

Intercede for the Muslim World!

I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me? (Jer 32.27, NIV)

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

MALI: Praise God for the opening on Monday, July 18, of the new center for the *garibu* boys of Bomako. These youngsters are under the tutelage of Islamic teachers and spend hours on the street each day. This center will offer a haven for them to visit, clean up, get a meal, and learn in a loving environment. Please pray: (1) for more God-loving, dedicated workers so the center can be open more days each week; (2) that these boys will feel safe here and learn to trust those who want to help them; (3) that God will fill the workers with His wisdom as they minister to the needs of each boy; (4) for continued favor in the community. See more about the *garibu* at http://bit.ly/29DDko4.

In the News

In an attempt to curb rising terrorist and extremist activity, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed into law new antiterrorism legislation on July 7. Sadly, these measures will silence the very ones who have the ultimate Answer to the problem of terrorism—God's people. Church activities and outreaches will be severely restricted and believers and missionaries closely watched for violations. Please pray with the Russian churches, believers, and the missionaries there for God's wisdom and leading in the coming days. The Holy Spirit opens doors that no man can shut! For more about the implications, see <u>http://agwm.com/main-story.html</u>.

2016 World Watch List: Syria*

The volatile Middle Eastern nation of Syria holds 5th place on the World Watch List of 50 nations where Christians face the most persecution. Civil war between Muslim factions has wracked the nation for nearly 5 years, with Christians targeted as well. More than half of those who claim to be Christians have fled the country. Less than 0.2% are evangelical believers. Pray for these brothers and sisters; despite the upheaval many have stayed and reach out to Muslims. One church leader explains why he stays: "We know that many countries withdrew their ambassadors, which is bad enough. But if heaven withdrew its ambassador from the country, it's a disaster." For more about the situation, see http://bit.ly/28ZRWYw.

From Global Initiative**

Pray for the growing number of international churches being planted in the predominately Muslim countries of the Arabian Gulf region. *Pray that the expatriates who attend will be strengthened in their faith and burdened to reach those around them with the message of salvation. Pray for unprecedented opportunities for them to share their faith.*

For Muslim Women***

Pray that Muslim women in Great Britain who navigate new vulnerabilities in the face of political change will place their confidence in Christ. *Many Muslims already fear more discrimination (for a report, see <u>http://bit.ly/28W2YUG</u>). Pray that God would use Christian women to lead these ladies to the reassurance of His love and to salvation.*

Prayer Resources

*For the 2016 World Watch List of countries where Christians are most persecuted, see <u>http://bit.ly/1TgZmcr</u>. **Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Visit <u>http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/</u> 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://waastjumaa.blogspot.com/2016/04/waast-jumaa-prayer-groups.html

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

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/.