



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name (Ps 86:8-9, ESV).*

### Today's Prayer Requests

**DR CONGO:** Just three days before the latest Ebola crisis in northeastern DRC was to be declared officially over, three new cases emerged, resulting in two deaths. Cases of COVID-19 have also been confirmed in the eastern provinces of Ituri, North Kivu, and South Kivu. This area was already destabilized due to ongoing jihadist attacks and kidnapping over the past six years. Hundreds of thousands have fled their homes, and many live in informal camps with few resources and inadequate medical care. Let's pray

- for God's healing touch on those affected with Ebola and COVID-19, as well as on the thousands of children who have contracted measles as a country-wide epidemic rages, and for an end to the spread of these diseases.
- for the thousands of displaced people, that they might see miracles of provision and come to know the God who cares for them.
- for pastors, churches, and believers in these provinces. Many of them are suffering themselves; pray that the Lord would encourage them and give them opportunities to share their faith and hope with others.
- for those involved in jihadist groups, that the Holy Spirit would thwart their plans and convict their hearts.

**MOZAMBIQUE:** "We don't want a government from unbelievers, we want a government from Allah." So declared a member of local jihadist group Al-Shabaab in a video after a recent attack. It has become more bold over the past two years and now controls of the 16 districts in the northernmost province. On April 6-7, jihadists raided eight villages, burned down a Catholic church, and kidnapped several people. The recently formed Islamic State Central Africa Province also began claiming attacks this past year. Please pray

- for God's people in this area, that they would be strong voices of encouragement and witness in their communities, and a support to the local authorities in dealing with extremists.
- for young people, many of who are lured by the sense of belonging and purpose that these groups offer. Pray that the Lord would bring them to hope in Him.
- that jihadists would encounter God.

**AFRICA & BEYOND:** Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting, begins this coming Thursday or Friday. During this month, Muslims worldwide abstain from food and drink during daylight hours, are especially diligent in their daily prayers and reading of the Koran, and reflect on their faith. The COVID-19 crisis may not affect these aspects, but other Ramadan traditions will be altered. The *iftar*, the meal breaking the fast at each day's end, is usually shared with friends and neighbors. Group gatherings at mosques to hear preaching or for study cannot take place in most areas. *Let's pray that in these unusual circumstances, Muslims would question their faith and that their hearts would cry out to know the true God. Our God is faithful to answer their cries!*

### 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://answeringislam.org/>.