

What is Islam?

Islam means submission to God. A Muslim is someone who follows the teaching of Islam. They worship one God, whom they call Allah, and believe that Mohammed is their prophet. (Mohammed was a man who lived from AD 570 - 632.) Muslims believe that God will judge each person by how many good things and how many bad things they have done. There are five things that they must do to be good Muslims, but even doing these does not mean they automatically go to heaven.

1. Recite the creed: "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet."
2. Pray five times a day at certain times.
3. Give to the poor.
4. Fast during the holy month of Ramadan.
5. Make the pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

What is Ramadan?

Ramadan is a special month of prayer and fasting for Muslims. Muslims are not supposed to eat or drink from sunrise to sunset. We chose Ramadan for the 30 Days Prayer Focus because during that month many people who are normally not so devout will become much more serious about their faith. It is a month when Muslims hope that Allah will hear their prayers more than usual.

As we pray together with other Christians around the world during these 30 days, we hope that God will give us all a heart full of faith and love for Muslim people. Let's believe that God will indeed show Himself to Muslims during these days!

-The Editors



PS. Participants in "30 Days" should not criticize Muslims. We are told by God to love all men, women and children.