



Intercede for the Muslim World!

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him (1Jn 5:14-15, ESV).

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

BENIN: Please pray for the children's workers involved with Cotonou Kidz, an outreach program for children, mainly street children, in Benin's largest city. Assemblies of God churches and volunteers are launching this program in their various neighborhoods, using the approach that best works in their context. Pray for wisdom for these workers as they minister to kids who have little guidance, discipline, or positive influence in their lives. Pray that this program can penetrate into Muslim-dominated neighborhoods, and that many children would find their way to the meeting places and be touched by the love of Jesus!

TOGO: We have been praying for a new church started this past March in a heavily Catholic/Muslim community—and we need to keep praying! Land for the church was purchased ahead of the evangelism team's visit and funds donated to construct a building. However, the chief refuses to sign the documents necessary to build, and now some locals have removed the boundary markers around the land. The alumnus overseeing this new work will be taking them to court. A local lady, a believer, has offered to donate her land so that construction can begin unimpeded, but needs the signatures of her Muslim uncles to do so. This opposition is evidence of the great spiritual battle for souls in this village. Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of those who seek to block God's work, so that this building can go up and the new church can move forward together. For the time being, the pastor is meeting with new believers in their homes.

A note of praise: The marabout who confessed Jesus has led a friend to the Lord, and both are standing firm. Pray that the changed lives of these men and of others would bring glory—and more souls—to God.

In the News

Pray for American pastor Andrew Brunson, who faces his second hearing and sentencing in Turkey on May 7. Pastor Brunson, a missionary in this Islamic nation since 1993, was arrested in October 2016 for "Christianization" and espionage. After his first hearing, on April 16, he was sent to the prison he most dreaded to await the next. We and many others prayed, and on April 20 he was moved to a prison in Izmir, where the church he pastors is located. Pray that the Lord would give special wisdom and courage to Pastor Brunson as he faces this hearing on Monday. Pray for favor from the authorities and for his release. If convicted, he faces a sentence of 35 years.

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://answerislam.org/>.