

Intercede for the Muslim World!

I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior (Is. 43:11, NIV).

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

NORTHERN GHANA: Concerning the efforts of himself and some Bible school students here, an alumnus and professor writes, "We need prayer for a move of God in the lives of Muslims we are ministering to, to come to the saving knowledge of Christ." May the Lord open their hearts to the message they hear.

A student involved with her husband in church planting also says, "We need God's presence with us in the field, to open the people's eyes to see the truth, to establish the faith of those who have come to truth, divine provision for the work, and faithful people to work with."

MALI: Pray for the wives of pastors and of pastors-in-training as they serve with their husbands in Muslim communities. Men are socially limited in their contact with Muslim women, but their spouses are free to befriend them. Pray that the Spirit would guide these wives in building relationships and give them His wisdom in every word and action.

UPDATE FROM NORTHERN TOGO: A student pastoring here requested prayer in April for a Muslim couple who had lost four babies, for the safe delivery of the fifth. The baby boy was born April 28, and the pastor reports that the couple continues to show interest in the gospel. While they do not attend church on Sundays, they meet with him at other times during the week. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to draw them to Jesus.

2016 World Watch List: Saudi Arabia*

A desert country in Western Asia, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia ranks 14th in the list of 50 nations most oppressive to Christians. Sharia law governs the nation, no churches are permitted, and Muslims who abandon Islam risk death at the hands of the government or their family. Some 4% of the population claim Christianity, but few are evangelical believers and nearly all are expatriates from Asia or the West. Please pray for those who are seeking the true God, that they will see Him in dreams and visions and hear His Word through various media. Pray for believers living in Saudi, for opportunities to share their faith with seekers. See http://bit.ly/lbFhKnZ for more information and prayer requests.

From Global Initiative**

Intercede for Christian humanitarian workers in Afghanistan. 99.8% of Afghanistan's 33.4 million people are Muslims. *The Afghan government has limited the work of Christians and watches them. Pray for their protection, for wisdom, and for miraculous encounters with people whose hearts God has prepared to hear His Word.*

For Muslim Women***

Boko Haram, the extremist group that kidnapped 276 girls from a high school in Chibok, northeastern Nigeria, in April 2014, has released a video showing about 50 of the girls. Another video shows some who were purportedly killed in recent airstrikes. Please continue to pray for the safety and release of the girls still held captive, some now with babies. Intercede for their families, who have been living with grief and uncertainty for more than 2 years. May they lean hard on the Lord and know His peace that passes understanding.

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 <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/.