



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

*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:5, NIV).*

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

**COTE D'IVOIRE:** In 2015, the Assemblies of God of Cote d'Ivoire committed to planting 5,000 new churches by the end of 2020. To date, they have opened more than 1,200 new works. Some are in Muslim-dominated areas. An alumnus in leadership here shares these requests:

- Please pray that God would raise up a missionary or missionaries to live and work in the north of the country.
- Pray for pastors and works in the north, the region where persecution is most severe. May the Holy Spirit encourage them and bring them much fruit for their labor.
- Intercede for those designated to oversee the work among Muslims in the various regions. Many Muslims, especially youth, are responding to the gospel, but face persecution for their faith. These young people need safe places to go, and at times even need to be defended in court. Pray for wisdom for these leaders and pastors who are helping these new believers, and for the spiritual growth and witness of the latter.
- Pray for students in the three AG Bible schools, that they would sense a growing burden to reach Muslims. A team working in areas dominated by Islam teaches courses in all three schools and provides students with some field experience. Students and local pastors are encouraged by the openness they encounter as they reach out. Pray that many students would sense God's call to join the work in these less-reached zones.
- Pray for efforts to provide safe houses for converts in need. One is under construction, and in each region churches have been asked to work together to provide such houses. Pray for these projects, for land, materials, and personnel to staff the homes, and for favor in the various communities.

### ***In the News***

Eighty-two of the girls kidnapped in April 2014 from their high school in Chibok, in northeastern Nigeria, were released this past Saturday in exchange for five jailed Boko Haram insurgents. The Islamist group Boko Haram carried out the kidnapping of the estimated 276 girls, and to date 113 are still missing. Though the families will be able to visit them soon, these young ladies will likely spend the next several months in government care for rehabilitation. Pray for these girls and families alike as face this transition. In many cases, both girls and families face social stigma in their communities. Pray for spiritual healing, that the Holy Spirit would show each girl the depth of God's love for her and help each one to work through confusion and pain. Continue to pray as well for the salvation of their captors.

### ***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/>.