

Praying for The United Arab Emirates for One Hour

We come to God, who is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, our Father, who desires us to seek Him in prayer.

This Hour of Prayer is intended to be an aid and a guide, not a rigid structure, so be open to God leading as you pray.

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Preparation

00 – 05 minutes past the hour

Begin by praising God, worshipping Him and confessing sin so that you are free from condemnation as you pray.

He is the almighty God, Creator of the universe.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD. (Psalm 150:2,6)

He is worthy of worship by all creation.

Worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. (Psalm 96:9)

If we have unforgiven sin our prayer cannot be heard.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me. (Psalm 66:18)

Confess your sin and receive forgiveness.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Proclaim your confidence in Him.

The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

Acknowledge His faithfulness and capacity to answer our prayer.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask *anything according to his will*, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—*whatever we ask*—we know that we have what we asked of him. (1 John 5:14-15)

Thanksgiving

05 – 10 minutes past the hour

Give thanks to God for past answers to prayer and the many blessings He has given to us (Jesus' death and resurrection, our salvation, our families, daily provisions, etc.)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)

Listening

10 – 15 minutes past the hour

Recognise that, as Jesus sought to listen to the Father, we need to do so much more.

After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. (1 Kings 19:12)

Pray for the nation and its leaders

15 – 20 minutes past the hour

We are to pray firstly for our leaders. The Rulers of each of the Emirates are listed on the right. Pray for each by name, for wise and Godly advisors to support them in

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority. (1 Timothy 2:1)

Abu Dhabi: Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Dubai: Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

ruling and governing the nation and all its people. Pray for their protection and for God's deepest blessing for them and their families.

Sharjah: Sheikh Sultan bin Mo-hamed Al-Qasimi
Fujairah: Sheikh Hamad bin Mo-hammed Al Sharqi
Ras Al Khaimah: Sheikh Saud bin Saqr al Qasimi
Ajman: Sheikh Humaid bin Rashid Al Nuaimi
Umm Al Qiyayn: Sheikh Saud bin Rashid Al Mu'alla

People of the United Arab Emirates

15 – 20 minutes past the hour

Pray for the peoples of each of the 7 Emirates: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Fujairah, Ras Al Khaimah, Ajman and Umm Al Qiyayn.

That your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. (Psalms 67:2)

Pray for people to see the light of the glory of Jesus, from encounters with foreign believers, and through dreams and visions, so that their spiritual eyes would be opened.

The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Emirati followers of Jesus

20 – 25 minutes past the hour

Pray for local believers to desire and find fellowship with other Emiratis.

And let us consider how to stir up one another ... not neglecting to meet together ... but encouraging one another. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Pray that they will have a passion to reach their families and friends.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (1 Peter 3:15)

Pray that they will be able to endure suffering, and to stand, so their testimony will be heard and received.

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. (2 Timothy 3:12)

Employees, drivers and maids

30 – 35 minutes past the hour

Pray for all Christians in the workplace (private homes, government and private sector) that they would exhibit the love of God and have opportunities to proclaim the Good News.

Pray for Christian drivers and maids who have access to many households and families, that they may be given words to speak.

A lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces. (Proverbs 30:28)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. (Ephesians 6:19)

Media / internet / newspapers / social networks

35 – 40 minutes past the hour

Mention each medium individually.

Pray for Christian influences through social media.

Pray for Christian media to saturate this area and to arouse in people a desire to find the truth.

Pray for opportunities to read God's word and hear testimonies on the internet.

Pray for the Word of God to reach people through all these channels, and that the Holy Spirit would move many to respond.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. (Philippians 4:8)

Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. (Galatians 6:8)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the

Pray for wisdom and sensitivity for those who follow up.

thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

Areas of authority and influence

40 – 45 minutes past the hour

Pray for the religious leaders in UAE, for Damascus road experiences.

Pray for an Arab "Paul" who encounters Jesus and becomes a leader, teacher and guide for many others.

Pray for judges & magistrates, tribal rulers and elders that they will become dissatisfied and disillusioned with law and begin to search for how hearts and lives can be changed.

Pray for extraordinary manifestations of God (revelations, dreams and visions).

Body of Christ

45 – 50 minutes past the hour

As we pray for the nation we focus on the Body of Christ in the nation. God has shaped history through His people, and through His Church shapes the history of the nations.

Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in revival power to come upon expatriate churches in UAE.

Pray for a stirring, shaking, and changing His people from apathy, lukewarmness and self-promotion to a repentant, humble, fervently praying and praising people.

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." (Acts 9:5-6)

LORD our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone do we honour. (Isaiah 26:13)

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:32)

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? (Psalm 85:6)

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down. For when you did awesome things ... the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1a,3)

Ask the Lord to raise up, a force of men and women like Barnabas to encourage the church to fulfil her mission (Acts 9:26-30) here in the UAE.

Pray for unity in the Body of Christ in UAE, upon which God's promise "that the world may believe" is conditional.

Outreach

50 – 55 minutes past the hour

Pray for believers to be led to sow the seed of the Gospel among those who are "good soil".

Pray for outreach to labour camps and women's safe houses.

Pray for more missionaries, especially those fluent in Arabic, to be sent to all cities and districts.

That they may be one - I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:22-23)

Jesus came to seek and save the lost. (Luke 19:10)

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. (John 4:35)

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. (Matt 9:38)

Declaration / worship / thanks

55 – 60 minutes past the hour

Proclaim God's Word over the country as you are led by Holy Spirit.

Finish by worshiping and thanking God that He has heard your pray, knowing that He is faithful to his promises.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth [includes UAE] as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7)