



Intercede for the Muslim World!

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins (1Jn 4:10).

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

MADAGASCAR: An alumnus asks for prayer for peaceful presidential elections in this island nation next Wednesday, December 19. Pray for wisdom for government leaders concerning the influx of Muslims into Madagascar. Because most of the population lives in poverty, and Muslims are offering aid, the government allows them to enter, settle, and build mosques, schools, etc. Many are being sent by Turkey and coming in from the nearby Comoros Islands to settle and to propagate Islam. Pray that the Spirit would open the eyes of leaders to the true nature of this activity. Pray that Muslims who come there to settle would meet true believers who can point them to Jesus.

TOGO: An alumnus who pastors a church in a Muslim-dominated town asks for prayer as they hold evening prayer meetings throughout the month of December. Because of recent political troubles, the town has been under a nightly curfew this week, beginning at 8:00, so meetings must begin early. He also shares these requests:

- Pray for the salvation of young people. “Most of the young people do nothing and so become thieves or prostitutes, under the guise of Islam. The young people who are often used for political purposes [recent demonstrations] are often drug addicts. Pray that they would repent and cease to be the devil’s instruments at the mercy of Islam.”
- “We need equipment to show films in the high schools and junior high schools. The principal, though a Muslim, is open to the gospel.” Please pray for opportunities to share the gospel with the students.
- Pray for the salvation of local leaders. “The government authorities in the area are interested in the affairs of the church. Last Sunday the prefect asked for a service to pray for the peace of his prefecture [township].”

In the News

The island nation of **Indonesia** has the world’s largest population of Muslims, some 220 million adherents. While Christianity and several other religions are officially recognized, Islam dominates and persecution of others is increasing. The Indonesian government has now launched a new smartphone application, called “Smart Pakem,” which educates users about accepted Islamic beliefs and allows them to report any blasphemy or contrary beliefs that they hear and observe. The new app has naturally raised concerns of still more persecution and of misuse by people who dislike certain groups or individuals. Please pray (1) for the government and legislative leaders of this nation, that they would allow Christians to worship freely and share their faith; and (2) for wisdom and boldness for Christians as they face this new possible source of persecution. Read more at <https://tinyurl.com/pakem>.

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://answeringslam.org/>.