

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

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity (Jer 29:13-14a).

## Today's Prayer Requests: from Students, Alumni, and Workers

**DR CONGO:** Please continue to pray for northeastern DR Congo as its people suffer ongoing terrorist attacks, a resurgence of Ebola, and now COVID-19. An alumnus serving as a pastor and community leader in this region writes, "Thank you for supporting us in your prayers here in eastern DRC, as armed Islamic groups continue to slaughter peaceful citizens. A band member and his wife from a local evangelical church have been victims of this barbaric action. Unity in prayer."

**THE GAMBIA: Praise report:** We recently prayed for the Bible school here as it moved into new accommodations. The classrooms, library, offices, and other rooms are set up, and this week 11 people attended the first prayer meeting in the new church sanctuary (large enough to maintain social distancing).

**Prayer request:** Workers ask us to "pray for new believers who are now not allowed to attend church due to COVID-19. We are sending daily devotions and weekly video sermons on WhatsApp due to lack of data for many people. Pray that God will use these efforts and that stronger believers will emerge from lockdown."

**MOZAMBIQUE:** Let's continue to pray concerning terrorism in the northern part of this nation. Last week we prayed for young people, that they would resist recruitment into terrorist groups. This past Tuesday news emerged of the April 7 slaughter of some 52 youths who refused to join (see <u>https://tinyurl.com/mozyouth</u>). Pray for comfort for these families and that many would come to salvation.

A worker in this nation posted this information and request for prayer: "In the past 3 weeks, 15 churches have been destroyed, and the homes of believers - burned. It is estimated that more than 100,000 people have been displaced... For the past several years, the [team of workers] in Mozambique has seen doors open miraculously in areas which were completely closed to the Gospel previously. The team has worked tirelessly to do as much work as possible during the season of the open door...never knowing how long the door would remain open.

"Our prayer is that: 1) God will break the stronghold of Islam in Africa, 2) The seeds of the Gospel that have been sown faithfully will grow and reap a vast harvest, 3) HE will supernaturally protect believers."

**SENEGAL:** A worker in this Muslim-majority nation writes: "Keep praying for Senegal as decisions are made for the next steps of fighting COVID here, for the national pastors who are leading their congregations in this time and for believers to be a light in their neighborhoods, in places that don't have the option of social distancing, staying home or having enough water to follow the guidelines." Despite masks, closures, and curfews, cases continue to rise in this nation. Pray for God's mercy on them and a quick end to this virus. Pray for opportunities for pastors and believers to minister hope and introduce people to the God of peace and healing—for today and for eternity.

## **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 <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>.