



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

...[H]e [Jesus] is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them (Heb. 7:25, ESV).

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

**NIGER:** The Assemblies of God of Niger begins its 25<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration this coming week. Please pray for protection against all attacks, both physical and spiritual. Pray for those who will present the Word and for those who will hear it in the various services. Pray also for peace throughout the nation. An attack last Friday by Boko Haram in the southeastern town of Bosso killed 26 military personnel and displaced 50,000 people.

**TOGO:** An alumnus asks for prayer for the Assemblies of God church in a Muslim village—the only church of any kind there. On May 16, a strong wind destroyed part of its cement building, even cutting through reinforcing iron bars like a saw. This pastor reports that the Muslims are now mocking the Christians, saying that their God could not protect their building. Please pray the Lord will use this situation for His glory, that the church may be rebuilt physically—and added to spiritually as the villagers see His hand at work!

### *World Watch List: Iraq\**

Iraq holds second position in the 2016 World Watch List, which ranks the 50 nations where Christians face the most persecution. In the 1990s, those who called themselves Christians numbered about 1.2 million in this Islamic nation. Today, that number has dwindled to 250,000, as war, persecution, and religious cleansing have killed or driven away most. Evangelical believers number about 0.2% of the population of 33.4 million. Churches have been able to reach out to displaced people. Intercede for those living their faith under extreme pressure from families, authorities, and terrorist groups, that they would sense God's strength and encouragement. Pray for Muslims who, tired of war and terror, are searching for Peace. Read a report from a church planter at <http://bit.ly/1HZkNXo>.

### *From Global Initiative\*\**

Please pray for small groups of Muslim Kazakh-background believers in Jesus in Olgii, Mongolia. Nearly all have been arrested by police at one time or another. *Kazakhs make up Mongolia's largest minority group (about 5% of the population) and are concentrated in the far western end of the nation. Most follow Islam, mixed with traditional animistic practices. Of these 104,000 or so Kazakhs, fewer than 1% are evangelical Christians. Group meetings in homes are often disrupted and believers' homes even attacked, and it is often difficult to get the proper authorization to function as a church. May the Holy Spirit greatly encourage our brothers and sisters!*

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

Pray for the Holy Spirit's anointing upon Christian women who will interact with Muslim friends this Ramadan month. *One woman serving in a West African nation asks for prayer with these words: "Our friends and neighbors are taking time to earnestly seek God and his approval. Please pray with us that they will find Him through His Son, Jesus. Pray they will have dreams and visions of Jesus, the Messiah. Pray we will be available and that God will lead us to lead others to Him."*

### *Prayer Resources*

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

\*\*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.

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

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

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians, visit <http://morningstarnews.org/>, <http://worldwatchmonitor.org/>, 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/>.