



Intercede for the Muslim World

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them (Ps 145:18-19).

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

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: The central/northern region of this Muslim-majority nation has about a dozen Assemblies of God churches. Because of terrorist activity, travel is becoming increasingly dangerous, hampering evangelism efforts and opportunities for inter-church fellowship. A student serving in this area asks us to pray

- for meetings this week bringing together youth from several churches. Despite the risks, these young people insisted the meetings be held. Pray that the Lord would bless and strengthen them and protect them, especially as they travel home.
- for an upcoming evangelistic campaign. This campaign has been postponed several times due to instability in the region. Pray for God's wisdom as to when to hold it, for His divine protection on all who attend, and for the salvation of many.
- for a regional pastors meeting planned for April. Pray particularly that those in the northern area may attend and be refreshed by the time spent with colleagues; such occasions are rare for them.

THE GAMBIA: We recently prayed for more opportunities to reach people through providing wells. Praise God, He is working! A worker here reports, "After dedicating one of the boreholes, where [the speaker] spoke about the Living Water, several elders of the community approached the pastor and said they are ready to serve Jesus. But they are afraid they will be abandoned by their families and communities. Please help us pray for those who are seeking!"

In the News

Pray for the release of a schoolgirl, Liya Sharibu, being held by Boko Haram as she refuses to renounce her faith in Jesus. On February 19, 110 students were kidnapped from a girls' school in Dapchi, Yobe State, Nigeria. On March 21, 104 girls were returned to Dapchi in trucks, dropped off, and told to go to their homes. Five girls died in the incident. Please pray for divine protection and grace for Liya, and her imminent release. May the Lord touch the hearts of her captors. Pray for her parents, who are proud of her stand but naturally fear for her. Pray also for the families of the girls who lost their lives, that in their grief they may meet Jesus and find His comfort.

*World Watch List 2018: Maldives (13/50)**

These islands off of southwest India are known as a tropical tourist paradise. But its 376,000 inhabitants live in a restrictive, radically Islamic society. The few believers must remain secret, and even foreign Christians risk having their meetings raided. Bibles and Christian literature are banned. Drug abuse has become a serious social issue as people try to deal with life without freedoms. Please pray that the few Christians would find access to fellowship and the Scriptures, and be strengthened by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Pray for wisdom for those who disciple them. See more at <https://tinyurl.com/profilemaldives>.

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/>.