



## Intercede for the Muslim World

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Co 1:18)*

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

**CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:** Please pray for a new Bible school opening this month in Bangui, the capital, directed by a recent graduate and helped by the Assemblies of God of France. Catholicism, often mixed with animistic practices, and Islam are great challenges to the Church in CAR, and only a handful of the AG pastors here have been able to receive Pentecostal Bible-school training. The first group, made up of 10 pastors, is ready to begin the 3-year training program. The director asks us to pray:

- for a miracle in finding a site for the school; if necessary, classes will be held in a church in the interim;
- for provision of the equipment needed (copy machine, furnishings, etc.);
- for the teachers, who will come from various countries, that they would teach God's Word with power.

Pray that these pastors would sense a growing burden and knowledge as to how to reach Muslims as well as Christians bound in syncretism.

Pray also concerning the ongoing Muslim/"Christian" violence. In Bangui, pastors have been able to leave the guarded refugee camps and return to their homes, but security in their neighborhoods remains precarious. Many church buildings have been damaged and looted and need to be rebuilt. Pray for peace, that God's work may move forward.

### *World Watch List 2018: Sudan (4/50)\**

In 2011, the northeastern African nation of Sudan split, and South Sudan became a sovereign nation. Fleeing ethnic and religious persecution and the Sudanese government's attempt to impose "one religion, one culture, one language," most Christians moved to South Sudan. Though not constitutional, sharia (Islamic law) rules the land. Those who serve Jesus in Sudan cannot meet or share their faith publicly. Pressure from government, family, and community seeks to squelch their faith. But God's Spirit is with those who truly follow Him. Pray that each of these brothers and sisters would sense His strength, wisdom, and guidance as they serve Him. Pray for opportunities for them to reach out to others. For more information and requests, see <https://tinyurl.com/WWL2018sudan>.

### *Open Their Eyes*

Muslims detest the Cross. Their religion teaches that Allah would never let a prophet suffer such a shameful death, so Jesus, son of Mary and messenger of Allah, was whisked away to heaven and someone else crucified in his place. We know that Jesus voluntarily laid down His life to break the power of death, and that belief in His death and resurrection is the only way to eternal life. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open the eyes of Muslims to the Truth of the Cross and Resurrection. Pray they would recognize the blinding lies of Satan concerning the Cross, that they might choose life.

### *Prayer Resources*

\*For the 2018 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see <https://tinyurl.com/WWL2018>.

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 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 <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/>.