

# 30 Days of Prayer for Muslims

27 May to 25 June 2017

While Muslims fast and pray during Ramadan Christians around the world pray for them and often God does miracles. Come and join in prayer for these people whom God loves so deeply that He gave his Son for them.

## Islam in South Africa

After apartheid many Muslims came to South Africa. It is estimated that Islam is the largest religion **of conversion** in South Africa. Islam grew sixfold in thirteen years, during the time from 1991 to 2004. According to Michael Mumisa, a researcher and writer on African Islam, there has been an increase in the number of black South Africans converting to Islam particularly among the women and the youth.

Muslims are energetically spreading the message of the Qur'an. The goal of the Africa Islamic Propagation Centre is amongst others: "Spreading the universal message of Islam to every household in South Africa." Some civic organizations such as the MYMSA and the Call of Islam work to weave Islam into the social fabric of South Africa as an important way of making the Muslims' presence conspicuous.



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## Masjids / Islamic Centres in South Africa (Muslim Directory 19 Oct 2016)



### Provinces

Eastern Cape (36)  
Free State (14),  
Gauteng (19)  
KwaZulu-Natal (78)  
Limpopo (17)  
North West (22)  
Northern Cape (17)  
Western Cape (194)

In South Africa Islam succeeds in making itself known in the community. During the month of Ramadan, many retail stores, radio stations (public and private), publications and organisations send messages of goodwill to the local Muslim community.

Financial services providers such as First National Bank, ABSA bank, Standard Bank and Nedbank offer Sharia compliant financial solutions and banking products.

Many products in shops are marked Halaal, meaning they have been prepared according to Muslim food laws.

A number of members of parliament and councillors in the provinces are Muslim.

South Africa also has numerous Dar al-Ulums (institutes for higher Islamic learning.) These



Islamic University in Lenasia with about 700 undergraduates and 600 postgraduates

institutes attract students from around the world. At the Islamic university in Lenasia Johannesburg for example most of the students are African. Students come from countries like Mozambique, Sierra Leone and Zambia. In total, the Darul Uloom had students from about 40 countries.

South Africa is one of the few Muslim minority countries in the world which

is considering the implementation of Muslim Personal Law or Muslim Family Law.

## Prayer

- During Ramadan, let us pray for Muslims, that as they seek to honour God they will come to know the One who said: "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life."
- Let us pray specifically for those individuals or families whom we meet or know, that they will meet God who loves them deeply.
- Let us pray for the large numbers of Muslims who are coming into South Africa from other African and Eastern countries, that their coming here will allow us to reach them for Christ.
- Let us pray for more workers in the harvest.
- In some Southern African countries Muslims are quite a large part of the population. In Malawi they are approximately 13% of the overall population and in Mozambique 18%. Let us pray for Muslims in the countries of Southern Africa that there will be a breakthrough of the Gospel among them.