



Intercede for the Muslim World!

"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin..." (Ex 34:6-7a).

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

BENIN: Please continue to pray for this West African nation and its leadership. Controversial parliamentary elections held last Sunday were largely boycotted; only 23 percent of voters went to the polls. An alumnus notes that there is movement toward policies that would hamper the freedom of the churches to work. This in a nation already seeing an increase in Islamic influence and a renaissance of traditional religion (voodoo). Pray for God's people here and for continued freedom to share the Good News that truly sets people free!

BURKINA FASO: This past Sunday, in a northern province, an Assemblies of God pastor, his son, and several church members—a total of six—were killed by armed jihadists at the end of the church service. Two church members were kidnapped. According to an alumnus, this is at least the second AG pastor killed there this year. Please pray (1) for the families who have lost loved ones, that God's peace would strengthen them; (2) for the release of those kidnapped; and (3) that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of these jihadists, for their salvation. See more at <https://tinyurl.com/Agburkina>.

Pray for God's protection over the Bible school in this area, especially as they hold their graduation ceremony soon.

We have prayed for an AG pastor who was kidnapped along with several family members and church members on June 3, 2018. An alumnus reports that the pastor alone was released in December 2018 and has been moved to another city. The whereabouts of the others is still unknown. Please continue to pray for their release. Pray that God would strengthen His servant, who continues to serve a pastor of a church.

TOGO: We have been praying for the launch of a church in a southern village that is seeing growing Muslim influence. Pray for a great response as evangelism activities continue and the church holds its first service this coming Sunday. May many in the area—animists, Muslims, and Catholics—begin a new life in Jesus in the coming days.

In the News

As ISIS loses ground in the Middle East, it continues to join forces with local terrorist groups and is expanding all across Africa. Since 2015 it has partnered with a faction of Boko Haram, forming the Islamic State West Africa Province. It works with Al-Qaida splinter groups in North Africa. The Islamic State in the Great Sahara was created about four years ago. ISIS claims it now has a cell in northern Mozambique, and just recently made its first mention of a "Central Africa Province" after an attack on soldiers in eastern DR Congo. Please pray (1) that the Spirit would sow discord and confusion among these groups and thwart their efforts to work together; (2) for God's protection on His people and for open doors to share His love; (3) that in His mercy Jesus would reveal himself to these jihadists.

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/>.