



Intercede for the Muslim World

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other (Is 45:22, ESV).

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

COTE D'IVOIRE: Muslim Arabs, particularly from Morocco, Syria, and Lebanon, have come in great numbers to this West African nation and are investing heavily, buying land, building—and gaining influence for Islam. A missionary here asks us to pray that the Lord would raise up and send Arabic-speaking workers who can penetrate this community and present the gospel.

MALI, BURKINA FASO: Please pray concerning children's schooling in these two West African nations. In central and northern Mali, hundreds of schools are closed because of jihadist activities, fueled by the belief that only Koranic education should be allowed. Some schools have been destroyed and teachers have been threatened. Since mid-February, 3,000 people in central Mali have fled to neighboring Burkina Faso. This displacement further disrupts children's education. In Burkina Faso's northernmost region, more than 10,000 primary-school children are on the street, not in the classroom. Let's intercede

- for these children, that the Lord would protect them and help them to find meaningful ways to fill their time and to learn. Many are left to their own devices. Pray He would bring loving believers into their lives.
- for the efforts of some in the churches to tutor children. Pray for wisdom and strength for them as they help these kids (most of whom are Muslim) with school subjects and take this opportunity to share Jesus.
- for the youth, who are susceptible to the temptation of money, status, and adventure offered by jihadist groups. Pray that the Christian young people would be a great influence on their friends.

SENEGAL: Last month we prayed for a small congregation who had been evicted from their rented place of worship. They still looking for a place to buy and are meeting in a hotel in the same neighborhood. Please continue to pray God will provide a permanent place for them, and for the continued growth of this church.

In the News

Pray for mercy in the courts for Pastor Andrew Brunson, who has been in custody in Turkey since October 2016 on false charges of espionage and involvement with terrorists. The American pastor has worked in Turkey since 1993 and leads a small church in the city of Izmir. After just one day of hearings, on April 16, Brunson was sent back to prison to await a second hearing on May 7. He faces a possible sentence of 35 years. Pray that God would intervene, that he may be freed and return to his wife and two children. Pray for his protection in the overcrowded jail cell, and for supernatural peace for him and his family. See more at <https://tinyurl.com/abrunson>.

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://muslimsask.com/>, <http://www.unchangingword.com/> and <http://answeringislam.org/>.