



Intercede for the Muslim World!

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent (John 17:3).

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

DR CONGO: An alumnus and pastor asks for continued prayer concerning the political situation: “Thank you for your prayers; we greatly need them. The situation is very tense and even explosive, but we count on God.” *Elections were to be held in November 2016, with the incumbent president stepping down in December, but whether they will be held is in question, and tension between the government and opposition parties is simmering. More than 100 people were killed in opposition activities earlier this month. Pray for peace, and for wisdom for God's people in these times.*

NORTHERN TOGO: A student who is a pastor and director of Assemblies of God schools in a northern city requests prayer for the children: “Let's intercede for the safety of our children. There are men with evil intentions who seek to entrap children to serve Boko Haram. Also, they use children who wander as if they are lost, supplying them with an address. Whoever leads the child to this address will be taken by these malicious men. This is a new tactic of the Islamists.” *Pray that the Lord would keep His hand of protection on these youngsters, and that He would lead people to act wisely to prevent these kidnappings. Pray for those who use these and other tactics in the service of darkness, that they would see the Light and be saved.*

In the News

As families in the Chibok area of northeastern Nigeria continue to wait for news of most of the girls kidnapped from a high school more than 2 years ago, their villages are seeing more attacks and destruction by Boko Haram. At least 11 Christians in 3 area villages have been killed in the past 2 weeks. The ISIS-appointed new leader of Boko Haram has vowed to target Christians (the other leader, who is still active, targeted anyone who would not join him). Intercede for the families, pastors, and churches in this area, that the Lord would encourage them and help them to stand strong in Him. Pray that the families bereaved through either death or kidnapping would draw strength from a sense of God's presence with them daily. For more information, see <http://bit.ly/2d8VLYH>.

*2016 World Watch List: Jordan**

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan ranks 27th of the 50 nations where Christians face the most persecution. Restrictions on Christians, once fairly lax, are tightening, evangelism is illegal, and Muslims who turn to Christ face abuse from family members. More than 25% percent of Jordan's population of 7.6 million are refugees, mostly from Syria and Iraq. This causes further economic and social strain and raises concerns of terrorism within the nation. Pray that evangelical churches would be able to minister freely, to Jordanians and to refugees. Pray that the love of true Christians would draw others, and that new believers would be affirmed in their faith. See also <http://bit.ly/2dr2rfe>.

*From Global Initiative***

Pray for a new secure Farsi chat room ministry which has been inundated with an average of 2,000 messages a day. *Farsi, or Persian, is the language of Iran. Many Iranians, dissatisfied with their religion, are questioning and very open—and are finding the Lord. In fact, the Church in Iran is growing faster than anywhere else in the world. For an article about this growth, see <http://bit.ly/2dvt4fc>.*

Prayer Resources

*For the 2016 World Watch List of the 50 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/>, 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/>.