



Intercede for the Muslim World!

Behold, upon the mountains, the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace! (Nahum 1:15a)

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

BURKINA FASO: Although Burkina is a Muslim-majority nation, Christians have been free to worship and people have lived in peace. But in recent years extremist groups have been active and growing. A year ago, the nation saw an average of 7 attacks per month; since September 2018 this has jumped to 34 per month. Several religious workers have been kidnapped and even killed over the past few years, but churches were not deliberately targeted until a few weeks ago. On April 28 jihadists attacked the Assemblies of God (AG) church in a northern village, assassinating the pastor and five others. On May 12, more than 20 attacked a Catholic church in a nearby region, killing the priest and five others and burning the church. The next day, jihadists halted a Catholic procession and killed four people.

Since the April 28 attack, more than 100 AG churches have closed as believers have scattered. Pastors and members have fled south and are seeking help from churches, most of which are themselves stretched for resources. Please pray

- for the provision of food and basic supplies for these displaced brothers and sisters. Compounding the problem is the fact that this is a lean time of year, when people are coming to the end of last year's harvest yield but cannot yet plant. Churches in and outside the country are working together to meet these needs; pray they can find sufficient resources and for smooth distribution.
- that the Lord would strengthen those left behind. Pray that believers would be able to continue meeting, study God's Word, and together draw on the Holy Spirit and know His peace as never before. Pray that they would have many opportunities to show others the Way to peace.
- that the Spirit would guide these pastors and leaders concerning the eventual return to their work in the north.
- for the Bible school in the area. It was to have held its graduation ceremony May 4, but this will take place in conjunction with another school's graduation in another part of the country. Pray that this school will be able to reopen.
- for God's mercy on those who have embraced this destructive ideology, that they might find Jesus.

MALI: A student writes: "Pray for the meeting of the AG women of our region, which will be held May 22-23 in our church. I am the speaker for these two days. Pray for those who will be traveling and for the smooth running of the event. Pray for the Lord's leading in the preparation and teaching." This meeting is taking place in a very unstable region; pray for God's protection on these women, and that they would be greatly encouraged and strengthened in the Lord.

NIGER: An alumnus serving as a pastor and Bible school teacher in this Muslim nation asks us to "pray for security, for it is beginning to degenerate." He notes that this past Monday night, jihadists injured a priest in a Catholic center in Niger, just a few miles from the Burkina border. Pray that churches can continue to work and worship freely.

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/>.