



Intercede for the Muslim World!

Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever (Ps 73:25-26, NIV).

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

THE GAMBIA: Thank you for praying for the governmental transition in The Gambia. Truly God has intervened! The former president left peacefully on January 20, and the incoming president returned from exile in neighboring Senegal on the 26th. Some 46,000 Gambians had fled, fearing war, and are now returning home.

Please continue to intercede for 2 new workers moving into The Gambia this week. Pray that the Lord would give them favor with partners in ministry, with authorities, and with the churches they serve.

Pray also for the new president. The former had declared The Gambia an Islamic republic. The past week the new president declared that the country would return to its status as a secular state. Most people are Muslim. Pray that the Lord would touch the hearts of this nation's leaders, that the Church here may find favor and grow.

SENEGAL: An alumnus asks us to pray for 4 missionary families (from Senegal, Burkina Faso, and the US) beginning work in the north of Senegal among unreached groups. This is a new area; pray for special favor and open doors and hearts as they establish works. He adds, "**Thank the Lord** for the drop in the percentage of Muslims in Senegal. [This is due to] the progress of evangelical churches and lack of trust in the marabouts (Islamic leaders)." Pray that many who are disappointed and searching would find new life in Jesus.

2017 World Watch List: Afghanistan (3/50)*

Afghanistan, in Central Asia, ranks 3rd in the list of nations where Christians suffer the most persecution. Family, communities, and religious leaders punish those who show any interest in following Jesus. Believers whose faith becomes known may be stripped of their possessions, placed in a mental institution, or even killed. Of some 33 million people, an estimated 10,000 are evangelical believers. Pray that more Afghans may hear of God's salvation through radio programs, literacy classes, and other means. Pray that our brothers and sisters there would find strength and courage in the Holy Spirit to continue their walk of faith and invite others to walk with them. See <http://bit.ly/1bBuyeN> for more information and prayer points.

From Global Initiative**

Pray for believers in Cameroon, Central Africa, where Islamist militants are targeting Christians and moderate Muslims. Of its 24 million people, 6 million are Muslims. *In the north, some 170,000 Cameroonians have been displaced, and tens of thousands of Nigerians have fled to Cameroon. Pray that Christians would boldly use opportunities to share Jesus' love in word and deed.*

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/>.