

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

"As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him (2 Sa 22:31).

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

**BURKINA FASO:** In the midst of insecurity, all but one of the Assemblies of God Bible schools continue to meet and are growing. New, much-needed dormitories are being built at eight schools. Work has been suspended at one school because of security issues. Please pray

- that the construction at each school can continue without interruption and for the safety of the workers;
- that work can safely resume at the school where it has stopped;
- for the eventual reopening of one school that had to close some months ago, in an area that has seen repeated attacks.

**NIGER:** This Muslim-majority nation, to the east of Burkina Faso and Mali, also suffers from extremist threats and attacks. Please pray

- for the success of church planting efforts in insecure areas. An alumnus and leader in the Assemblies of God-Niger reports, "We have opened a new church with three days of evangelistic campaign (December 26-28)....
  We are continuing [to open churches] as we have the means, workers, and land. The Holy Spirit is at work. As to security, we are still praying that God will intervene. Currently the use of motorcycles is banned in the western regions of Niger, between Niamey [the capital] and the borders of Burkina Faso and of Mali. One pastor who is leading three churches sent a picture of himself on a bicycle."
- that the Lord would encourage and strengthen pastors and protect and provide for their families.
- for the ministry of the churches—an Assemblies of God church and two other evangelical churches—in an area that is hosting many refugees, mainly Muslim. Most are from Sudan and are trying to make their way to Libya and on to Europe. Some of these refugees have been attending these churches, seeking help. This past Saturday, their situation became still more dire. Angry at the slow processing of their asylum status, hundreds had been protesting at the local UN headquarters. They were dispersed, and in retaliation burned down nearly 300 structures housing people in the refugee camp. (See more at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/refniger">https://tinyurl.com/refniger</a>.) Pray that many of these people would turn to Jesus, the only One who can truly help them. Pray for wisdom for the pastors and believers who minister to them.
- for the upcoming general council of the Assemblies of God-Niger and the election of executive committee members. Pray that God would direct these meetings, send a wonderful outpouring of His Spirit, and surround the area with His divine protection.

## **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 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>.