



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*“...for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel” (Lk 2:30-32).*

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

Jesus, God Incarnate, the Prince of Peace. For Christians around the world, celebrating His birth brings joy. Muslims do not consider Jesus to be God's Son and so cannot know His peace. For many of them, this celebration arouses anger and indignation. But Jesus came to earth for them! This coming week, as we celebrate, let's intercede for both Muslims and Christians around the world:

- Pray that Jesus, the “light for revelation to the Gentiles,” would reveal himself in dreams and visions to seeking Muslims.
- Pray that Muslims who attend Christmas and New Year's celebrations, as some do, would hear and respond to the Truth of the Incarnation and reflect on who Jesus really is.
- Pray for opportunities during this Christmas season for believers to explain the gospel to seekers, and for wisdom as they share.
- Pray for believers in restricted nations, who must worship and celebrate their Lord in secret. Pray that the Holy Spirit would meet them in a special way, that they would sense His encouragement and His embrace as they honor God's Son.
- Pray for God's protection over churches and believers as they gather for special programs and services. Pray that any plans to attack or disrupt these meetings be thwarted.

### *In the News*

Pray for believers in **Iran** as they face and respond to persecution. As Christmas approaches, the government has sent a warning, detaining more than 100 Christians over the first week of December. Most were freed, but only after being forced to give information about others and about house churches. This crackdown is at least in part a reaction to the great, persistent growth of the Church in Iran—and seems to be helping more than hurting the Church. In fact, says an evangelist, “after being arrested, the members of our church began to speak about Christ with their family with more boldness.” Pray that during this Christmas season, more Iranians will find Jesus! See more at <https://tinyurl.com/iranctmas>.

### *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/>.