



Daily prayers for China's Silk Road

Month of Ramadan 23rd April - 23rd May 2020

100 million people live in China's Silk Road regions. 25 million of them are traditionally Muslim. Will you pray with us, for China's Silk Road to be blessed by the abundant love of God?

Psalm 23

Our Lord is our shepherd. He cares for us, giving us rest, protection and great hope. Can you join us this month, praying that God will share these same blessings with the diverse communities of China's Silk Road?

Day 1 Thursday April 23rd

Ramadan starts this evening. For Silk Road communities, Ramadan is traditionally a time of dedication to spiritual rituals. *Pray that God will meet people on China's Silk Road during the month of Ramadan.*

Week 1: "The Lord is my Shepherd"

Day 2 Friday April 24th

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing." Praise Jesus for loving us. *Pray for Silk Road communities to hear how Jesus cares for us all.*

Day 3 Saturday April 25th

Fasting during Ramadan is discouraged by officials, but some still hold to their traditions. *Pray for people to make wise decisions about fasting, and be gracious with one another.*

Day 4 Sunday April 26th

Kazak and Kyrgyz people are traditionally nomadic herders. *Praise God that these people have a deep understanding of how a shepherd cares for his flock.*

Day 5 Monday April 27th

China's Silk Road has been changing rapidly in recent years. This year's COVID-19 outbreak has also impacted the region. *Pray for Silk Road authorities. May God give guidance as they lead their people through unfamiliar times.*

Day 6 Tuesday April 28th

Silk Road leaders show their authority through top-down decisions. They often struggle to listen to the ideas of subordinates. *Pray for leaders to learn about the humble, yet strong leadership of Jesus, the Shepherd-King.*

Day 7 Wednesday April 29th

Unity of political thought is very important in China in this generation. *Pray for wisdom and grace for Christians who are unsure how to honor and worship God in this context.*

Day 8 Thursday April 30th

On China's Silk Road, "lacking nothing" is usually interpreted as health or financial security. *Pray for Silk Road people to hear about an even deeper peace and security.*

Week 2: "In Green Pastures"

Day 9 Friday May 1st

Today is celebrated as Labor day in China. *Thank God for traditions of hard work in China's Silk Road regions. Pray for rest and refreshment.*

Day 10 Saturday May 2nd

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

Day 11 Sunday May 3rd

The 9-9-6 work week is common in China. Employees work 9am until 9pm, six days per week (72 hrs). *May God give rest to tired people.*

Day 12 Monday May 4th

Many parents travel long distances to find work. *Pray that God will give time for these parents to rest, and reconnect with their children.*

Day 13 Tuesday May 5th

Competition for school places is very intense. Secondary school students routinely spend over 70 hours a week on study. *Ask God to give deep soul refreshment to exhausted students.*

Day 14 Wednesday May 6th

"He guides me along the right paths." Psalm 23:3. Muslims also pray to be guided along the right paths. *Pray for God to give his guidance.*

Day 15 Thursday May 7th

"...for his name's sake." Psalm 23:3 There is decreasing space in Silk Road society for Christian faith or worship. *Pray for God to honor his name, and lead his people.*

Week 3: “The darkest valley”

Day 16 Friday May 8th

We follow a God who promises to be with us even in our darkest valleys. *Praise God for his everlasting love: for us, and for China’s Silk Road.*

Day 17 Saturday May 9th

China’s Belt and Road initiative has brought rapid development to Silk Road areas. Some industries are booming, but others are failing. *Ask God to help struggling business owners, particularly those affected by COVID-19.*

Day 18 Sunday May 10th

“I will fear no evil, for you are with me.” New anti-terror measures have changed the lives of many people in Silk Road areas. *Pray for those who are struggling. May God’s presence be with them, and his care for them be tangible.*

Day 19 Monday May 11th

China’s Silk Road is a tapestry of different ethnic groups, each with a different worldview and traditions. *Pray for government leaders to lead with justice, and work against the natural fear of people who are different.*

Day 20 Tuesday May 12th

There are few Christians in Silk Road regions. They easily feel afraid, or alone. *Pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort and encourage them.*

Day 21 Wednesday May 13th

Many families have been divided because they have to work or study in distant provinces. *Pray for children who feel alone or uncared for. May God provide for their needs.*

Day 22 Thursday May 14th

As China’s Silk Road develops, more attention is being given to environmental protection. *Pray for those working to protect the pastures and valleys of this region. May God guide them.*

Week 4: “My Cup Overflows”

Day 23 Friday May 15th

God loves to bless his people. Even though we may suffer on earth, God’s promise of feasting and honor in heaven is secure. *Thank God for this certain hope, for us and for the Silk Road.*

Day 24 Saturday May 16th

Silk Road communities have a rich heritage of hospitality. A guest is lavished with the finest delicacies. *Thank you, God, for this cultural heritage, which reflects your generosity.*

Day 25 Sunday May 17th

“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 leaders who supervise justice in their districts.*

Day 26 Monday May 18th

Silk Road people strongly desire the respect and honor of their neighbors and community. *Pray for people to find honor in moral and spiritual strength, rather than material wealth.*

Day 27 Tuesday May 19th

Muslim communities mark tonight as the “Night of Power”. Many worshippers will spend the entire night in prayer. *Pray for China’s Silk Road tonight, that the Holy Spirit will reveal the power of God.*

Day 28 Wednesday May 20th

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 29 Thursday May 21st

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

Day 30 Friday May 22nd

There can be severe misunderstanding and animosity between different ethnicities. *Pray for reconciliation and healing.*

Day 31 Saturday May 23rd

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 Sunday May 24th

Today is the “KaiZhaiJie” Festival. Some men will worship at the mosque. Most families will feast together. *Pray for conversations in China, and in our own lives, about the joy Jesus brings.*



“Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.”

Psalm 23:6

Thank you for joining us in this adventure of prayer through Ramadan.

What’s next? Is God challenging you to become a part of his plan of grace for China’s Silk Road?

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