Intercede for the Muslim World!

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit (1Pe 3:18).

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

BURKINA FASO: An alumnus sends this request: "I have bought a lot on which to plant a church and have had difficulty obtaining the documents. We are waiting on the documents before beginning to build. I invite you to pray with us for the delivery of these documents and for the resources for construction."

CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE: A student who serves as a missionary from Cameroon to Congo asks us to pray for an initiative to plant churches specifically for West Africans who have relocated to Congo and other parts of Central Africa. Many come as Christians but often do not find a church home. As they work to set up businesses, they often get more help and encouragement from the Muslim business people. Consequently, many fall away from their faith and even move toward Islam. Pray for efforts to gather these West Africans, involve them in small discipleship groups, and get them integrated into solid churches or start new ones.

Pray for a former grand imam in one city who, through this ministry, has confessed Jesus as Lord. Pray he would stand firm against opposition and that his conversion would encourage the believers.

MALI: *Praise report:* A few months ago we prayed for a young lady who had accepted the Lord and consequently suffered persecution from her family, She wanted to marry a Christian young man, but the pressure against this was so great that the engagement was broken. The student who brought the request reports that she has stood firm in her faith. Another Christian young man has proposed, and it looks as if this marriage will proceed. Pray that the Lord would continue to soften this family's heart and bless this marriage for His glory.

Pray for a young man in his late teens who has taken a stand for Jesus. He was banished from his home, and when he sought refuge at an uncle's home miles away, he was turned away from there as well. He is currently staying with a believer in a city and needs to go back to school. Please pray that he can continue his studies and grow in his new faith. Pray that his family would be touched by his witness, even from afar, and seek the Lord that he has found.

In the News

After more than 6 months in the hands of Boko Haram, Leah Sharibu has sent an appeal for help in a "proof of life" video. The 15-year-old was kidnapped in February along with 109 classmates from a girls' school in Dapchi, Nigeria. The other girls were later released, but Leah has refused to renounce her Christian faith and continues to be held. The video has brought joy and hope to her parents and community, who feared she had died. Please continue to pray for her safety and release, and for the salvation of her captors. See more at https://tinyurl.com/sharibu.

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/.