



Intercede for the Muslim World!

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are (1Jn 3:1, ESV).

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

GABON: Islam is slowly gaining influence here, particularly through immigrants from Morocco. For the most part, churches are free to worship and evangelize openly, but face several challenges. An Assemblies of God church leader shares these needs:

- Pray for protection over the churches. Last September a bomb attack was thwarted at this pastor's church. Pastors and members need to be wise and discerning as they deal with Muslims who visit their churches.
- Pray for the planned relaunching this year of a Christian businessmen's fellowship. These businessmen will be encouraged to pray for Muslims and to befriend their Muslim colleagues and share with them as they have opportunity. Pray that the Lord would prepare hearts to receive the friendship and message offered, and that He would raise up Christian men with a burden to reach them.
- Pentecostal and evangelical churches face pressure to participate in the ecumenical association in Gabon, something they feel they cannot do without compromising. Pray that their stance would be a witness to other churches and to the Muslim community.

SENEGAL: Please pray for the continued witness of an English Center here. Young people participate in classes and in discussions in the English café. A few have become interested in learning more about Jesus and His Word. Pray for wisdom for team members as they teach them and for the Spirit's divine influence on each student.

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: In an African nation that is 99% Muslim, a certain Pentecostal denomination has 22 churches. However, nearly all those attending are foreigners. Pray that God would put in the hearts of leaders and believers creative, effective ways they can reach the nationals in this resistant land.

In the News

In Bangui, the capital city of **Central African Republic**, peace has been tenuous. Many live in refugee camps scattered throughout the city, preferring the security of the guarded camps to their own homes. Many churches also meet in the camps. While most Muslims have been driven out of the city since unrest in 2013, one neighborhood, called PK5, remains a stronghold. Recently, militants from PK5 destroyed three church buildings and a tent church, killed the pastor of one of the churches, and killed or injured about thirty other people. Pray for those affected by these latest attacks, that they may sense God's peace. Pray that the Lord would miraculously open the door for a church to begin in the PK5 neighborhood. Muslim leaders say that no church will be allowed there until Muslims can return and reopen their mosques. May the very ground that they want to use to worship Allah be used to build God's kingdom, for His glory. For more information, see <http://bit.ly/2kpvrIF>.

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/>.