



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*The Lord preserves those who are true to him...Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord (Ps 31:23-24).*

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

**BURKINA FASO:** Jihadist attacks continue in the northern and eastern parts of Burkina Faso. This past Sunday 24 church members, including the pastor, were killed, 18 hurt, and some kidnapped. See more at <https://tinyurl.com/bfpansi>. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters here. Pray

- that God's Spirit would comfort and encourage these families and the communities affected.
- for divine protection over the churches and believers.
- for unprecedented opportunities to share the message of salvation with Muslim neighbors. Many moderate Muslims also face threats and attacks and live in fear. Pray they would be open to the gospel of eternal hope.
- for those churches which have remained open despite the dangers, that they might continue to be bright lights in their communities and draw many to the Kingdom.
- for wisdom for Assemblies of God church leaders as they continue to aid the pastors and members who have fled unstable areas and taken refuge in the south.
- for displaced pastors who are now planting new churches, that the Lord would provide the resources they need and that the new works would thrive.

Let's intercede for the souls of those who are persecuting God's Church. They are His creation, and He wants them to know Him and His love!

**MALI:** Like Burkina Faso, this Sahelian nation is being increasingly destabilized by Islamic terrorism. An alumnus in the central region reports that this past week a chief imam was arrested for extolling terrorism, and in response the air force bombed terrorist positions near the city where this alumnus pastors. Each week, he says, one to three villages are burned down. Fishermen have armed themselves to protect their fishing areas from terrorists. *Please pray that the Lord would thwart the plans of terrorists, that villagers may live and work in peace.*

This instability greatly hinders the work of the churches. There are 13 Assemblies of God churches in the region, and regional youth camps, pastors meetings, various conferences, and other activities normally bring people together. Now road travel is greatly restricted, and many pastors find it too risky to even visit their members. Churches continue to meet faithfully. "Even during our Sunday service, we expect anything," says this alumnus. "But God has kept us so far." *Please pray that the security situation would improve so that believers would be free to meet and pastors can provide pastoral care as needed. Pray that Christians would have miraculous opportunities for witness.*

**TOGO:** Presidential elections take place this Saturday, February 22. Pray that all is done in peace. Togo's land borders will be closed for 24 hours. Pray that the WAASAT students traveling in for this semester would have no problems.

### *Prayer Resources*

\*For the 2020 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see <https://tinyurl.com/wwlist2020>.

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://answerislam.org/>.