 13:** *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."* (Mt 5:6) Please pray for the people of Qatar to gain a deep desire for God's true righteousness, both spiritually and practically. *"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."* (Rom 10:4)
- **Wednesday, Dec 14:** *"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."* (Acts 16:31) Please pray that God will raise up entire families of faith in Christ among the people of Qatar. Pray that single Christ-followers who seek marriage can find believing spouses and raise any children to know and love Jesus. Pray that family elders and tribal leaders will come to faith in Christ and lead many others to salvation.
- **Thursday, Dec 15:** *"Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."* (Mt 9:38) Please pray God will send bold, Spirit-filled marketplace workers to His harvest in Qatar: nurses and nannies, pilots and petroleum engineers, teachers and truck drivers, both professionals and laborers.
- **Friday, Dec 16:** *"Walk in wisdom... Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."* (Col 4:5-6) Please pray that Christ-followers in Qatar will share the good news of the Kingdom with boldness, wisdom, and grace.
- **Saturday, Dec 17:** *"Stretch out your hand to heal and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."* (Acts 4:31) Ask that God will perform miraculous healings, signs, and wonders to glorify Christ in Qatar. *"I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream."* (Numbers 12:6) Please pray that the Holy Spirit will give people in Qatar dreams and visions of Christ that reveal Him as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.



2022 Qatar Prayer Challenge: Dec 18—Final Match!

Thank you so much for persisting with us in prayer for Qatar during this month of the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Whichever team wins the Final Match today, we can be certain of one thing:

“The prayer of a righteous person has great power! Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain.” (James 5:16-18)

In addition to being the World Cup Final, **December 18th** is also Qatar National Day, a celebration of patriotism and pride for all in Qatar.

Today we pray a simple prayer of blessing:

Lord Jesus, establish Your Church among every ethnic group in Qatar and the entire Arabian Peninsula, to the glory of Your name and the good of all people.

We hope you will continue to pray for Qatar in the weeks and months to come. You can find more prayer resources about Qatar and the rest of the Arabian Peninsula at www.pray-ap.info.

