

Intercede for the Muslim World!

Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29, NKJV)

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

BURKINA FASO: A student asks us to pray for his brother, a Muslim. He has seen Jesus appear to him in a dream, but has hardened his heart to the truth and has even sent away his wife and children. Pray that the gracious Holy Spirit would continue to draw him to Jesus.

Please pray also for a breakthrough in the neighborhood where a student pastors. Nearly all the inhabitants are Muslim. Over the past 4 years he has seen some, mainly women and children, find the Lord, but their activities are noticed by the imams and they are put under great pressure to return to the mosque. In the past 3 months, some have stayed in the church. Pray for divine strength and encouragement, that they would continue.

NORTHERN CAMEROON: Students working in the north of this Central Africa nation ask for prayer for those who have accepted Jesus. Among them are Arabs, Kotoko, Hausa, and Fulani. Some believe in secret and must meet at night. Pray for one man who has been abandoned by his wife and family and mocked because he remains poor, that the Lord would encourage him and meet his needs. Pray specifically for (1) more workers among these various peoples, (2) good follow up and discipleship for new believers, (3) material and other support for those left with nothing, (4) a breakthrough among those who radically oppose the gospel and God's people.

In the News

Two weeks ago we prayed concerning Uzbekistan, which had been ruled by a repressive strongman for nearly 30 years. President Islam Karimov suffered a stroke on August 28 and passed away on September 2, leaving no successor. Early conjecture is that the Prime Minister will succeed him, and Russian President Putin has pledged support to the new leadership. This does not bode well for the few Christians; the Minister is also repressive, and Russia has recently made illegal and begun to fine evangelistic activity. Pray for the transition, for the new leader, and for freedom for people to learn of Jesus, worship Him, and tell others about Him. See also http://bit.ly/2cdf8aV.

2016 World Watch List: Qatar*

This Arab nation borders Saudi Arabia on the south and juts into the Persian Gulf. Like its southern neighbor, Qatar's people adhere to the more extreme Wahhabi form of Islam. Christians are few and are not free to worship. Even expatriate believers who work in the country are tightly controlled. Expats make up 90% of the population and generally work for Qataris. Christian workers especially face sexual and other abuses. Pray that the God they live for would sustain them and help them testify of Him. See more information and requests at http://bit.ly/2cgym13.

From Global Initiative**

Pray for 1.6 billion Muslims, who begin Eid ul-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice) at sundown today or within the next few days. This holiday, called Tabaski in much of West Africa, commemorates Abraham's obedience to God's command to sacrifice Ishmael, and the provision of a ram in his place. The 3- or 4-day festival ends with the sacrifice of a sheep, and also marks the end of the yearly pilgrimage to Mecca. Pray that these people, who seek the favor of a distant god, would come to know the loving God who provided a Lamb sacrificed once for all.

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 <u>http://waastjumaa.blogspot.com/2016/04/waast-jumaa-prayer-groups.html</u>

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/.