

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love (Ps 33:18, ESV).

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

**BURKINA FASO:** Pray for ongoing efforts to provide for the 200+ Assemblies of God pastors and at least 3,800 church members displaced by terrorists attacks in the north. This coming week many pastors will be offered training in various income-generating skills, such as soap-making, so they can better provide for themselves wherever they go. Pray also for peace and that churches may reopen in the north.

**NIGER:** Please continue to pray for God's work in the town where an Assemblies of God church was destroyed on June 16. The church is located on a Bible school campus. Pray

- for the Bible school graduation being held today, July 5, that this celebration would be held in peace;
- that the Lord would encourage the pastor and the Christians in the area, and that those watching their lives would desire to know the God they serve;
- for the means to rebuild and replace what was lost;
- for the salvation of those who participated in this attack. According to a student, police have arrested more than 100 rioters involved in the burning of the church. He concludes, "We thank God and our brothers and sisters everywhere praying for the situation in Niger."

**WEST AFRICA:** Pray for the upcoming launch of a project to translate Discovery Series Bible institute courses into the Hausa language. The Hausa are the largest ethnic group in West Africa, and their language has more speakers than any other African language, some 150 million. Some 90 percent of Hausa follow Islam. Hausa believers need biblically based training to in turn reach and train others. Pray for the missionaries who will be coordinating the project, and that the Lord would raise up the dedicated, qualified workers needed for this important work.

In many countries the school year has just ended. We praise God for the continuing impact of Assemblies of God schools, which are attended mainly by children from Muslim families. Workers in two nations share these needs:

- *Mali:* A school for which we have prayed just completed a successful academic year. This school almost closed last year when teachers were transferred elsewhere, but volunteers from local churches stepped up. The regional pastor there reports, "The parents congratulated the teachers for what the students have learned. Given this, we need to continue. The only problem is the need for new classrooms." The school will be adding another grade as about a dozen are waiting to enroll. *Pray* for God's provision and continued favor.
- Senegal: The Senegal AG runs a number of schools as well as kids clubs attached to churches. "It was a great year for all the schools... [One town] has about 25 kids who come to a kids club Sunday morning and then stay all the way through church. *Pray* for kids like these to be influenced by the churches and their teachers!"

## **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 <u>http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</u> and <u>http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx</u>. 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>.