



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens, you who have done great things. Who is like you, God? (Ps 71:19).*

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

**BURKINA FASO:** An alumnus writes: “We have purchased a piece of land for our church. However, the transfer of ownership documents to our name has been delayed... We ask you to accompany us in prayer and even fasting so that the name of our God may be glorified... May He break the blockade in the name of Jesus....” ***Pray for God’s intervention, so that work on the church building may proceed.***

As jihadist threats and insecurity in Burkina Faso increase, pray that many Muslims, animists, and nominal Christians would seek peace and hope in Jesus in this new year.

**In Africa and around the world**, many congregations met on New Year’s Eve to worship and bring in the new year together. Typically many unbelievers who would not normally come, attend these celebrations, or hear the worship as resounding through the neighborhood. Pray that those who heard God’s Word would be reflect on their lives as a new year begins and respond to the gospel message they hear.

### *In the News*

Please continue to intercede for our brothers and sisters in northern **Nigeria**, where Boko Haram and the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) continue to target Christians. On December 26, an ISWAP video was released showing the killing of 11 hostages, 7 of them Christians, on Christmas Day. Atrocities of kidnapping and killing, most unreported, are committed nearly every day. Let’s pray

- that the Spirit would encourage His people in northern Nigeria and use them to bring the hope of Jesus to others.
- for the liberation and safe return of hostages to their families.
- that the Holy Spirit would stir the hearts of jihadists who are questioning their faith and activities. May He speak to them through dreams and visions, and lead them to true Peace.
- for Leah Sharibu, reported to be alive in the same camp in which these hostages were held. Leah, a Christian teenager kidnapped from her school with other girls in February 2018, refused to renounce Jesus and was not released with the others. Her captors have said she is their “slave for life.” Pray for her release.

For more information on the situation in northern Nigeria and prayer requests, see <https://tinyurl.com/nigerianextirac> and <https://tinyurl.com/WWLnigeria>.

### *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 <https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/> 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 <http://morningstarnews.org/>, <http://worldwatchmonitor.org/>, and <http://www.releaseinternational.org/>.

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 <http://muslimsask.com/>, <http://www.unchangingword.com/>, and <http://answeringislam.org/>.