

Intercede for the Muslim World!

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! (Ps 33:8, ESV).

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

GHANA: An alumnus serving as a missionary here has been planting churches in villages where Islam and animism dominate. He gives the following report and prayer requests:

- One "church...is making some inroads. It was difficult to get a land in that Islamic community, but now they've been able to get a plot. We are trusting God for provision to purchase it." Pray they will be able to purchase it quickly.
- Another church, in a Muslim community in the far north, faces opposition in obtaining land. Pray for a miracle of provision.
- As the COVID-19 pandemic prevents churches from meeting, pray "that the love of many won't grow cold during this time. Most are new converts, as a result their nurturing must be consistent. So we pray that this situation may keep them closer to God "
- Pray that God would provide tents or other means of shelter for newly esstablished churches.

TOGO: An alumnus pastoring in a northern village encourages us to continue to pray and shares a request:

"You have to be among Muslims before you can understand that without the revelation of God through prayer, it is difficult to see them accept Christ. Your prayers have helped us greatly. At [town] about a dozen women have given their lives to Christ. Some of them are being persecuted; this is why we need you to pray." Let's pray that these new believers would stand firm and be used to bring others into the Kingdom! Pray for wisdom for those discipling them.

World Watch List 2020: Iran (9/50)*

This Middle Eastern nation counts about 85 million people. More than 98% follow the Shia branch of Islam. Ethnic Persians are considered Muslims and risk the death penalty if they leave Islam. No church services or Christian literature is allowed in Farsi, the Persian language. But despite the risk of surveillance and arrests, house churches are growing at an unprecedented rate as people, disillusioned by their religion, accept the Good News they hear from media sources and believers. (See more at https://tinyurl.com/wwl9iran.)

- Iran has been particularly hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Sadly, many assert that Muslims are immune, and the number of cases and deaths is suspected to be grossly under-reported. During this time, believers have been providing masks, sanitizer, and food to street kids and others. Pray for God's protection over all.
- At least 10 Christians imprisoned for their faith have not been released with the 83,000 prisoners temporarily freed because of the virus. Pray for miraculous protection over them.
- Pray for unprecedented opportunities for witness during this time, as many hearts seek true peace.

Prayer Resources

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

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>.