



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... (1Pe 1:3).*

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

**BURKINA FASO:** Islamic terrorism has struck fear in hearts throughout this nation, but, says an alumnus, the threat has actually pushed the work of the Assemblies of God forward. In the dangerous eastern region, chiefs often request that a church be planted and donate the land. An evangelism team comes and ministers and does not leave until a building is erected. Pray that these churches would grow as people seek hope and peace. Pray for God's provision for and protection of the pastors who answer God's call to serve these small works.

**THE GAMBIA:** A worker in this Muslim-majority nation writes, "...we have discovered that there are small pockets of believers throughout The Gambia: 6 here, 14 there, up to 40 in another remote village! They have no formal churches, but have accepted Christ.... So we are sending our Bible school students with discipleship materials as well as making plans to plant churches in these locations." Please pray (1) for the growth and discipleship of these believers, (2) for the students ministering to them and for favor in establishing churches, and (3) for divine strength for all involved as they confront the dark spiritual forces that are manifesting themselves in various ways.

**MALI:** A student asks us to pray for an AG primary school. It was going to close, but the parents (mostly Muslim) objected. Church members have volunteered to teach, and the school opened this week with 31 students. Pray for these new teachers, for more students, and for the construction of two more classrooms to separate the grades.

**TOGO:** Pray that the Lord would soften hearts to grant permission to continue construction of a church building for new believers in a Catholic/Muslim community in the north. Influential people from this village, though they now live elsewhere, are refusing to allow an evangelical church there. Pray for divine intervention in the church's favor.

### *In the News*

Please pray for the October 12 hearing for Pastor Andrew Brunson, an American pastor detained in Turkey under false charges since October 7, 2016. His church in the U.S. asks for prayer

- "for Andrew to be emboldened to give a clear gospel witness, and that those in attendance...would hear and understand the gospel message;
- "that unless the Lord has a purpose in keeping Andrew in Turkey...he will be released from his current house arrest, allowed the freedom to travel, and acquitted of the charges;
- "that God will use the trial and its outcome to open doors for the gospel in Turkey."

### *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/>.