

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

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12).

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

**MALI:** This past weekend, a student pastoring in the Muslim-dominated central part of this country held evangelistic services. He reports that many came to listen and seeds were planted. On Sunday he visited the church he started some months ago, which is growing. **Thank God** for protection during these activities. This area has become increasingly dangerous, with people afraid to travel because of attacks and live land mines. But, he says, "when it comes to spreading the gospel, God always give us the courage and He protects us."

This student asks us to pray for the following needs:

- Wisdom in finding other creative means of evangelism, as public meetings become more risky. Literacy training, soccer, family visits, and social works could be used for outreach.
- That the seeds planted during these meetings would take root in the hearts of those who heard God's Word,, and that they would have the courage to seek out a pastor or believer to answer their questions.
- That this young church could purchase land; renting is often risky.

### World Watch List 2018: Eritrea (6/50)\*

This small nation sits on the Horn of Africa. About half of its people follow Islam. The Eritrean Orthodox Church has great influence. The authoritarian government, in power since 1991, fears all religions, particularly evangelical/Pentecostal Christianity. Christians are persecuted by the government, the EOC, and Muslims. Many Muslims in Eritrea are becoming more radicalized, and anyone who leaves that faith is a traitor to family and community. Virtually all foreign charities have been shut down, making it nearly impossible for Christian workers to enter the country even to offer aid. Yet among 5.4 million people there are some 108,000 Eritrean believers who risk arrest, prison, or worse to live for Jesus, and His Church is growing! Let's pray the Lord would strengthen His people and use them as bold witnesses for Him. See more at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WWL2018Eritrea">https://tinyurl.com/WWL2018Eritrea</a>.

#### Open Their Eyes

How can a person receive salvation? Only through obedience and submission to Allah, according to Islam, thus salvation is available to Muslims only, never to a *kaffir* (an unbeliever or "ungrateful one"). When a person reaches puberty, an account is opened and his or her good and bad deeds recorded. Good deeds must outweigh the bad on the scale at the time of Judgment, and the final result is up to Allah. The Koran likewise implies a divine predestination. Therefore, a Muslim can never be sure of his or her salvation and entry into Paradise. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would stir their hearts to seek assurance and the truth about the Way to salvation, according to Acts 4:12.

# **Prayer Resources**

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

For a weekly lesson and prayer topic about an aspect of Islam, see <a href="https://prayingformuslims.com/">https://prayingformuslims.com/</a>.

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 http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/ and http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx.

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see <a href="http://www.unchangingword.com/">http://answeringislam.org/</a>.