



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! (Psalm 96:2-3, ESV)*

### Today's Prayer Requests: *From Students, Alumni, and Missionaries*

**RD CONGO:** Two students who pastor in this Central African nation share these requests:

- A student working in a northwestern province notes that Islam is gaining greater influence in his area. A common cultural belief claims that “before money, there are no Christians,” he explains, and on this premise Muslims offer social assistance and business deals so as to attract people to their religion. They tempt Christian women to marry them with the promise of economic stability. The churches, he adds, are doing comparatively little to meet felt needs of those in poverty. Please pray: (1) for this pastor (and others) as he builds relationship with the local merchants, showing them the integrity of a true Christian; (2) that God would open doors and raise up committed workers to launch effective social works that will answer not only material but also spiritual needs; (3) for believers, that they might grow in their faith and not be shaken and tempted. May their testimonies influence those around them and lead them to salvation.
- A pastor in the capital city asks us to pray for the salvation of a convert's family. Because of healings this lady experienced when this pastor prayed for her, she brings family members and others to him for prayer in times of need. Pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal to each seeker God's power and love, that they may see that He alone can meet every need. Pray for wisdom for this pastor—and that he would have the opportunity to disciple all these people!

### *World Watch List: Mali\**

The West African nation of Mali ranks 44<sup>th</sup> on the list of 50 nations where Christians experience the most persecution. This majority-Muslim country has a secular government and freedom of worship, but a movement in 2012 to establish an Islamic state in the north caused nearly all Christians there to flee and churches to close. While this was squelched in 2013, and churches have reopened, Christians still live under tension. The November 2015 attack on a hotel in Bamako, in the south, indicates that terrorism is not limited to the north, and the shooting of workers at a Christian radio station and the kidnapping of a Swiss missionary show that believers are targeted. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Mali and for those from many nations who serve as missionaries there. Pray for unity among them as they confront the spirits that seek to destroy souls. Intercede for Mali's Muslims, that they may be set free.

### *For Muslim Women\*\**

Pray for a Muslim-background Christian girl who feels compelled to tell her family that she now follows Jesus. *Pray that her family would respond well to this news and that her testimony would speak loudly to them. Intercede for others like her around the world; many are risking their lives as they chose to live openly for Jesus.*

### *Prayer Resources*

\*For the 2016 World Watch List of countries where Christians are most persecuted, see <http://bit.ly/1TgZmcr>.

\*\*Muslim women need your prayers! You can join a prayer network and receive regular requests at <http://sayhelloinfo.com/>.

Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Visit <http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/> for information about praying for Muslims and weekly requests.

For suggestions on starting a prayer group, see <http://waastjumaa.blogspot.com/2016/04/waast-jumaa-prayer-groups.html>

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians, visit <http://morningstarnews.org/>, <http://worldwatchmonitor.org/>, <http://www.prisoneralert.com/>, and <http://www.releaseinternational.org/>.

For prayer requests, visit <http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/> and <http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx>.

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see <http://www.unchangingword.com/> and <http://answeringislam.org/>.