



Intercede for the Muslim World!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come (2Co 5:17, ESV).

As this New Year begins, let's intercede for those who left Islam in 2018 and are beginning the New Year as followers of Jesus! May the Holy Spirit encourage and strengthen them and use them to lead others into the kingdom of God in 2019.

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

NIGER: An alumnus, a pastor and leader in the Niger Assemblies of God, shares the challenges of church-planting in this majority-Muslim nation. Please pray

- for the acquisition of land in strategic areas. "The evangelism department organizes campaigns in the cities and suburbs. But because we don't own land in these places, it is not possible to plant a church; once the meetings begin in a rented place, the landlord will be obligated to break the contract."
- that the Lord would place a burden in the hearts of His people to move to these areas to disciple new believers. "We have trained lay workers but no one wants to leave his job in the city to work in this mission."
- that the Holy Spirit would strengthen and keep those who confess Jesus during the outreaches. "We invite them to join an evangelical church if there is one nearby. But most of the time it is weeks or even months before a team returns. In the meantime the Enemy reclaims them."

NORTHERN TOGO: An alumnus serving as a pastor in a Muslim-dominated city presents two needs:

- The completion of the church building. The cement floor has not yet been poured and, he says, "the Muslims in the area mock us because of the sad state of the building." Pray for material provision and for workers to finish this job.
- A means to take in abandoned and destitute Muslim children in the area. "We believe that this would be a great opening for evangelism and would have a great impact in this Muslim milieu. Child care is very much neglected and we count a great number of delinquents here." Pray that God would give this pastor and church strategic direction in meeting the needs of these children, for His glory.

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: A student pastoring in an unstable area of this nation asks us to pray

- for an upcoming evangelistic campaign. The two-day campaign was to be held in December but was postponed due to faulty equipment. "Pray that the equipment would stay in good condition throughout the meetings. Pray that God would prepare hearts and that the security situation would not worsen."
- for the safety of this pastor's family as they remain home while he travels over the next three weeks.
- that the Lord would use him mightily as he teaches a course to students at a Bible institute.

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://answeringislam.org/>.