



Intercede for the Muslim World!

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him (Pr 30:5, ESV).

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

BENIN: A student asks us to pray concerning the spiritual battle for souls in a northern area where most people are animists. The Bible is currently being translated into the local language, with the New Testament due out next January. At the same time, Muslims are moving in and establishing mosques. Please pray

- for the few churches in this area as they evangelize,
- for the Spirit's anointing on the translators as they work, and
- that God would thwart the Muslims' plans to infiltrate and influence the communities.

BURKINA FASO: A student shares a praise report and prayer need. **Praise:** When a church opened in a village, the Muslims there sought to destroy it. Despite this, the church has been able to put up a building, and in December held a Christmas party for the children. Many who attended were Muslims, and the church is establishing good relationships. **Prayer request:** The congregation needs a permanent pastor; may the Lord raise up the right person for this task.

Last week we prayed for primary schools in the Sahel region. Jihadists are threatening teachers, and on March 3 a headmaster was killed. This past Tuesday jihadists burned a public school and kidnapped two people. Please continue to pray for the safety and witness of the Assemblies of God Bible school and primary schools in this area.

CHAD: Since last September we have prayed for a church in southern Chad that has been forced to relocate due to Muslim opposition. Praise God, the last of the funds needed to buy land has been sent. Please pray for the ongoing negotiations for a lot so the church can move its tabernacle. The owner wants to sell them just half of the lot, but they need it all. Pray for favor. Pray also for the Togolese missionary preparing to assume the work of his predecessor.

MALI: Intercede for those working to spread the Good News in this Muslim-majority nation. A student specifies these needs:

- Pray for the ministry of an evangelist working in the center of the country. One day as he was preaching on the radio and taking phone calls, a caller threatened, "Become Muslim or die." May the Spirit embolden him in his ministry, and touch the heart of this listener and others like him.
- Pray for the safety of this student's family as they face opposition in their area. Neighbors had been throwing rocks at the church. Because of prayer, he says, this is lessening but has not stopped. May this family be a steadfast witness before their neighbors.
- Pray for a young Muslim boy that this student had taken into his home. The boy attended church while there and has suffered persecution. He is now back in his home village; pray that Jesus would keep him.

TOGO: The Assemblies of God has been established in a particular northern city for 70 years, but remains small in this strongly Muslim region. A student pastoring there asks us to pray for efforts to plant new works in pockets where Islam is weaker. Also, Islamic schools are opening here; pray that families would resist sending their children.

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/>.