



Intercede for the Muslim World!

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear... (1 Jn 4:18a, NIV).

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

Students from Côte d'Ivoire, Republic of Congo, and DR Congo note that, in their countries, Muslims have a growing influence in politics and the economy and are adding to their number through biological growth and immigration. They ask for prayer for church leaders and pastors as they become increasingly aware of the challenges of Islam:

- Many pastors and leaders in the churches need training in how to approach Muslims with the gospel of love. Pray that such training may be offered, in the Bible schools, seminars, churches, or other settings. Pray that the Lord will help them to reach out to their neighbors with the boldness that true love gives (1 Jn 4:18).
- Pray for God's wisdom and guidance in penetrating the very closed communities of foreign Muslims who have moved in to do business, particularly Moroccans in Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritians in Congo, Senegalese in DR Congo, and Lebanese in all these nations. Pray that key people within these communities would find the Lord and become lights to the others.
- Discipling Muslim converts and dealing with their questions and realities require a different approach, points out one student. Pray that pastors and church leaders may have God's insight so they may most effectively help ground these new Christians in the faith. Some pastors have come from Muslim backgrounds themselves and are better equipped to disciple new converts; pray that the Lord will use them mightily to produce uncompromising followers of Jesus.
- Pray for Christians, for strength to consistently walk in the Spirit and demonstrate the power of love before their Muslim neighbors. Despite the seeming unity of the *ummah* (the entire Islamic community), there are factions. One student noted that in his city there are mosques for those from different nations, and they will not intermix. God's love seen in the lives of believers holds a powerful attraction for hurting people.
- Pray for young people; many even within the churches are tempted by offers of jobs, scholarships (to Islamic universities), marriage, and other enticements. May the Lord open their eyes to the spiritual dangers.

In the News

The United Nations reports that as of the end of 2015 more than 65 million people worldwide are refugees, internally displaced, or seeking asylum. More than half of all refugees (those who leave their country) come from only 3 nations: Syria, Afghanistan, and Somalia. Most are Muslims; let's continue to pray that as they seek hope and safety, God would use His people to minister to them and that they would see evidence of His hand in their lives through miracles and supernatural revelations.

*From Global Initiative**

Pray that the spiritual eyes of members of ISIS and other Islamic militia groups would be opened to the truth of Jesus.

Prayer Resources

*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 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/>.

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/>, 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/>.