

Intercede for the Muslim World!

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him (Jn 3:16-17).

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

BURKINA FASO: A pastor calls for continued intercession for his nation, where jihadist attacks are increasing: "Pray for the church in Burkina Faso. We are persecuted. Let's pray for peace, but not just peace, but for strength to stay firm in the faith, to endure the pain and suffering, especially in the north and west of the country."

Organized church-planting efforts in the north have been suspended and the Bible school closed. Pastors and many of the members of some 100 Assemblies of God churches have fled south, seeking refuge in six locations. In one city alone, 1,400 people, including 95 pastors, are receiving food and being lodged by fellow believers. Pray that the Lord would meet the needs—physical, emotional, and spiritual—of all involved, both refugees and those ministering to them during this difficult time.

Pray for those remaining in the unstable zones, that they would sense God's assurance that His Spirit is with them. Pray that the Church here would grow still stronger and that their lives and witness would bring others to faith And pray that the new converts would include those who, like Saul, sought to persecute the Christ followers.

COTE D'IVOIRE: Please pray for a network of pastors and churches around the nation who are addressing the needs of those who choose to follow Jesus and who consequently face persecution. Pray for wisdom as they help them get established in their new faith and, if necessary, in a new living situation. Pray for the new believers, that they would stand firm and grow, and be able to win others of their former religion.

MALI: *Thank you for praying* for a regional women's conference held this past week in an unstable part of the country. The pastor reports that the meetings went well. About 25 attended; many were not able to come due to the risk of travel. Pray that those who participated could pass on the encouragement and teachings they received to strengthen the others.

Continue to pray for peace in this region, where many villages are affected by terrorist attacks and kidnappings. While churches have not been specifically targeted, regional church activities, so needed in an area with relatively few churches, are more difficult to organize and hold, and evangelistic outreaches are greatly hampered.

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 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 <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>.