

Intercede for the Muslim World!

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations (Is 61:11, ESV).

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

MALI: The school year has just started for children in Mali, but in the northern and central areas most public schools are closed due to fear of terrorism and even overt threats, leaving hundreds of thousands of primary-school students and some 400,000 high schoolers at home. Two students pastoring in this nation ask us to pray specifically

- for a small AG school that serves younger children in a town in the central area. Pray for many opportunities for the teachers (mainly volunteers) to share the Good News with these little ones, most of whom come from Muslim families.
- for a program being held in a city church twice a week, where tutors help some 30 children with reading and other subjects and present the gospel.

Please pray for the Assemblies of God schools operating in the country. Private schools have been able to open. Pray for protection over them. Pray for God's blessing on the teachers and volunteers; many serve at great risk. Pray especially that these young ones would come to know God's love for them.

SIERRA LEONE: A student notes that in every Muslim village in her country, there are girls whose families do not allow them to go to school. Please pray that the Lord would touch the hearts of the parents to allow their daughters to pursue their education.

TOGO: A Christian radio station offers two programs each week for Muslim listeners, one addressing a Muslimmajority tribe in their own language, and another in French. Both are presented by former Muslims and have had a great response. Listeners call in for more information, or come to the radio office and are put in contact with someone qualified to help them. Please pray for the salvation of many seekers through these programs, and for their integration into a local Christian fellowship. Pray for protection over the presenters, who sometimes receive threats for their work.

WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA: According to a UNICEF statement, "more than 40 million six to 14-year-olds are already missing out on school in Central and West Africa." Most of the school closures are due to insecurity. Community and church initiatives are being encouraged in order to provide at least some schooling and to keep children off the streets. Pray for the pastors and churches who are seizing this opportunity to serve these children and to bring them the gospel of peace. Pray that the Lord would provide them with material and human resources, and that He would use them mightily to influence their communities for His glory.

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>.