

## **Intercede for the Muslim World!**

...let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you (Ps 5:11, NIV).

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

**CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:** Muslim-Christian tensions have plagued this country since 2013, and sporadic violence continues. Leaders of the Assemblies of God of CAR ask us to pray for these needs:

- Social reconciliation and lasting peace. The government is making efforts toward this, but only the Holy Spirit can soften men's hearts. Pray for secular and religious leaders in this dialogue, that God would supernaturally guide them (even if they are unaware!), and especially that each would come to know the Prince of Peace.
- Restoration of church buildings, most of which have been at least partially damaged.
- Emotional healing, peace, and strength to forgive for those who have suffered loss of family members and stable lives at the hands of Muslim insurgents.
- Revival in the churches. Since a conference on the Holy Spirit in 2015, the Assemblies of God has grown from 16 to 32 churches, and from 9 pastors to 32. Pastors preach about the Holy Spirit at least monthly. Pray for a great outpouring that will equip each member for greater outreach.
- Pastoral training. There is no Pentecostal Bible school; new pastors are trained through seminars and sent out to plant churches. The assistant general superintendent is a 3<sup>rd</sup>-year student at WAAST and plans to begin a Bible school upon his return to CAR. Pray that the Lord would bless these efforts.
- The purchase of land and construction for a church that has been meeting in a chicken coop. A few Muslims have been visiting this church; pray that it will reach many. Praise God, the Assemblies of God in another West African nation has offered to help with this project.

**COTE D'IVOIRE:** In 2015, an alumnus in leadership in the Assemblies of God here launched a program called the National Programme of Prayer for Revival. Since then scores of churches have established prayer groups and seen many members baptized in the Holy Spirit, miraculous healings, and the salvation and deliverance of many involved in the occult. Some are now joining us in intercession through this prayer bulletin. Pray that their burden for Muslims will grow as they pray and that God would mobilize and equip many to reach out to them.

**MALI:** An alumnus serving as a missionary here needs God's protection over himself as he travels to the unsettled north for a seminar and to visit churches, and over his family back at home.

**THE GAMBIA:** This past Sunday two workers who had served the Assemblies of God in this Muslim-dominated nation for 18 years were honored as they move into retirement. Pray that the Lord would bless them in future ministry. Pray for the incoming National Church Head, and for two other workers who have recently arrived. May the Holy Spirit help them to build a strong working relationship, for His glory and the growth of His kingdom.

## **Prayer Resources**

For the 2017 World Watch List of the 50 countries where Christians are most persecuted, see <a href="http://bit.ly/lnpXC1e">http://bit.ly/lnpXC1e</a>.

Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Visit <a href="http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/">http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/</a> 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 <a href="http://morningstarnews.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://www.releaseinternational.org/</a>.

For prayer requests, visit <a href="http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/">http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</a> and <a href="http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx">http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</a> and <a href="http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx">http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</a> and <a href="http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx">http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</a> and <a href="http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx">http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx</a>.

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see http://www.unchangingword.com/ and http://answeringislam.org/.