



Intercede for the Muslim World!

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord (Ps 89:15, NIV).

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

NIGER: The Assemblies of God of Niger enjoys favor and freedom to work in this Muslim-majority nation, but more pastors and workers are needed! The two Bible schools are training a total of 9 students for full-time ministry. An alumnus currently teaching in one school asks us to “pray that the Lord would raise up those would commit themselves to ministry, and support those already engaged.”

THE GAMBIA: Please pray for God’s divine intervention in this small West African nation. The president, whose term ended this week, refuses to step down for the president-elect, who was to be inaugurated Thursday. Intercede for both of these men, devout Muslims—the outgoing and incoming presidents—that they might find God’s salvation. Please pray that workers will be able to enter the country in the next few days.

In the News

Since Macedonia and other Balkan countries closed the route to Western Europe, some 80,000 refugees, mainly from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Iran, have settled in camps around Thessaloniki and Athens, **Greece**. Many live in tents and warehouses and are experiencing the coldest winter in 60 years. According to a worker who had ministered to refugees crossing into Macedonia, churches and believers who are now helping in Greece need prayer for (1) favor with the authorities as they serve people, (2) God’s wisdom as to how best to minister, and (3) more workers who speak Arabic and Farsi. This worker reports that many whom they met moved on with a new appreciation for and gratefulness toward Christians, and were touched spiritually and physically. Pray that thousands more find life and hope in Jesus.

2017 World Watch List: Somalia (2/50)*

Somalia, on the Horn of Africa, is closed to any Christian work, and only a few hundred known believers live among its 11+ million people. The country is the home base for the terrorist group al-Shabaab, which monitors any non-Islamic religious activity among Somalis, even outside its borders. Christians must keep their faith secret at risk of ostracism, persecution, and death. Pray for our brothers and sisters there. Pray that the many who have sought refuge in free nations would find true freedom in Jesus, and that they would be instruments to lead many of their countrymen into the Kingdom. For more information and prayer requests, see <http://bit.ly/1npXC1e>.

From Global Initiative*

Pray for Iranian Farsi-speaking Christian converts from Islam who have offered their gifts of songwriting and poetry composing to Jesus. Their anointed compositions have drawn many Muslim Iranians to Christ. *Among these are the children of Haik Hovsepian, an Assemblies of God leader martyred in Iran in 1994. Radio and satellite television help to disseminate their and others’ songs and poetry into many homes that are otherwise closed.*

Prayer Resources

*For the 2017 World Watch List of the 50 countries where Christians are most persecuted, see <http://bit.ly/1npXC1e>.

*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.

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://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/>.

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/>.