



Intercede for the Muslim World!

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him (Ps 98:1, NIV).

As we enter a new year, pray that in 2017 many Muslims will see the marvels of God and His salvation and sing His praise!

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

THE GAMBIA: New workers are moving into The Gambia later this month and ask us to pray for:

- *The upcoming governmental transition* in this small West African, majority-Muslim nation. The president is to step down on January 19, at which time the president-elect will take power. However, the president has indicated he will not concede, and the head of the Gambian Armed Forces has declared the “unflinching loyalty” of the army to him.
- *The opening of a Bible school* that will emphasize church planting. Pray for the 6 students already registered for this 3-year program, that the Lord will guide them in their studies and in their church-planting projects.
- *Hearts that are seeking and open to Jesus.* One man told these workers that he had been praying to Allah to send someone to bring them the truth; another appealed for teaching of God’s Word and truth. Pray for the salvation of these and others like them, and for greater openness.
- *The development of good working relationships* and common, Spirit-led vision as American and African workers help prepare God-called Gambian pastors to assume the leadership of the national church.
- *More Gambian workers* to plant and serve churches and to reach their people. At this time, most church members are expatriates.
- *Key Islamic leaders*, that they would have Damascus Road experiences.
- *The spiritual development of new converts* from a particular tribe that has recently responded to the gospel.

In the News

In recent months, purportedly as a reaction to Islamic terrorism, **Russia** has been severely restricting religious activity, including evangelical meetings and outreaches. A worker with a Pentecostal organization reports that at least 4 colleagues have been deported. The Enemy has used the fear of terrorism to block those who have the message of love that vanquishes all fear. Pray that the Lord would open the eyes of those in leadership to this truth and that believers would find favor to continue in God’s work in this nation.

*From Global Initiative**

Pray for Pastor Rustam (pseudonym), a convert from Islam in a Central Asian country. His church has been closed due to its outreach to Muslims.

*For Muslim Women***

Pray for women and girls who have been sexually abused in refugee camps. Often they have no recourse and are emotionally and even physically wounded. Pray that the Lord would send women into their lives who can introduce them to Jesus and His healing and salvation.

Prayer Resources

*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://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/>.