



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! (Ps 33:12, ESV)*

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

#### NIGERIA:

- Pray for presidential elections to be held tomorrow, Saturday. Already there has been some arson and several deaths related to the election; pray that all will be done peacefully.
- Continue to pray for the protection and liberation of Leah Sharibu, the 16-year-old schoolgirl kidnapped last February 19 and being held by Boko Haram for her refusal to renounce her faith in Jesus. News circulated that she had been killed, but this is being considered politically motivated fake news. See more at <https://tinyurl.com/rescueleah>.
- An alumnus asks us to pray for evangelism and church-planting efforts in the Muslim-dominated north-central part of Nigeria. The Nigeria Assemblies of God has targeted this area and sent dozens of workers, and they are seeing fruit! Pray that God's message of love would be received by many more and that strong bodies of believers would be established.

**SENEGAL:** An alumnus in this Muslim-majority nation writes: "We ask for prayer for peaceful elections in Senegal, which will be held Sunday, February 24. We are all hoping they will be peaceful, democratic, and transparent."

Both of these nations—and many others in Africa and beyond—guarantee freedom of religion as a constitutional right. However, tacit and overt pressure from their families and communities keep many Muslims from accepting Jesus. Pray that the leaders of these respective governments would resist the growing pressure of Islam, respect the religious rights of all citizens, and allow the Church to worship and work freely. Pray that believers would be a blessing and great testimony within these nation as they serve and tell people about the true King.

### *World Watch List 2019: Pakistan (5/50)\**

Pakistan, a nation of 200 million, lies to the northwest of India. Ninety-nine percent of its people follow Islam. Extremist groups have a growing influence on government policies, and communities exert great pressure on anyone who considers leaving Islam. Christians are second-class citizens and are given demeaning jobs such as cleaning sewers or working in the brick kilns. Pakistan enforces strict blasphemy laws (speaking against the Prophet Mohammad), and these laws are often used as a pretext to accuse Christians. Mainstream churches meet in relative freedom, while churches that are involved in evangelism are more closely monitored. Pray for those who courageously share their faith, for God's encouragement and blessing on them. See more at <https://tinyurl.com/pakistan19>.

### *Prayer Resources*

\*For the 2019 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see <https://tinyurl.com/WWL19>.

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/>.