



Intercede for the Muslim World!

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God (Eph 5:2, ESV).

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

MALI: An Assemblies of God church in one city held an outreach on Easter Monday afternoon. The pastor (a WAAST student) reports that it was well attended and one person gave his life to the Lord—a great response in this area. He asks us to pray that this new believer would stand firm and grow, and that the seeds planted in the hearts of others who heard the Word that day would take root.

SAHEL REGION: Intercede for foreign Christian workers who have been kidnapped and are being held by Al-Qaeda and other Islamist groups in the Sahel (a band below the Sahara Desert, stretching from Mauritania in the west to Sudan in the east). In January 2016, an Australian doctor and wife were taken from their home in northern Burkina Faso; she was released after 3 weeks but he is still missing. That same month a Swiss nun was kidnapped in Timbuktu, Mali. A video message released by Al-Qaeda in January 2017 shows her weak but alive. Last October a U.S. humanitarian worker with Youth With A Mission was kidnapped in Niger, and his whereabouts are unknown. Just two months ago, in Mali, kidnappers took a Colombian nun from a town in the south, an area considered safer than the north. Please pray that these victims would have opportunities to minister to their captors. Pray for their health, safety, and release. Pray that their faith would be strong and that they may draw closer to Jesus than ever before.

TOGO: Thank you for praying for the safety and success of the Togo Assemblies of God Easter conventions, held around the nation from April 12-16. More than 118,000 people participated. Several conventions, each with at least 6,000 people, met in areas with large Muslim populations. In just three of these conventions, nearly 900 participants were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit and more than 300 healings were recorded. Pray for the Muslim vendors and others who heard the messages and observed these activities, that they would thirst to know more. Pray for the believers, that they would be more effective than ever in their witness to those around them.

WAAST: Students have just completed their 9-week session and have returned home. Pray for them as they continue their ministries, many in Muslim areas, and raise up more intercessors among their church members.

In the News

A northern state in Ethiopia is considering a new law that would limit church and evangelistic activities to church property. The law would make house churches illegal and restrict churches from purchasing property unless they had more than 6,000 members. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church is predominate in this state, and there is a small Muslim minority. Protestantism and particularly Pentecostal churches are growing rapidly there and face pressure from both groups. Please pray that the Lord would intervene, that the leaders would not stifle the very message that will set their people free. For more information, see <http://bit.ly/2pdVlyM>.

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/>.