



Intercede for the Muslim World!

[Jesus] shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea... (Zech. 9:10, ESV).

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

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: Since February, fresh violence between Muslims and Christians (as any non-Muslim is called) has erupted in the capital city, Bangui. Bangui has been considered the one “safe” area, under government control, but that safety is tentative. An alumnus notes that only God’s people have the answer to the real, spiritual problem, and pleads, “Let’s stop counting on the UN, on politics, and on military forces, and let’s fight on our knees. It is sure that once we are reconciled to God, with or without the armed forces we will come out of this crisis. Let us take on our responsibility, dear servants of God.” Let’s join our brother in intercession and pray

- that God would touch the hearts of rebel perpetrators, whether Muslim or “Christian,” for their salvation;
- for this alumnus as he leads a newly opened Bible school, training 35 Assemblies of God pastors. Pray for the ministries of each of these leaders as they serve in this unstable area.
- that the Holy Spirit would mightily use these pastors and the church members to bring others to true salvation. Most of RCA’s people are Christian in name only and lack a true relationship with Jesus.

DR CONGO: An alumnus pastoring in the eastern North Kivu region asks for continued prayer for peace in this area. Terrorist attacks, rapes, and kidnappings are common, perpetrated mainly by roaming Islamic groups and often targeting Christians. On average, 2 people are killed each day in this province. Let’s intercede for our brothers and sisters there, for their protection and for their witness. Through them, may many find peace and hope in Jesus. For more information about this crisis, see <https://tinyurl.com/northkivu>.

GUINEA-CONAKRY: God is blessing the church-planting efforts of the Guinea Assemblies of God. In this majority-Muslim nation, they have opened some 40 new churches in the past year. The greatest challenge, says an alumnus, is obtaining land for churches. Even if a Muslim is willing to sell or rent, others in the community may oppose this and end the deal. Recently a missionary obtained permission from his landlord to hold prayer meetings in his yard, but the landlord’s brother forced him to stop. Pray for favor for new works in the communities. Pray that the Holy Spirit would touch the hearts of those who oppose God’s work and bring them to salvation.

In the News

The island nation of **Indonesia** has the world’s largest Muslim population, but its brand of Islam has been fairly moderate and the government tolerant of other religions. However, extremism and terrorist attacks are increasing. This past Sunday (May 13), three churches, including a Pentecostal church, were attacked in Surabaya, Indonesia’s second city. A family of six, including children aged 9 to 18, carried out the suicide attacks. The next day a family of five attacked a police station; only the 8-year-old girl survived. Pray for (1) the families of those who lost loved ones, and for those wounded; (2) that God would grip the hearts of those leaning toward extremism, that they would become radical for Jesus instead; (3) for the 3,000 Assemblies of God works (and other churches too!) throughout the islands.

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/>.