

## **Intercede for the Muslim World!**

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God (Jn 1:12-13, ESV).

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

**BURKINA FASO:** Relief efforts to help pastors and church members who fled the north due to terrorist activity continue. National church leadership is assessing the situation. Pastors who cannot return to their areas of ministry within a certain time frame may be reassigned to plant churches in other areas of the country. Please pray

- that the Lord would open doors for pastors and believers to return home, and give them the peace and assurance they need to move forward.
- that God would guide the national church leaders in the case of each pastor, that each might continue in effective ministry.
- for provision for these pastors and families beginning new works.
- for the protection of believers in the north, for their spiritual growth, and for their witness to those around them. May their lights shine brightly!
- for the salvation of jihadists, to the glory of God.

**TOGO:** Local elections will take place around the country on Sunday, June 30. Please pray for peace in all areas, especially in the north and east, where threats of terrorism are greater.

**AFRICA & BEYOND:** According to missions researchers Duane Miller and Patrick Johnstone, the estimated number of believers from a Muslim background has grown from 200,000 in 1960 to more than 10 million today. The first reason they cite is "The massive increase in prayer for the Muslim world and the increase in the information to pray informatively." Our prayers are making a difference! Let's continue to pray, not only for Muslims, but also for more intercessors to join us and for more prayer groups to be established. Also, some Christians struggle with feelings of animosity toward Muslims and find it difficult to pray for and love them. Pray that the Lord would help them see these people through His eyes of love.

## In the News

A new believer in the North African nation of **Algeria** has been fined and given a suspended prison sentence for inviting a Christian couple to his home to pray. In this country where 99% of the people follow Islam, organizing Christian worship in one's home is a crime. This past week two pastors whose churches have been shut down also were fined. Please pray for our brothers and sisters here and for the church leaders, who constantly face church closures, interrogations, and threats of prison and fines. As the number of believers here increases, so does the persecution; may the Lord help them to stand firm for Him. See more at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/algeriafine">https://tinyurl.com/algeriafine</a>.

## **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 <a href="https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/">https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</a> 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 <a href="http://sayhelloinfo.com/">http://sayhelloinfo.com/</a>.

For a weekly lesson and prayer topic about an aspect of Islam, see <a href="https://prayingformuslims.com/">https://prayingformuslims.com/</a>.

For suggestions on starting a prayer group, see <a href="http://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/">http://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/</a>.

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians, visit <a href="http://morningstarnews.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://www.releaseinternational.org/</a>.

For prayer requests, visit <a href="http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/">http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</a> and <a href="http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://www.unchangingword.com/</a> and <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://www.unchangingword.com/</a> and <a href="http://answeringislam.org/">http://answeringislam.org/</a>.