



Uniting our hearts in *prayer*

Journey of faith

BY AMAL*

Amal is on a journey as she studies the Bible with one of our TWR Women of Hope leaders in the Middle East. She belongs to the dominant religion in her nation. This is her story.

“Reading the Bible and learning about Jesus has been a personal and life-changing experience for me as a woman of a different religion who is firmly anchored in her faith,” Amal said. “I’ve been interested in the Bible and Christianity as a religion that came from God since I was a young child. I started reading the Bible out of a long-standing curiosity and a desire to participate more deeply in interfaith discussion.”

Last year, Amal was invited by one of our leaders to join a group studying the Gospel of John. Deeply impacted by the words of Jesus

and by his Sermon

on the Mount, she was touched by “his unfailing compassion and his concern

for marginalized people like the sick, the impoverished and women. I recognized his teachings on mercy, humility and submission to God’s will as spiritual echoes of the principles I already firmly believe in my religion.”

“My faith has not wavered as a result of this investigation. Instead, it has made it richer and has deepened my reflections. What I see is a shared call to become better people: more kind, more God-aware and more sympathetic in our interactions with others.”

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Through this journey Amal acknowledges “that I am afraid of God and of being misunderstood or judged by the community” around her. However, this has not stopped her. “Despite everything, something inside of me keeps changing subtly but deeply. I am becoming more introspective, forgiving and patient.”

As she walks this path of faith, please pray for Amal to find Jesus’ real identity as God, and pray for others like her who have deep questions about God and the Bible. May God grant our leaders wisdom in helping these precious women develop relationships with him.

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2025

SEPTEMBER

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The weary heart
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Hope & healing
in Jesus for women

September

1. Lord, we ask you to build the TWR Women of Hope team in **Israel**. Give them your heart, strategy, resources and creativity for ministry development. (1 Cor. 3:9-11)

2. Lord, pour out your peace upon the instability of the **Middle East**. May women there find their hope, strength, faith and endurance in the unchanging promises of God. (John 16:33)

3. May those facing persecution in **North Africa** find hope and assurance through Jesus Christ as our Kabyle team ministers to them. (Rom. 8:37-39)

4. Lord, may the millions of refugees in **Türkiye** come to know and seek you for help in facing life's challenges. (Ps. 54:4)

5. Please pray with us that the women of **Cyprus** will find their hope in Jesus and understand that he is God and not just a historical figure or good prophet. (John 1:1)

6. God, strengthen women in **Tajikistan** who are left alone to care for their children and husband's relatives while their spouses work in Russia. Be their burden bearer. (1 Pet. 5:7)

7. May the hearts of **Middle Eastern** listeners be open to your truth, Lord, as they listen to TWR Women of Hope programming. (Ps. 25:5)

8. Working women, especially single mothers are suffering disproportionately from economic challenges in **Iran**. Grant them practical help, hope and healing in Jesus. (2 Cor. 9:8)

9. Father, please provide protection and healing to our Kabyle team members and their families in **North Africa**. (Ex. 15:26)

10. As teens in the **Middle East** struggle with uncertainty for their future, Lord, may they turn to you to be their firm foundation. (Isa. 28:16)

11. God, please provide help and adequate shelter for women in **Kazakhstan** who are left alone and are homeless. (Isa. 58:7)

12. Lord, equip, strengthen and give wisdom to our **Türkiye** team as they minister to women in complicated and heartbreaking situations. (Job 12:13)

13. Father, guide our follow-up teams in the **Middle East** as they engage with listeners. May your Spirit bring healing, discipleship and deeper faith to each listener. (Rom. 10:17)

14. Lord, open the hearts of the Amazigh people, among the least reached in **North Africa**, to receive your truth and salvation. (Eph. 3:14-19)

15. Lord, may our new team ministering to Russian-speaking women in **Israel** have success in establishing the ministry via all needed media channels. (Prov. 16:3)

16. Father, we pray that women who come to **Cyprus** from other countries like the Middle East and Africa would find Jesus as their light in the darkness. (John 8:12)

17. Lord, may each episode of the three upcoming new series by our Arabic team in the **Middle East** bring truth, encouragement and transformation to women listeners. (Rom. 12:2)

18. As youth unemployment is high in **Türkiye**, Lord, reveal yourself to young women stepping into work life to find hope for their future in you. (Jer. 29:11)

19. God, please inspire and grant wisdom to help leaders in **Kyrgyzstan** cooperatively improve the education system there. (Prov. 2:6)

20. Lord, draw to yourself and bring hope in Jesus to **Middle Eastern** refugees who have fled oppression and persecution and face constant fear of deportation. (Rom. 15:13)

21. Father, strengthen our Kabyle team who face many challenges living and ministering in areas of **North Africa** where churches have been forcibly closed. (Eph. 6:10-18)

22. Lord, may women in **Turkmenistan** who face heavy societal and family pressures come into relationship with you and find true freedom for their lives. (1 Tim. 2:3-4)

23. God, may women in **Türkiye**, many of whom fear that further earthquakes and natural disasters will destroy their lives, experience unchanging peace in your presence. (Isa. 26:3)

24. Lord, may the cultural lies, shame and rejection that women in the **Middle East** endure be replaced so your daughters know they are seen, valued and loved by you. (Gen. 1:27)

25. Lord, use the *Women of Hope* program to help women in **Uzbekistan** and Karakalpakstan to learn to balance their relationships with you, family and work in a healthy way. (Matt. 6:33)

26. May Sarah, a woman in **Türkiye** scarred by sexual abuse, find healing, peace and a bright future in you as our team surrounds her with love and support. (Ps. 147:3)

27. God, raise up new female leaders who are spiritually mature, bold and compassionate to bring light, hope



OUR VISION

Bringing hope and healing in Jesus to women around the world and across generations



Transforming Lives, Families and Communities

No matter how many hardships women in Central Asia face, they always remain dedicated to their families. From raising and nurturing children to fostering relationships with her husband and relatives, a Central Asian woman's top priority is cultivating an environment of growth for her family.

While these women have many responsibilities, they also face hardships such as unemployment and the unfaithfulness of their husbands in a culture of increasingly common polygamy. But the main hardship they face is spiritual – not knowing the Lord and his love.

As leaders in TWR Women of Hope Central Asia, we strive to bring hope and healing in Jesus' name to women facing broken dreams and despair by reaching out to them through radio, social media platforms and other digital media. We broadcast the *Women of Hope* programs once a week and post messages full of hope on YouTube. It is convenient for our audience to also reach us through Instagram and TikTok. An audience favorite is the broadcasting of worship

music in their heart languages.

Members of our audience are always eager to share their insights and impressions, which reminds us of the important work we do for the Lord. One of our frequent listeners is a woman who belongs to the dominant religion in our area. She especially enjoys the worship songs we produce. I meet with her regularly and talk about her hardships. Often she has shared that I am her closest friend, which I cherish since the goal of our ministry is to build relationships. I hope and pray that she grows closer to the Lord so she can, in turn, bring change into the lives of her daughters and the rest of the family.

We believe that bringing hope and healing to women through the Word of God and knowledge of his love will transform them, their families and entire tribal areas of Central Asia. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to openly declare the name of Jesus Christ through the *Women of Hope* program to a region largely uninformed about and frequently antagonistic to the gospel.

and truth to their **Middle Eastern** communities. (Matt. 5:14-16)

28. Father, we seek your face for lasting peace between **nations involved in conflicts and wars** all around the world. (Matt. 5:9)

29. Father, please bring about increased personal liberty for women in the **Middle East**. May they find true freedom in you. (John 8:36)

30. Lord, grant mercy, hope and strength to Haley, a young woman in **Türkiye** who fears for her child if she goes to prison. May she look to you. (Ps. 140:12)

October

1. We praise you, Lord, for the abused women who have found Christ through our **Albanian** team and are now agents of change to help other suffering women! (Ps. 18:48)

2. Lord, bring mental health support and healing to young **Cambodian** girls who are vulnerable to thoughts of suicide due to failed relationships. (Ps. 55:22)

3. God, deliver a mother and her teenage son who live

in fear of abuse from their drug-addicted husband and father in **Central Asia**. (Prov. 29:25)

4. Many cases of girls suffering sexual abuse in **China** remain unreported. Lord, please intervene, bring safety, restoration and healing. (Ps. 10:17-18)

5. Father, many women are lured by false promises to **northern Cyprus** only to have their passports confiscated and being forced to work as prostitutes. Please free them physically and spiritually. (Isa. 61:1)

6. God, deliver women in **Denmark** who are subjected to abuse through domestic violence or exploitation in prostitution and the porn industry. (2 Sam. 22:2-3)

7. Father, thank you that there are shelters throughout **Finland** for mothers and their children who are victims of domestic violence. Bring healing to their lives. (Ps. 139:5)

8. **France's** cases of domestic violence have doubled since 2016. Lord, may men follow your Word to love their wives and not be harsh with them. (Col. 3:19)

By **TWR Women of Hope's coordinator for Central Asia** *Unnamed for security reasons*

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SEPT 4
Spiritual friendship
with Susie Pek

OCT 2
Abuse of women

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ofhope.org/events](https://twrwomenofhope.org/events)

9. Lord, heal and protect women in **Indonesia** who are unknowingly infected with HIV by their partners. Many pass the disease to children, not knowing they are carriers. (Ps. 30:2)

10. God, rescue the women suffering abuse in **Japan**. May they meet Jesus as their Savior, learn of his love and receive his healing. (Ps. 103:6-8)

11. Father, raise up church leaders to address the issue of incest in **Liberia**. Bring healing and support to women and girls who silently suffer out of fear and shame. (Ezek. 22:11)

12. Lord, protect girls in **Malaysia** from the harmful practice of female genital mutilation. Heal their wounds and comfort their spirits. Soften leaders' hearts to create laws ending this cruelty soon. (Isa. 1:17)

13. May child brides, the imprisoned and those marginalized in the **Middle**

East find freedom and know their true worth in Jesus. (Gal. 5:1)

14. Forty percent of **Mongolian** women experience emotional and economic abuse. Father, heal them and provide safe places for their protection. (Jer. 22:16)

15. Father, may victims of rape, incest, forced marriage or physical and emotional abuse in **Nigeria** find peace and protection in you. May each abuser be prosecuted. (Ps. 32:7)

16. Many **North African** Christian women face persecution, rejection and abuse. May your Spirit provide these women hope and the ability to stand strong in Jesus. (Acts 14:22)

17. Women are treated as possessions under the bride price tradition in **Papua New Guinea**. Lord, heal the pain of these who have been abused and had their spirits crushed. (Jer. 22:3)

18. Lord, hear the cries of girls and women in the **Philippines** as rape cases rise and their innocence is stolen. Heal, protect and restore their broken lives. (Jer. 33:6)

19. As violence and hate speech against women increases in **Portugal**, God, may laws be created for women's protection. May young men also be raised to respect them. (Matt. 22:39)

20. Father, please give **South African** government leaders your wisdom in how to address the increasing abuse and rape

of children and women. (1 Tim. 2:1-2)

21. Every three to four days, someone dies from dating violence in **South Korea**. Lord, help people recognize that dating violence between lovers is not love. (Eph. 4:31-32)

22. Lord, as many women in **Tanzania** suffer harm from traditions like female genital mutilation and corporal punishment, please bring cultural change to stop these practices. (Gal. 5:14)

23. God, help domestic violence victims in **Timor-Leste** afraid to speak out due to economic hardship and social shame. Shine light into their trapped, silent suffering. (Prov. 31:8-9)

24. Father, protect women from domestic violence in **Uruguay**, where there are more than 100 complaints a day. Please bring heart change to the perpetrators. (Prov. 18:10)

25. Lord, comfort **Vietnamese** women wounded by silent emotional and spiritual chains. Heal their broken hearts, lift their spirits and set them free in your unfailing love. (Isa. 40:29-31)

26. Father, please bring healing to the internal wounds of the 28 women in **Zanzibar** who went through the new TWR Women of Hope trauma-healing training program. (Ps. 34:18)



27. Lord, we pray for cultural change in **Cambodia**, where many women are forced by their parents to get married at a young age, especially in rural areas. (Rom. 13:10)

28. We pray for women facing abuse and those rejected for their faith in the **Middle East**. God, revive their spirits and comfort them. (Rom. 8:31)

29. Father, we pray for the transformation of cultural practices and beliefs that encourage the abuse and marginalization of women in northern **Nigeria**. (Gal. 3:28)

30. Twenty percent of women will experience violence from an intimate partner at least once in their lives. May women report these incidents. Lord, change the hearts of the perpetrators. (Ps. 51:10)

31. Lord, a recent United Nations report shows that a woman is killed every 10 minutes across the globe. Please protect vulnerable women and help them put their faith in you. (Ps. 46:1)



When the unexpected strikes

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your works; I will meditate on your mighty acts."

– PSALM 77:11-12



If I had to choose a theme for 2025, it would undoubtedly be **the unexpected**. This year, friends, family and even countries have been hit by unforeseen events across various aspects of life. Sadly, most of these occurrences have brought with them a wave of pain and profound uncertainty.

When we're first confronted with such events, we naturally appropriate God's grace, which enables us to manage the immediate crisis. But as the dust settles and the initial shock wears off, questions often begin to surface, and fear of the future can quietly set in. Questions like "What if it happens again?" or "What if next time I have no one to count on?" And a thousand what-ifs begin to haunt our minds in a relentless dance of anxiety. The more we replay these scenarios, the deeper the grip of fear becomes. Our recent experience has brutally reminded us that true control often lies beyond our grasp. While we've always understood this notion intellectually, a personal crisis shatters the illusion, making this truth incredibly real and raw.

The unexpected forces us to **level up in the game of**

life, which seems to grow increasingly difficult. We had no control when these events occurred, and we have no control over future ones. Of course, we'll try everything in our power to avoid similar situations. Yet, no matter how hard we try, we can't prevent unpleasant things from happening. Life can suddenly feel terrifying. We enter a constant state of alert, leaving us with a crucial choice: to let fear completely dominate us or to deepen our trust in the Lord.

We know that trust isn't a given; it's meticulously built. We tend to trust people and things that have consistently proved their reliability over time. Psalm 34:8 extends a beautiful invitation: "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." As we journey through life and intimately experience his goodness and unwavering care, our trust in him steadily grows. However, that doesn't stop fear from surfacing when the unexpected strikes again. It's precisely in those moments that we must recall God's track record of power and faithfulness in our own lives.

Do you remember when David stepped up to fight

Goliath? He reassured King Saul, saying, "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." In doing so, he not only testified to the king about God's mighty deeds but also reminded himself that while circumstances may change, God remains the same. He is powerful, good, faithful and strong, and his grace is sufficient. As Psalm 77:11-12 declares, "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your works; I will meditate on your mighty acts."

Charles Spurgeon has a marvelous quote related to this topic: "**He who counts the stars** and calls them by their names, is in no danger of forgetting His own children! He knows your case as thoroughly as if you were the only creature He ever made, or the only saint He ever loved!" I pray you'll be reminded that the Lord is with you. He knows you by name. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He loves you and cares for you.

It's a joy and a privilege walking with you.



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We are a weary people.

The frantic pace of life wears us down as we run from dawn to dusk, overworked, sleep-deprived and never reaching the end of our to-do lists.

Our hearts become weary when we believe a lie and see ourselves through the warped mirrors of performance and others' expectations. We all want people to think well of us, and so our fear of rejection may push us to try to accomplish things that we think will make us acceptable in other people's eyes. Sadly, this often leads to stress and burnout.

But our true self-worth does not come from what others think of us. The only person who has the right to define our worth is our Creator. He desires for us to see ourselves the same way he views us – as his valuable daughters and sons made in his image. As you reflect with God, what wrong thinking is causing you to become weary?

Others have weary hearts because of constant, daily pressure. Perhaps you are the caregiver of young children or the elderly. For you, the stress does not stop at the end of the day but continues without end in sight. Can I encourage you to continue to cry out to the God who will give you the strength and grace you need for each day?

Also ask him to send you helpers that can physically and emotionally support you. Reach out to have friends pray for you and with you to encourage your soul. We were never meant to live life alone. God has called us to live in biblical community and bear one another's burdens. And we can hold onto God's promise that his presence never leaves us.

I'm so thankful for the encouragement we can receive from Bible stories of real people we can relate to. One of my favorites is about Joshua and the Israelites fighting the Amalekite army. God provided Moses as a praying intercessor for Joshua and his men as they fought. But even this prayer warrior needed help when he grew tired, so God provided Aaron and Hur to hold up Moses' arms. Who in your life is helping to hold up your arms?

God longs for us to slow down long enough to hear Jesus calling and to look to him for the rest that he offers our weary bodies and hearts. The Father extends an invitation to all of us to find real rest in him. But this means more than just stopping work, watching television or scrolling endlessly on our phones. When you are exhausted, how do you find rest?

There is a difference between godly rest and human relaxation. Rest is not a mindset; it is a person. God is our rest. He calls us to embrace Sabbath with him, a time to cease working and rest in God's care for us.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

– MATT. 11:28

Sabbath may look like corporate worship, or it may involve taking time away from the usual routine to be with God in solitude and silence, celebrating with friends, reading, praying or one of many other options. You may not have time to take an entire Sabbath day each week, but we can all practice Sabbath moments during which we come before the Father in stillness and silence to be renewed as we sit in his presence.

King David understood the source of true rest when he wrote, "Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him" (Ps. 62:1). God is our rest. As we come to him, lay our burdens down, quiet ourselves and trust in him, we will find rest for our weary hearts.