



Daily prayers for China's Silk Road

Month of Ramadan 5th May – 5th June 2019

100 million people live in China's Silk Road regions. A quarter of them are traditionally Muslim. Will you pray with us, for China's Silk Road to be blessed by the abundant love of God?

Time and Money

A community's use of time and money shows what is most important to them. This month, as we pray about issues of time and money, we will be praying God's grace into the places where people need it the most.

Day 1 Sunday May 5th

Ramadan starts this evening. In Silk Road communities, some people will invest their time in fasting, prayer and reciting the Qur'an. *Pray that the God of the Bible will meet people on China's Silk Road during the month of Ramadan.*

Week 1: Time and Money at Work

Day 2 Monday May 6th

For those who fast, the first days of Ramadan are difficult. *Pray for people to be patient and kind with each other at work during Ramadan.*

Day 3 Tuesday May 7th

The Silk Road areas of China have been developing very quickly over the past decade. *Praise God for rapid development, and the benefits it has brought to Silk Road families.*

Day 4 Wednesday May 8th

Honor is very important in Silk Road society. *Pray that Silk Road people will try to use their business decisions to bless their community, and not only pursue personal honor.*

Day 5 Thursday May 9th

On the Silk Road, a boss has both authority and responsibility for his employees' lives. *Pray that Silk Road business owners will use their authority well, to bless to their employees.*

Day 6 Friday May 10th

As Silk Road areas develop so rapidly, many small businesses are being left behind. *Pray that God will give business owners the wisdom and support they need to adapt to today's China.*

Day 7 Saturday May 11th

On China's Silk Road, most families rely on money as their security against medical, financial or relational troubles. *Pray for Silk Road people to find an even deeper peace and security than money can provide.*

Day 8 Sunday May 12th

Mandarin Chinese is the national language in China, but many from ethnic minorities don't speak it fluently. *Pray for good work opportunities for those who do not speak the national language well.*

Week 2: Time and Money in Families

Day 9 Monday May 13th

Those who sacrifice time and resources for their family are honoured. *Praise God for sacrificial family values on China's Silk Road.*

Day 10 Tuesday May 14th

Many parents travel to other cities to find work. *Pray for these parents to relate well to their children, by calling or visiting regularly.*

Day 11 Wednesday May 15th

Elderly parents usually live with their children and grandchildren. *Ask God to bless family relationships as generations live together.*

Day 12 Thursday May 16th

Distance, language and finances can prevent people accessing healthcare. *Pray for those working to make healthcare more accessible.*

Day 13 Friday May 17th

"My son has never in his life said sorry to anyone. Neither has his father," said a friend. *Pray that God will bring forgiveness to China's Silk Road, and heal broken family relationships.*

Day 14 Saturday May 18th

Most Silk Road people work long hours, and have little time to spend with family. *Pray for them to find a healthy work-life balance.*

Day 15 Sunday May 19th

"Our divorce was last year, my son shouldn't be sad anymore." Practicalities are often emphasised over relational needs. *Ask God to be close to those who feel misunderstood.*

Week 3: Time and Money in Study

Day 16 Monday May 20th

Schools and universities have been expanding in China's Silk Road areas. *Praise God for the growing resources for high level study.*

Day 17 Tuesday May 21st

In China, entry to a good school, or a good university, depends on getting good grades in exams. *Pray that God will give hope to students who struggle with the pressure of exams.*

Day 18 Wednesday May 22nd

"I can't read the teacher's text messages. I don't know what my child's homework is." *Pray for good communication between schools and Silk Road parents who have a low level of education.*

Day 19 Thursday May 23rd

In Silk Road areas there often aren't enough good jobs for all the young college graduates. *Pray for young graduates to find jobs, even if they don't get to make use of their degree.*

Day 20 Friday May 24th

Most education in China is delivered in Mandarin Chinese. Many ethnic minority young people can't read their traditional language. *Pray for ethnic minority young people on China's Silk Road to find a balance between their ethnic heritage and their Chinese identity.*

Day 21 Saturday May 25th

Unity in political thought is an important value for schools and universities. *Pray that, in their political studies, students will learn good ways to bless China's Silk Road regions.*

Day 22 Sunday May 26th

As China's Silk Road urbanises, rural schools struggle to find and keep good teachers. *Pray for teachers to be willing to serve children in rural areas, even when this means personal sacrifice.*

Week 4: Time and Money in Traditions

Day 23 Monday May 27th

Silk Road communities have a rich heritage of cultural traditions and wisdom. *Praise God for the beauty of this cultural tapestry.*

Day 24 Tuesday May 28th

In this generation, fasting and public worship during Ramadan are not so common. *Pray for Silk Road people as they adapt to today's society.*

Day 25 Wednesday May 29th

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice...?" Isaiah 58:6 *Pray that God will bring compassion and wisdom to Government officials who are responsible for justice in their districts.*

Day 26 Thursday May 30th

As well as fasting, Ramadan is traditionally a time for religious devotion and pure living. *Pray that people will hear about Jesus' teachings on purity and devotion.*

Day 27 Friday May 31st

Muslim communities mark tonight as the "Night of Power", when prayers are believed to be particularly powerful. *Pray for China's Silk Road tonight, that the Holy Spirit will reveal the power of God.*

Day 28 Saturday June 1st

If one person has a financial need, others will give generously to support them. Later, the person will repay their debt. *Thank God for this tradition, and the compassion it represents.*

Day 29 Sunday June 2nd

In today's China, national identity is taking precedence over ethnic identity. *Pray that God will help Silk Road people to balance their ethnic identity and their Chinese national identity.*

Day 30 Monday June 3rd

During Ramadan the morning meal is prepared and eaten before sunrise. *Pray for God to give patience today to tired people.*

Day 31 Tuesday June 4th

China's Silk Road people will have a "breaking the fast" feast tonight to celebrate the end of Ramadan. *Pray that God will bless relationships as families spend time together this evening.*

Day 32 Wednesday June 5th

Today is the "KaiZhaiJie" Festival. Men worship at the mosque, then feast with their family. *Pray for conversations to turn to the joy Jesus brings. May each of us have opportunities today to talk about the joy that Jesus brings to us.*

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." 1 Timothy 1:17

Thank you for blessing China's Silk Road through persevering prayer.

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