



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them" (Jn 7:37-38).*

### Today's Prayer Requests

Depending on when moon-sighting committees in their various nations see the crescent moon, the holy month of Ramadan will end and Eid al-Fitr, the festival of breaking the fast, will begin either Saturday or Sunday. This festival typically lasts three days. The celebration begins with communal prayer, then people, dressed in their finest, visit one another, share sweets and meals, and give alms to the needy and gifts to children.

Eid al-Fitr 2020 will be different as these communal activities have been banned or greatly restricted because of COVID-19. Some nations, such as Saudi Arabia, are enforcing a 24-hour curfew over the three days. For some, breaking tradition is very disconcerting. Please pray

- that many would sense dissatisfaction in their traditions and an emptiness in their hearts and begin to question and hunger for more.
- for opportunities for Christian neighbors to share God's love—and wisdom in answering any questions posed by Muslim friends.

### *World Watch List 2020: Saudi Arabia (13/50)\**

Saudi Arabia is the geographical focal point of Islam. It is the birthplace of Mohammad and home of Mecca and the Kaaba, and the destination of some 2 million pilgrims every year who come to fulfill the *hajj*, the fifth pillar of Islam. The form of Islam here is Wahabbism, a strict, ultraconservative form that tolerates no other brand of Islam and certainly no other religion. Non-citizens are not required to follow Islam but cannot openly worship or share their own faith. Citizens (Muslims by law) who turn from Islam face persecution from family and society and risk the death penalty. Let's pray

- that God would reveal himself to Saudis through dreams and visions and by supernatural means, and open their hearts to the Savior;
- for divine protection of and encouragement for those who have chosen to follow Christ and who must do so in secret;
- that Christian foreigners working in Saudi homes would be a silent but powerful witness to their employers;
- for young Saudis pursuing studies in other nations (60,000 are studying in the US alone) that they might hear and receive the life-changing gospel.
- for King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and his government.

For more information and prayer requests, see <https://tinyurl.com/wwl13sa>.

### *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://answeringslam.org/>.