

Intercede for the Muslim World!

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Ti 2:1-4, NIV).

At an event bringing together Muslims and Christians, a government leader said, "I wanted to...honour the Muslim community as a whole for fighting against religious intolerance.... I wanted to ask them to persevere in their work to educate other Muslims...on what Islam really is. It is a religion of tolerance and peace. It is not a religion of violence, which today has torn apart certain countries." Let's pray for our authorities, that they may be wise and lead in such a way that all can freely hear of "God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

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

BURKINA FASO: A student, concerned about the increasing impact of Islam in his nation, shares these requests:

- Pray for the authorities and concerning Islam's growing political clout.
- Pray for an end to the radicalism that has brought about several terrorist attacks in the country. Muslims need to hear the message of love that Christians have, but believers increasingly fear approaching them and sharing.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would help believers to love these neighbors and to see them as God does, and may this motivate them to reach them with boldness and wisdom.

DR CONGO: Islam has been gaining influence in the eastern portion of this large Central African nation. But God is at work! A student reports that many are coming to the Lord in an east-central area. He asks that we intercede for these new believers, that they would stand firm and grow in their faith.

GHANA: Two students ask us to pray for Ghana. The first request concerns a problem, the other concerns the implementation of a solution.

- Ghana is a majority Christian nation, but Muslims are gaining in political and social influence. Recently the head of a Muslim mission here expressed that it is time for Muslims to play a dominant role in nation building. Pray for Ghana's leaders, for wisdom and divine understanding of the implications of this influence.
- Pray for a strategic program being implemented to present the gospel to unreached people around Ghana. A coalition of Pentecostal/Evangelical churches, currently directed by a WAAST alumnus, recently trained 700 pastors for this effort. Each pastor has identified 100 believers that they in turn will train during the month of September. The churches and these people then commit several days a month specifically to outreach into the communities. Pray for those being trained and for their mobilization. Pray that the Lord would raise up intercessors to pray on their behalf, and that he would prepare hearts in each community.

TOGO: A political opposition party with strong Islamic leanings has emerged here. Pray that the Lord would thwart any plans to disrupt the peace, and use His people to draw many, including their leader, to the Prince of Peace

Prayer Resources

For the 2017 World Watch List of the 50 countries where Christians are most persecuted, see <u>http://bit.ly/1npXC1e</u>.

Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Visit <u>http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/</u> 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 a weekly lesson and prayer topic about an aspect of Islam, see https://prayingformuslims.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 <u>http://morningstarnews.org/</u>, <u>http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</u>, and <u>http://www.releaseinternational.org/</u>.

 $For \ prayer \ requests, \ visit \ \underline{http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/} \ and \ \underline{http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx}.$

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