



Intercede for the Muslim World!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed (Lk 4:18).

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

Last Friday, March 8, was International Women's Day. Muslim women face particular challenges of status and freedom and were the focus of our prayers. Please pray with us for these general and specific requests for women.

AFRICA/WORLDWIDE: Pray for Muslim women who hear God's message of love and salvation and who decide to follow Jesus. Please pray

- that they might find fellowship with Christian women and resources to help them grow in their faith, especially if they are not able to become part of a church.
- that God would give them wisdom as to how and when to disclose their faith, and soften the hearts of those who might persecute them.
- for their husbands, children, and family members, that they might turn to the Lord and that the family might serve Him as one.

Pray for missionary families working in Muslim contexts, especially for God's protection over their wives and daughters. A student told of an African missionary serving in a Muslim nation. His work there was not appreciated, and when he had traveled, a man came to the house and propositioned the missionary's wife, promising her a wonderful, rich life. Daughters of missionaries are also subject to harassment.

MALI: A student asks for prayer for a niece who is seeing a Muslim man. Her mother and brothers have spoken with her, but she is attracted by him and his wealth and refuses to listen. Pray that this young lady, raised in a Christian home, would see Jesus as the One who truly loves her and break off this relationship.

Pray for a young lady who was faithfully involved in her church but was wooed by a Muslim man. She became pregnant, married the man, and left the church. Pray that she would return to the Lord and that He would guide her in wisdom as she deals with the situation she is now in. Pray that her husband would likewise turn to Jesus.

NIGERIA/MALI: Pray for young ladies being held in bondage and used as slaves.

- Leah Sharibu, a teen-aged schoolgirl held by Boko Haram for over a year for refusing to renounce Jesus. They are asking a ransom of US\$275 million. Continue to pray for her protection and release.
- 20,000 Nigerians who were trafficked into Mali to serve workers in the mines. Many are in the process of being repatriated. The teens and young adults come from all over Nigeria and no doubt many are Christians. Pray that the Lord would heal them in mind, spirit, and body. Pray that those who are not believers would find new life and healing in Jesus.

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://answerislam.org/>.