



Intercede for the Muslim World

“...with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Rev 5:9).

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

TOGO: An alumnus has been faithfully pastoring for several years in a northern town that is a Muslim stronghold—and the home of one of the first Assemblies of God churches in Togo. Praise God, he has been seeing many come to the Lord. He asks us to pray for these two requests:

- “Important prayer request: the construction of a new church building. We continue to hold services in the old building. To give the mission a new image, we need to build, because now with the number of new converts the old building is filled and some members must sit outside during the services.
- “The young people who convert are persecuted, as are the women and certain others who come to the Lord.” Pray for wisdom for this pastor as he helps and disciples these new believers.

In the News

On February 26, in a town in Kaduna State, **Nigeria**, 12 Christians were killed and at least 20 injured after an attempt to rescue two teenaged girls who had been kidnapped and forced to convert to Islam. Muslim townspeople, some armed with AK-47s, not only attacked those who took part in the rescue effort, but then went on to assault others and to set fire to the homes and shops of Christians. The Assemblies of God church in the town was burned down as well. Pray for grace and courage for our brothers and sisters here. Pray that God’s Spirit would work in the hearts of those who oppose Him and His people. Pray for these two girls, still held captive; for the healing of the injured; and for the families of those killed. May God be glorified even in this tragedy. See more at <https://tinyurl.com/yanln7el>.

*World Watch List 2018: Iraq (8/50)**

More than 95% of Iraq’s 39 million people follow Islam. Most of those who claim Christianity belong to the Orthodox or Roman Catholic churches; fewer than 80,000 are evangelical believers. Those who choose to follow Jesus often lose marriage and inheritance rights and face discrimination and opposition, even to the point of death, from family and community members. They are particular targets of ISIS and subjects of slander in the mosques. Yet they alone have the message of hope and peace that their people need! Let’s pray for these believers in Iraq, that their lives and testimonies may touch others. Pray that God would reveal himself to Iraqis who seek Him. See more at <https://tinyurl.com/WWL2018Iraq>.

Open Their Eyes

Muslims believe that every person on earth is in either the “House of Islam” (the *umma*) or the “House of War,” the community of non-believers, who must be brought into the *umma* or destroyed. This sense of community guides every aspect of a Muslim’s life and thinking, and to leave the *umma* to follow Jesus is often social suicide. Let’s pray that Muslims would see in our lives the reality of another community: the body of Christ. May they see that the Christians in the “House of War” are those who have the message of true Peace that their hearts crave.

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/>.