



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*“...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus (Ro 3:23-24).”*

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

**TOGO:** An alumnus pastoring in a Muslim-dominated town asks us to pray for a man and his family who had accepted the Lord and were beginning to walk in their new faith. The family has faced strong opposition from the community (e.g., electricity to their home cut and their road blocked). Please pray that the Holy Spirit would encourage them and remind them of the Truth and of Jesus' love for them. Pray that they would stand firm and not return to their former religion.

### *World Watch List 2018: Uzbekistan (16/50)\**

Nearly 81 percent of Uzbekistan's 30-plus million people are Muslims. Many mix traditional beliefs with Islam, but there is a movement toward stricter Islamic practice. While about 4.4 percent claim Christianity, only about 65,000 are evangelical believers. Those who accept Jesus face persecution from their communities and families and from government authorities. Please pray (1) that God would touch those in authority, from the President to the police, and soften their hearts toward the gospel; (2) for divine courage for church leaders and believers, who face raids, bugging, and other forms of intimidation, that their testimonies would bring others to Jesus; and (3) that Muslims here would have a revelation of Jesus. For more information, see <https://tinyurl.com/WWL2018uzbek>.

### *Open Their Eyes*

During the holy month of Ramadan (May 15-June 14, 2018), Muslims fast from sunup to sundown, give alms, pray, read through the Koran, and generally make a more concerted effort to reflect on their religion and to please Allah. It follows, then, that devout Muslims take more seriously the injunction to bring others into Islam and to wage *jihad* (holy war) against those who resist. Jihadists believe Allah gives them exceptional rewards for slaying infidels, or dying in the attempt, during Ramadan. Hence the rise in terrorist attacks: already at least 78 have been reported in 21 nations during Ramadan 2018. We need to intercede! Please pray

- that God would open the eyes of jihadists, that they may see clearly the destructive lies of the Enemy.
- for those who are sincerely seeking God during this month. Pray that they would sense the futility of trying to reach God through rituals and works—and that He would lead them to someone who can share the Truth.
- for the protection of churches and believers, especially in Muslim-dominated areas.
- for wisdom for believers during this time as they show God's love to Muslim neighbors.

### *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 <https://reachingmuslimpeoples.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/>.