



Intercede for the Muslim World

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! (1Jn 3:1)

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

AFRICA: On Thursday and Friday of this week, leaders of Assemblies of God national churches around the continent come together for a special Africa Assemblies of God Alliance (AAGA) strategic meeting. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would guide this meeting and for these leaders as they strategize together to reach Africa's 867 unreached people groups, most of whom are Muslim.

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: Over the past 2 years we have prayed about the need for an interim director and workers for an English-language center in a closed Islamic nation. While the couple directing this ministry were on a required leave, the center had to be closed. They returned a few months ago and reopened the center, but now face serious health challenges. They ask for prayer (1) "for the Spirit's guidance, whether it is for our return...or other ministry" and (2) "for the Director and team leaders and team members to come into place as soon as possible."

TOGO: *Praise God for answered prayer* in the provision of two lots for a new church plant in a northern village. One more lot needs to be added. Most of the people in this village are converts from Islam to Catholicism. There has been opposition to any evangelical church in the past, and it is crucial to have land before opening a work. Please pray

- for the upcoming outreach of an evangelism team, led by a WAAST alumnus who pastors in this area;
- for the purchase of the third lot;
- that God's Spirit would work in hearts, preparing people to receive the team with favor and to respond to the full gospel.

*World Watch List 2018: Pakistan (5/50)**

In this South Asian country, 99% Muslim, a person who leaves Islam to follow Jesus brings shame on his family and community. The society shames Christians in many ways: giving them the dirtiest and most dangerous jobs; accusing them, often falsely, of blasphemy against Islam; harassing Christian schoolchildren or forcing them to attend Koranic school, etc. Church activities are closely monitored, and attacks by radical groups frequently target churches that actively reach out, especially to youth. Let's intercede for believers here, that they may stand strong in their faith. Pray for the ministries to youth, widows, and the poor. For more information, see <https://tinyurl.com/WWL2018Pakistan>.

Open Their Eyes

The thought of God as a Father is anathema to Muslims. The Koran teaches, "Say, He is Allah, the One and Only. Allah the Eternal, Absolute. He begets not, nor is He begotten... (Sura 112:1). Muslims have 99 names for Allah—and "Father" is not among them. The biblical truth of God as our Father and we as His beloved children has no part in Islam. Yet people innately crave a relationship with their Maker—a relationship He intends for all of us. Pray that the eyes of Muslims would be opened to this truth and they can know this loving Father.

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/>.