

Intercede for the Muslim World!

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" (Ps 70:4, ESV)

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

EAST AFRICA: Please continue to intercede for a worker who has been detained in an East African nation. Pray for his release, and that the Lord would fill him with peace and courage. Pray for his wife, residing in a neighboring country. May God use this situation for His glory.

NIGERIA: Incumbent President Muhammadu Buhari was reelected in the February 23 election. Please pray

- that the Lord would help Mr. Buhari to lead in such a way that the Church will be free to evangelize and grow.
- for wisdom for this government in dealing with ongoing conflicts with the terrorist group Boko Haram and the still more deadly Fulani herdsmen. These semi-nomadic people, believing that all land belongs to Allah (and thus to his followers), take over land farmed by Christians in Nigeria's Middle Belt. In the first half of 2018 alone, these herdsmen killed 6,000 people and destroyed hundreds of homes and churches.
- for the release of schoolgirl Leah Sharibu, held by Boko Haram for her refusal to renounce Jesus, and of the aid worker held with her.

SIERRA LEONE: Pray that construction of the new Assemblies of God Bible school in an interior city may continue. Recently a team was able to put up building frames and roofs for the office/classroom complex, as well as the walls of the chapel. However, the missionary overseeing the project cannot be there for health reasons, and the project is currently on hold. Please pray for God's miraculous healing touch on this missionary, and that work may resume quickly so that the school may open. More than 70% of Sierra Leone's people follow Islam, and the training of Pentecostal workers is critical to reaching and discipling them.

In the News

Please pray for believers—and especially children—in **Tajikistan**. This is the most Islamized nation in Central Asia, with 97% claiming to be Muslim. However, the government of this former Soviet Republic discourages *any* religious training of children and last year tightened its Religion Law. No child under 10 can participate in any religious activity, and churches especially are closely watched and Christian literature seized. Recently a church was heavily fined for allowing children into a meeting. Authorities also burned 5,000 calendars with scripture verses, deemed "elements of propaganda of an alien faith." Pray for wisdom for Christian parents as they teach their children about Jesus. Pray for those who would try to keep these tender hearts from the Truth, that they themselves may see the Truth. Read more at <u>https://tinyurl.com/tajikkids.</u>

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 <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 <u>https://prayingformuslims.com/</u>.

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 <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>.