

Intercede for the Muslim World!

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him... (Na 1:7).

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

BENIN: Pray for some thirty workers sent out to reach several resistant people groups in the north. In the various villages where they have settled, these workers seek to build good relationships, serve the community, and quietly witness. When the time is right, they invite an evangelism team to hold an outreach. Pray that each worker would find favor and open hearts in his respective community. Pray that the new fellowships that are being established in this way would grow and produce more workers!

BURKINA FASO: On Sunday evening, June 3, a pastor, three family members, and four others were kidnapped from the pastor's home in northern Burkina Faso. Praise God, they were released in Mali after four days. According to the district superintendent of Assemblies of God for this region, the pastor and the others have been brought by military escort to Ouagadougou, the capital of Burkina Faso, where they are undergoing physical and psychological assessment. Let's continue to pray.

- Pray that the Lord would meet the deepest needs of each one as they recover from this ordeal and return home.
- Pray for God's protection on His people in this unstable area. Fifteen pastors have left temporarily because of this situation. Pray for wisdom as to when they should return, and for God's sustaining hand on their churches.
- Pray for the salvation of the kidnappers, who remain at large. One of the people who claimed to be coming to the pastor for prayer that Sunday night was actually an informant who led the jihadists to his house. May he and the others be confronted by the Holy Spirit.

In the News

Over the past few months we have prayed concerning the closing of churches in **Algeria**, a Muslim-majority nation in North Africa. Since November 2017, the government has closed six churches and a daycare center. This past week, the pastor of one of these churches was summoned to sign a document stating his church would reopen, and police removed the seals from the church doors. Two pastors in nearby towns received the same summons, and these three churches were able to hold services freely this past Sunday. No explanation for the reopenings has been given.

Praise God with us for this answer to prayer! Please continue to pray for the reopening of the other three churches and daycare center. For more on this story, see <u>https://tinyurl.com/algeriachurch</u>.

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 <u>https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</u> 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 <u>http://morningstarnews.org/</u>, <u>http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</u>, and <u>http://www.releaseinternational.org/</u>.

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