

Intercede for the Muslim World!

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Ro 5:8, NIV).

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

NORTHERN CAMEROON: Islam, and particularly the activities of Boko Haram extremists, greatly affect the lives of the people here. A student offers insights that help us to pray.

- Christians, both individuals and churches, are targeted. Muslims especially seek to win over those who are nominal Christians. Muslim preachers use the Bible itself to refute Christianity, and those who are not grounded in God's Word often are convinced by their arguments. Some who claim Christianity but who are not embraced by a church community are attracted by the strong sense of unity and community that Muslims share. Further, they may be enticed by the social works and financial aid offered. Intercede for those who know about Christ but who have not committed themselves fully to Him, that they might find abundant and eternal life and the strength to stand for their faith.
- Nominal Muslims are also targeted by extremists. No longer is the call to prayer sufficient; imams are preaching in the mosques the importance of becoming radical in the faith. Islam emphasizes community, and if Muslims want to maintain fraternity they must become more serious or risk being excommunicated or even killed. Yet many enjoy the peaceful relationships they have had with Christians. Intercede for Muslims who are willing to consider the claims of Christ, as they are faced with a choice as to their faith. May they choose the Path of Life!

2016 World Watch List: Tajikistan*

Persecution of Christians in this Central Asian, Muslim-majority nation has intensified in the past year, since elections in March 2015. New regulations restrict all non-governmental organizations and religious activities. Christians are considered a threat to the State and are closely watched. Those who turn to Christ from Islam may face beatings and loss of their livelihood and place in the family. Among Tajikistan's 8.6 million people there are fewer than 10,000 evangelical Christians. Please pray for these believers, many of whom keep their faith a secret. Pray that they might grow in Christ and quietly and wisely live lives that testify of His love. See more at http://bit.ly/2d6OvpR.

From Global Initiative**

Pray for coffee house outreaches to Muslim student in the West Bank of Palestine. Pray for divine appointments with those who are truly seeking God, and for wisdom for the workers in discussing questions of faith.

For Muslim Women***

Pray that Muslim girls who are victims of the sex trade/trafficking would be able to find freedom in Christ. *Sharia law allows forced marriages of young girls; in Afghanistan, more than half of the girls are married by age 15. Incest and rape are common. Pray for those who work with ministries that rescue girls.*

Prayer Resources

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