

Intercede for the Muslim World!

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God (Ps 86:8-10).

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

COTE D'IVOIRE: Please pray for the continued growth of a young church in a large city. About half of the congregation are former Muslims. Pray that these would be well established in their new faith and be a great influence on their families and communities, bringing others into the Kingdom.

WEST AFRICA: Because of jihadist activity, in many areas of West Africa tens of thousands of schoolchildren are on the streets instead of in the classrooms. Schools that continue to meet do so at great risk. Please pray for these children who are missing out on their education. Pray for the churches and believers in these areas, that they would take every opportunity to reach these children, most of whom come from Muslim families.

- **Burkina Faso:** In the northern areas bordering Niger and Mali, some 560 public schools have closed due to the constant danger of beatings, kidnapping, and murder. Many teachers have fled or do not come to work for security reasons.
- Mali: This past week Islamists forced the closure of some 20 schools in villages less than 100 miles from Bamako, the capital. They demanded that schools where French is used be closed and that only the Koran be taught, and threatened to punish any who do not comply. Pray that the Lord would open doors for these children to receive an education apart from Islamic teaching. Pray for Assemblies of God schools operating in the capital city, and one in the more unstable central part of the county, that they may continue unhindered to teach both the academic and spiritual lessons the children need.
- **Niger:** A Christian school here has been targeted and the director and personnel threatened. Please pray for peace and wisdom for the staff and for God's protection over them and the hundreds of children attending. Pray that the people in this community would see the divine intervention and protection and acknowledge the power of God.

In the News

Please continue to pray for the protection of believers in **Pakistan** in the wake of the acquittal of Asia Bibi. Radical Islamists are retaliating mainly against Christians, who make up about 2% of the population and are marginalized in society. Bibi and her family are still in Pakistan in an undisclosed location.

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>.