

## 21 Day Prayer Guide

Lebanon is three years into an economic and political crisis that has plunged over 75% of the population into poverty. Pray that the newly-elected parliament will act quickly and effectively to address the country's plights.

Refugees who have fled the civil war in Syria represent about a quarter of the people living in Lebanon today; many just subsist in appalling conditions. Yet many are coming to understand the truth of the Gospel. Pray for the pastors and churches that are ministering to both spiritual and physical needs. Pray that God will open eyes and hearts of Muslims to the "way, truth and life."

Pray for our ministry partner, Horizons International, as they share the Gospel and provide humanitarian aid to churches and refugees. God is providing resources but the needs are overwhelming. Pray for wisdom in setting priorities for ministry expansion.

The School of Hope, an affiliate of Horizons in Beirut, offers an educational opportunity for about 140 refugee children. The School has many more applicants than it can accommodate. (There are an estimated 300 thousand refugee children in Lebanon.) Pray for additional staff and teaching space.

Horizons conducts a school in the northern city of Tripoli, where there is an opportunity to increase impact by creating a full school program for younger children and a special remedial program for older youth who have missed years of education due to war. Pray for the facility and for funds to launch these desperately needed school programs.

Khalil, who directs church relations for Horizons, has been a vital contact for our Focus efforts. His wife, Julia, is from

Ukraine and has family there. Pray for their safety and God's peace. Pray that Khalil and Julia will have wisdom in knowing how they can help.

Horizons is training 30 interns in various programs. Through generous giving (in our Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings) Grace Point currently sponsors about a dozen interns. Pray that each one will grow in their passion to share the Gospel and minister in local churches while they learn job skills. Pray for lasting fruit in the lives of the interns.

Horizons' intern program is equipping some in the use of media as a means of evangelization. Pray that students will learn well. Ask God to direct interns into effective use of new skills to reach unbelievers by way of media. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open hearts and minds as people view media presentations.

Sam, son of Pastor Joseph and Rhoda Moussa of Amchit Church, is a Horizons intern with a passion for what he is learning. He senses that God may be calling him into vocational service. Ask God to give Sam wisdom and direction.

Jad Moussa, the youngest son, has moved to work and live in Canada. Please ask God to lead Jad's steps and protect him in his new, unfamiliar circumstances. Pray for peace and understanding for his parents.

Our partner, Amchit Church, has created a studio with equipment for producing media with Christian content. Pray for direction in developing content and expanding this outreach. Pray for fruitful ministry in their endeavor. Pray for a "bug-free" launch of the service.

Amchit Church currently meets in rented

space which limits ministry opportunities and has proved unsettling at times. Pray with them that the Lord will grant their heart's desire to have a special place of their own in which to worship God freely.

Joseph Moussa serves faithfully in stressful conditions as pastor of Amchit Church. Pray for health and stamina for his tasks and for wisdom in teaching and equipping the church body for service.

God has given Amchit Church a fruitful ministry through home visitation. Ask God to direct and encourage those involved. Pray that the Holy Spirit will break down barriers to faith in Christ and multiply the impact of visits. Ask God to help volunteers to be effective and winsome in their efforts.

Amchit Church has said that our partnership with them has been a great encouragement in the difficult times of the past two years. Pray that Grace Point will continue to find ways to support and encourage our brothers and sisters in Lebanon.



Amchit Church has been an example of Christian faithfulness in dire circumstances. Ask God to show us at Grace Point what can be learned and adapted from their example.

The Grace Point team that visited Lebanon in March identified a number of ways for advancing the FOCUS effort in the months ahead. Ask God to guide the FOCUS Team in weighing options and in determining the scope and aims of short-term ministry trips later this year and in the future. Pray for God to prepare the way, both in terms of logistics and in the hearts of those that will go.

The extended gestation time of our FOCUS effort, due to the pandemic, risks a loss of momentum in implementing projects. Pray that the FOCUS Team, along with the entire Grace Point community, will avoid distractions and remain committed to the opportunities God has given us in Lebanon. Pray that we remain committed to evangelism and disciple-making as our priorities in developing ministries.

Ask God to show us how we can glorify Him in every aspect of our FOCUS efforts. Pray that our service will reach others with the Gospel and will minister to their needs.

Amchit church has a very strong and passionate young adult group. Pray that our young adult group can connect with and learn from them.

Pray for Pastor Dave and Pastor Joseph as they continue to deepen their relationship and support and encourage one another.

## God at Work Through Our Middle East FOCUS

- Established FOCUS Community of passionate and engaged prayer supporters
- Contributed to Horizon's relief fund after the Beirut blast
- Provided care packages (toy, shoes, clothing) to 140 students at Horizon's School of Hope
- Established regular exchange of prayer requests between Grace Point and Amchit Baptist Church
- Held two Taste of Lebanon events
- Held a special joint worship service with Amchit followed by a celebration luncheon
- Provided financial support to Amchit for rent payments and medication needs
- Sent a team on a ministry/vision trip to Lebanon in March 2022
- Developed and deepened relationship between our leadership and Amchit's leadership

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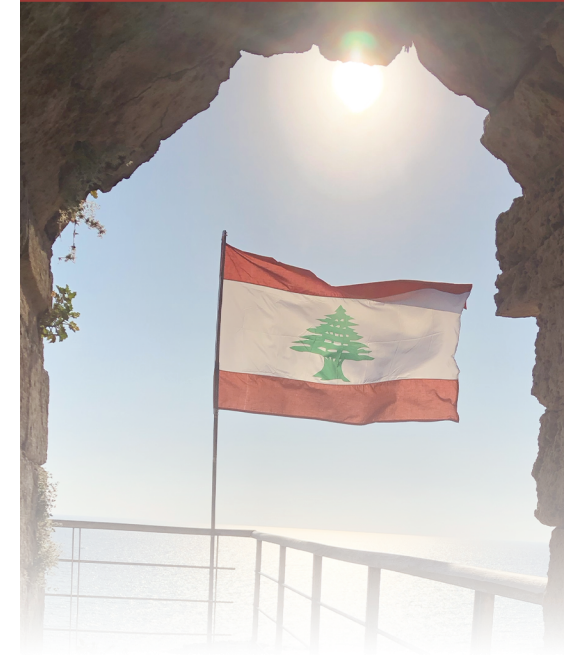
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## MIDDLE EAST FOCUS



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