



Intercede for the Muslim World!

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them... (Ps 5.11).

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

MALI: Continue to pray for an alumnus, a pastor, (1) for complete healing from a stroke he suffered a few months ago and from worsening glaucoma; (2) for his church, which another pastor has been helping to serve, as members now meet in small groups due to COVID-19 restrictions; and (3) for the means to enclose the church building.

An alumnus pastoring in another region reports that, while churches have closed due to the pandemic, many mosques are continuing with all their activities, putting the communities at great risk. "People are dying but refuse to go for consultation.... We don't know who has the sickness and who doesn't," he says. Pray for God's protection on the people physically, and that He would work in the hearts of Muslims during this time. Pray also for the church members who are now unable to meet, that they would stay strong in their faith.

WEST AFRICA: This past week fire decimated a refugee camp that was home to Fulani people (nearly all of whom are Muslim) who had fled tribal conflict in their region. A worker who has served at this camp asks us to pray

- "that God would help each of the families (who just lost all they have) to receive enough food, supplies and shelter for them to live through the next few months;
- "that God would give grace, strength and wisdom to the aid director on the ground;
- "that God would awaken the local government and the international community to start supporting these families;
- "that the team on the ground would show the love of Jesus to these suffering people in tangible ways and also through the proclamation of the gospel."

This team has worked with these refugees for about a year. Pray that the seeds they are planting would take root!

World Watch List 2020: Nigeria (12/50) <https://tinyurl.com/wwl12ni>*

Nigeria's 200+ million people are nearly evenly divided between Christian and Muslim; about half of the Christians are part of evangelical or Pentecostal churches. Christianity dominates in the south, while Islam is strong in the north and is seeking to establish itself throughout the country. Twelve of Nigeria's 36 states are already governed by *sharia* (Islamic law). Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province fighters target both military personnel and civilians. Muslim Fulani herdsmen claim land for their cattle, attacking villagers who resist. All these particularly target Christians. Restrictions placed on movement due to the COVID-19 pandemic have not curbed the terrorist activity. Christians living in the north are receiving much less government rations than are Muslims. Let's pray

- for believers, particularly those who have left Islam to follow Jesus, as they face the compounded problem of persecution from family and community and the new challenges posed by the virus.
- for church leaders and members as they help and encourage one another and reach out to Muslims neighbors.
- that government leaders would be wise in making decisions that will serve all citizens equally.
- for God's provision for all in need—Christian and Muslim—and that Muslims may see Him as their Source.

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://answeringsislam.org/>.