

Intercede for the Muslim World!

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all (Ro 4:16). May many sons of Ishmael accept the faith of Abraham this year!

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

SENEGAL: A worker in this Muslim-dominated nation asks for prayer for a friend in his neighborhood. "He has been suffering from sciatic pain for a few weeks. I prayed for him in Jesus name and reminded him that Jesus the Messiah is alive and wants to do good in our lives. Will you pray with me for [his] healing and that this would be a real occasion for him to be open to hear the message of the gospel like never before? Pray that this would be a healing that would lead to his salvation."

THE GAMBIA: The Lord is working in hearts through various means in this majority-Muslim country. Two workers involved in pastoral training and evangelism here share these requests:

- Pray for the salvation of people who have been listening to Scriptures and clips from the *Jesus* film contained on SIM cards. A houseworker and a security guard both are asking to learn more about Jesus as a result of what they have heard. Pray that the Lord would use this tool to penetrate many hearts with His truth. One worker notes, "People who will not accept a hard copy of the Bible are willing to accept these."
- Pray for two students who have a Muslim family member living with them, that God would give them wisdom as they witness to her through their lives and words.
- Pray for the establishment of evening home fellowships. "The pastors are reporting that many [seekers] will not talk to them publicly or in the day. But they will come at night—often coming to their homes rather than to a church. So evening fellowships are becoming very important."
- Praise God that new wells established near churches are bringing people into the church! Six more communities will be getting wells soon; please pray that water will be found and that these wells would be a blessing, providing Living Water.
- Pray for more workers for the harvest. "Right now there are so many people who are either newly converted or are on the cusp of being converted, but we just don't have enough trained pastors to help disciple them."

World Watch List 2019

Open Doors, a Christian charity that monitors the persecution of believers around the world, has released its 2019 World Watch List. This list ranks the 50 nations where it is most difficult to follow Jesus. North Korea has retained its position as number 1, being the most intolerant of Christians. In 33 of these nations, Islam is the driving force of persecution. Fourteen of the nations on the list are African, and in all but one of these countries Islam is the main source of persecution. See or download the list at https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/. We will be praying for many of these nations throughout the year.

Prayer Resources

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 <u>http://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/</u>.

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>.