



## ANTI-RAMADAN PRAYER MOVEMENT

### ✚ WHAT IS RAMADAN?

*Ramadan* or *Ramadhan* is the ninth month in the Islamic year. Siyam or Saum is the fourth of the Five Pillars of Islam and involves fasting during *Ramadan*.

### ✚ WHEN IS RAMADAN?

The Islamic calendar is a lunar calendar, and months begin when the first crescent of a new moon is sighted. While many Muslim sects insist on the physical sighting of the moon, there is no such requirement in the Quran, and some Muslims allow that the start of the month can be determined by astronomical calculations. Because the Islamic calendar has no correction for the fact that the lunar year is 11 to 12 days shorter than the solar year, *Ramadan* migrates throughout the seasons. However, the dates of *Ramadan* mostly fall on September through November every year.

### ✚ WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF RAMADAN?

The Siyam is intended to teach the Muslim believers patience and self-control, and to remind them of the less fortunate in the world. The fast is also seen as a debt owned by the Muslim believer to Allah. It is also believed to be beneficial for personal conduct, that is, to help control passions and temper. The fast is also meant to provide time for meditation and to strengthen one's Muslim faith.

### ✚ ANTI-RAMADAN PRAYER MOVEMENT

The **Anti-Ramadan Prayer Movement** is planned to coincide with the Islamic month of *Ramadan* so that the Body of Christ would get God's heart for the Muslim world. The movement is geared to pray for (1) greater breakthroughs for the gospel among Muslims, (2) an increased commitment to prayer by Christians, and for (3) more missionaries to be released to work among Muslims. You are invited to participate in this meaningful prayer event for the Muslim world during the *Ramadan* this year. Come and pray with us at the King's Kids in Africa (KKA) office, Ngong Road, every lunch hour during the period of *Ramadan*. Resources to help you and your church or home group learn more about how to effectively reach out to the Muslims are also available in the office library. Jesus loves the Muslims and died for them as well. So let us come and pray for them together!