



Intercede for the Muslim World!

Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you (Ps 9:10).

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

GUINEA-CONAKRY: An alumnus serving in the northern part of this Muslim-majority nation gives this report of his work (church planting and lay training) and shares these requests:

- After several years of serious opposition, this worker has gained the respect of community leaders and has planted three churches. Now, he says, “we are looking for other places to open more.” ***Pray that the Spirit would guide this worker and his team to the right locations and to community leaders who will help them.***
- About 25 men and women attended the latest lay-training program, held in February. ***Pray for them and for other graduates of this program as they serve the Lord in the churches and in the workplace.***
- As gatherings are restricted during this time, the three churches (about 200 members total) are meeting in small groups to pray and read the Bible together under a leader’s direction. ***Pray that these believers would keep their spiritual fire burning during this time.***
- “Pray that we may take this opportunity to witness to [Muslims] about the love of Jesus. Muslims are afraid, they are sensitive in the area of hardship. We have begun to encourage them, to pray for them, and to give them supplies.” ***Pray for greater openness in Muslim hearts to the gospel as they face uncertainty.***

TOGO: An alumnus who pastors in a strongly Muslim community asks us to pray for his members as they cannot meet for church. Most of them rent rooms owned by Muslims and are therefore restricted from openly worshipping in their homes. Many do not have Internet access to watch online services. The pastor is printing out and delivering teachings to help them in worship. Many—both Christians and Muslims—are suffering as many people cannot work and food prices rise. ***Pray that the Lord would encourage and strengthen His people. Pray that He would reveal himself to Muslims as they observe Ramadan with difficulty in this time of need.***

WEST AFRICA: Across West Africa, hundreds of thousands of young boys attend Koranic schools. Most of these boys, called *talibé*, live at these schools, in overcrowded, unsanitary conditions. They study the Koran, then go out on the streets, toting a tin can and begging for food and for coins, which they must give to the marabout, their teacher. These boys and teens suffer in the best of times, and more so during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please pray for them.

- As movement is now restricted, these boys roam largely empty streets. Handouts of food and money are rarer, so boys go hungry and cannot meet their daily quota set by their master. In many cases, those who don’t meet quotas risk being beaten. Pray for God’s protection and provision for these innocent youngsters.
- These boys circulate at great risk of contracting the virus and spreading it to others, on the streets and in the crowded rooms they live in. Pray for divine protection over them.
- Pray for ministries that work with these boys, offering them food, medical help, and the gospel message. Many have had to curtail their ministry or close during this time. In some cases, marabouts discourage the boys from going to these centers. Pray that the seeds of truth planted in their young hearts would grow!

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/>.