

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

...take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Eph 6:16-17).

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

**DR CONGO:** A student asks us to pray concerning the invasive growth of Islam in this Central African nation. He reports that 30 mosques are being built every 10 kilometers, even though there are few Muslims. "Pray that the Church wakes up to realize what is happening."

Pray for our brothers and sisters in eastern DRC, where Islamic terrorists and the Ebola virus are constant threats. An alumnus serving as a church leader here shares the following information and requests our prayers:

- "The situation of the churches is precarious because of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a Ugandan rebel group that kills people and burns down houses, health centers, and churches. Some pastors and their families have been killed or kidnapped.... The Congolese army and MONUSCO, the United Nations mission, have been unable to stop them. *Pray that new operations being launched would bring an end to this war*."
- In the Beni area, the ADF has killed some 3,000 civilians and more than 1,800 troops and kidnapped more than 1,500 people. Thousands of widows and orphans have no government aid. *Pray for God's comfort and provision for these victims, and for the churches as they assist those they can. Pray that many will find hope in Jesus.*
- "The ADF are Islamists who want to establish the Islamic State in eastern DR Congo. They have recruited Rwandans, Tanzanians, South Sudanese, Burundians, etc." *Pray that the Holy Spirit would confront these extremists with God's love and grace toward them, that they might be saved.*
- The Ebola virus continues to kill people, more than 2,100 since August 2018. Treatment has been complicated by terrorist attacks, people's movements, and suspicion due to traditional beliefs. *Pray for an end to this outbreak, and that many would turn to the Lord in this crisis.*

For more information on the serious but little-publicized conflict in eastern DRC, see https://tinyurl.com/adfkivu.

**LIBERIA:** An alumnus asks us to pray concerning spiritual opposition against a project he and his church are establishing in a largely Muslim community. This project includes a primary school, high school, and vocational training, as well as Bible courses. He writes, "I had a serious demonic attack while I was asleep.... Later I was told that at night some people went [to the site] and were anointing the building and property with oil and all kinds of stuff so that the work could not continue. We don't know who these people are." *Please pray* (1) that God would protect this work and thwart any plans against it, (2) for the completion of construction in the next few months, (3) that the Lord would raise up the right person to direct this ministry, and (4) that many in the community would benefit from the schools academically and spiritually.

## **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>.