

AUGUST 2020

Dear Prayer Warriors - Welcome to August! As a world, we wait with anticipation to see what this month will bring us and we hope that, as you march along with us during this historical time, these daily prayer points will be grounding and will draw you into a deeper abiding in Christ.



So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. Genesis 22:14

1. Eid al-Adha, or Tabaski as it is known in Niger, began Friday, July 31 and continues through August 2. Yesterday, our WhatsApp was full of images of sheep that were sacrificed in honor of this holiday, which commemorates the faithfulness of God in providing a sacrifice to Abraham in place of his son. We discovered our first year in Niger that the story of Abraham journeying to sacrifice his son is common between the Bible and the Quran. As Christians, we believe that Isaac was the son. Although the Quran does not specify which son was to be sacrificed, Muslims in general accept that it was Ishmael. [This little video quotes the Quran telling of this story. In the video, "we" is God, or perhaps angels.](#) **Pray that tonight dreams are filled with visions and explanation of the faithfulness of God through Christ.**
2. As Tabaski continues today with visits from house-to-house to share the meat from Friday's sacrifices, **pray that those who have chosen to follow Christ will have boldness in sharing what they are learning.**
3. The airport in Niger opened on August 1 with restrictions. **Pray that new spread of coronavirus does not result.**
4. **Pray that good health continues to reign in our little corner of Niger.**
5. **Pray that the rains are sufficient**, but not excessive, to provide good crops in a few months.
6. **Pray that homes and schools in the North are able to withstand this year's rainy season.**
7. **Pray against malaria in Niger.** As rainy season ramps up, so does the frequency of malaria infections.
8. **Pray for health and safety of our friends who are further North**, looking for gold and other avenues of income during this economically disastrous time.
9. **Pray that these same people would continue to grow in their understanding of Christ and interest in sharing with others.**
10. **Pray for Adrian and Leah.** There continue to be significant difficulties in this relationship.
11. As international travel opens up, **pray for wisdom among our people who normally travel to Europe during these months** as to whether or not they should go this year.

12. **Praise God that, regardless of the goings-on in the world, He is faithful and that the Word, Jesus Christ, was revealed to us in flesh.**
13. **Pray that we are able to continue sharing our lives in Christ with the Kel Awey** people and that they would be sensitive to the **Holy Spirit's guidance** regarding being the church in their context.
14. **Pray for the global church, that we would seize every opportunity to love God and love our neighbors.**
15. **Pray for the continued translation of the Old Testament into Tamajaq*.**
16. **Pray for safe travels and good transition, as this coming week Carrie will be taking Derrick to University of Idaho** in anticipation of Fall semester beginning August 24.
17. **Pray for Sean, as he heads into the final 2 weeks of his current seminary courses:** Old Testament and Modern Day Missions.
18. **Praise God that our home in Niger is weathering the rains well!** No leaks as of yet! This, indeed, is great news and we continue to be extremely thankful for the gift that this home is.
19. Being part of a nomadic people group always brings the opportunity for you to pray for travelers. At the time of writing this prayer list, we have news that many of our clan are beginning to travel around West Africa again. **Pray for safety, health, and opportunities to find work and/or sell the jewelry and stone sculptures.**
20. **Praise for God's movement in Northern Africa** and pray that the winds of the Spirit will blow over the Sahel and Sahara without hindrance.
21. Pray for the Islamists, that one-by-one they would accept Christ as their Lord.
22. Pray for the health of the babies who were born earlier this summer.
23. **Praise that we have been able to sell a good deal of the jewelry** that we brought with us and that this is **providing income for our clan.**
24. **Pray for our guard, Aghali, his wife and baby.**
25. **Pray for health, travel safety, and energy for us** as we engage face-to-face with many of you in the coming weeks. We are thankful for the opportunities to see you.
26. Carrie is working (slowly) with the village to guide them in selecting a committee to spearhead their desired **maternal/child community health program.** **Pray that wisdom guides the selection of this team.**
27. Bible camps have been delayed until 2021. **Pray that Sean is enlightened with ideas to suggest to the Tamajaq* Bible Camp Nigerien team** for keeping the scattered believers engaged in spiritual growth.
28. We are submitting a proposal for a grant to build a wall around the "Eglise Kola" property. Award of the grant is a long-shot, but we felt that we ought to at least try. **Pray that this grant is granted so that the property can begin to be used as the people desire -- providing a place to learn about Jesus! :)**
29. **Pray for Owen** and his upcoming year as a teacher in Niger and pending marriage.

30. **Pray that we are able to always clearly communicate the gospel** and that we continue to have opportunities to **Show Up. Drink Tea. Talk Jesus.**
31. **Pray for our perseverance in continuing to share the gospel from a distance,** regardless of how long we end up being in America.

We praise God for you and your commitment to pray for us and the Tamajeq* people.
Humbly,
Sean & Carrie

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* Have you ever noticed how sometimes we spell it TamajAq and sometimes we spell it TamajEq? This is actually intentional. Spelled with an "A", Tamajaq refers to those specifically from the Tahoua region and who speak the Tawallammet dialect. This spelling is also used to refer to the umbrella "Tamajaq" people group. We use the "E" spelling to specify those from further North, and generally those who speak the Tayirt dialects.

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