

Intercede for the Muslim World!

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer (Ro 12:12).

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

BENIN: An alumnus writes : "Pray for Benin, especially for the northern part. Lately the insecurity has been growing. On July 17 I spoke with someone who escaped jihadist kidnappers. He told me that they forbade him to identify them, as they can still get their hands on him. They released him only after relatives paid 2 million FCFA (about \$4,000). Twice now they have kidnapped people from their homes. Pray for [this area] in northern Benin, for the security situation and for the authorities who are taking measures to keep it secure. Pray also for the salvation of these men [the jihadists] who work, without realizing it, for the devil."

NIGERIA: The Christian NGO Jubilee Campaign has presented a report "contending that the standard for genocide has now been reached when it comes to the massacres of Christian farming communities in Nigeria by Fulani militants." The Fulani are a nomadic or semi-nomadic tribe of cattle herders who are vying for land and in recent years have taken it by force, attacking villages and displacing and killing people. While the media and various governments portray this conflict as ethnic or economic, it is deeply religious, as the Fulani seek to spread Islam throughout this nation and others. See more at https://tinyurl.com/Jcfulani.

The battle is spiritual! Let's continue to pray

- that the peace of God that passes understanding would reign in the hearts of believers, that they might stand firm and encourage others.
- for wisdom for pastors and church leaders as they encourage and counsel people facing fear, pain, and loss.
- that God would pour into the hearts of His people a supernatural love and concern for the souls of Fulani people, that they might pray for them and seek to see them saved.
- that the Lord would use this crisis to bring many who are "Christians" in name only into a true relationship with Jesus.
- for the Fulani herdsmen, that they might be confronted with the Spirit of God and surrender to the One Who loves them!

In the News

Praise God for the growth of His Church in the North African Muslim-majority nation of Algeria. Despite church closures, strict blasphemy laws, and persecution from family and community, more are turning to Jesus. Many hear the gospel through Christian programming on satellite TV or through believing friends who dare to share their faith. Some see Jesus revealed in visions. Pray for our brothers and sisters here, for their growth, witness, and protection, See more at http://godreports.com/2019/07/algeria-church-grows-50-fold-in-10-years/.

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 <u>https://prayingformuslims.com/</u>.

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

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>.