



Intercede for the Muslim World!

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death (Ps 33:18-19a, ESV).

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

BURUNDI: An alumnus from DR Congo is working to begin a church here, starting with prayer meetings in his home. Although nearly 93% of Burundi's 11 million people claim to be Christians (mainly Roman Catholic), the government has imposed strict laws concerning churches. Islam also is becoming a great challenge. He asks us to pray for the following requests:

- Pray that this prayer cell may begin to meet with no problems, as recently the government has started to restrict prayer meetings in homes. Pray for the spiritual growth of the core of believers involved.
- Pray for the provision of land on which to build; all churches are required to own their own land.
- Pray concerning the growing influence of Islam in this nation. Muslims from Arab and East African nations are strategically using social works and building mosques and schools to attract adherents to Islam. The pastor points out that the government restrictions concerning land and the number of people a church is required to have, actually works in favor of Muslims. While many churches struggle to find funds, Muslims are able to buy land in strategic places and have funds to build as well.

Pray also that true believers in Burundi would recognize this challenge and have a God-given burden to pray for Muslims. Pray for open doors and creative strategies to reach the Muslims, most of whom are foreigners.

CAMEROON: Pray for our alumni, students, and other pastors and churches in the two English-speaking regions of Cameroon, which have been in conflict with the French-majority government since 2016. Since January 4, clashes between military forces and anti-government separatists have become more frequent, making city streets and intercity travel unsafe. Many schools have not opened this semester—some have not opened for more than two years now—and kidnappings are becoming more common. Pray for safety of our brothers and sisters. Pray for wisdom for pastors and believers as they offer eternal hope to people in this uncertain, ongoing situation.

DR CONGO: The alumnus working in Burundi also serves a church in a Congolese town where the majority of the people are Muslim, and many others follow traditional religions and Roman Catholicism. He asks for prayer for the spiritual growth and stability of those in his congregation. They have come to Christ from Islam and these other religions, and many continue to struggle in their faith. He notes that we have prayed for them before, and he is seeing some positive changes in some lives and slow growth in numbers. Let's continue to pray, that these people would become dedicated, great witnesses to Muslims and to others in this community.

Pray for peace throughout this nation following the announcement of the presidential election results. Pray that pastors and churches would firmly represent God's kingdom, not any political party.

Prayer Resources

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/>.