



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed (Jn 8:36).*

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

**LIBERIA:** The Assemblies of God, Liberia, has been aggressively training and sending church planters around the country. According to the alumnus who serves as AGL's missions director, more than 50 workers are on the field. A home missions couple and two church planters are serving in Muslim areas. Please pray (1) that a third church planter would be able to begin work in a Muslim area in August, (2) that God would give these workers favor in the communities and speak through them to seeking hearts, (3) that more would answer the call to reach Muslim areas.

**THE GAMBIA:** The general superintendent of the Assemblies of God in The Gambia asks us to pray for their Pentecostal Fire and Missions Conference, to be held May 16-20. The conference is for pastors and church leaders, and evening services are open to all. "We hope to see all members filled and baptized with the Holy Spirit. We also want the Lord to stir hearts for Christian service and missions." Pray that church leaders and members alike would receive a fresh infilling of the Spirit and a new or renewed burden and vision to reach their neighbors in this majority-Muslim nation. Pray that God would empower the speakers with His words.

### *In the News*

Continue to pray for the release of American pastor Andrew Brunson, held in prison in Turkey on charges of spying and "committing crimes on behalf of terror groups without being a member." At his second hearing, on May 7, seven witnesses for the prosecution testified. None had any first-hand evidence to back their accusations, and Brunson's witnesses were not allowed to speak. Judges set Brunson's trial for July 18 and consigned him to prison to wait. Pray that the Holy Spirit would encourage and strengthen him, as well as his wife and three children. Pray that God would convict those in power and reveal himself and His truth to them. See more at <https://tinyurl.com/brunsontrial>.

### *World Watch List 2018: Nigeria (14/50)\**

Roughly half of the people in Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, follow Islam, and *sharia* (Islamic law) governs 12 states in the north. In recent years, more Muslims have become radicalized through Boko Haram. Nomadic Muslim Hausa-Fulani herdsman have pushed further south into Nigeria's Central Belt, claiming the land of "infidel" farmers for their cattle. Both groups persecute believers, burning churches and homes, killing, and kidnapping women and girls, as is their duty in the service of Allah. Intercede for

- those caught up in these groups, that they may see Jesus and realize Whom they are persecuting.
- those who are displaced (nearly two million), and those who are missing. Just this week a multinational task force rescued 1,000 hostages, mostly women and children. As they return home, many of these will be met with fear and rejection. Pray that our loving God would provide loving people to surround each one.
- Leah Sharibu, a 15-year-old held by Boko Haram because of her faith. Pray for her protection and release.

### *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://answerislam.org/>.