



Intercede for the Muslim World!

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Col 1:13).

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

BENIN: Last month an alumnus asked us to pray for a lady who desired to follow Christ, but feared the reaction of her family. He writes: “The sister has accepted Christ, and I am following up with her, helping her in her walk with Christ.” He asks for prayer for others: “A Muslim woman heard the gospel from me but she refuses to give herself to Christ. Other Muslim brothers have also heard the gospel but do not want to give themselves to Christ. Another brother, who is not a Muslim, really needs Christ, he finds it too difficult to make this decision. I beg us to be very much in prayer for these.” Pray the Spirit would convince them of the importance of this eternal decision.

BURKINA FASO: Please continue to pray for Assemblies of God pastors and church members who have fled the north over the past 18 months due to the ongoing terrorist threat. An alumnus reports, “Many have found refuge in [certain cities] and other places, where they continue their ministry in local churches or open new churches.” Pray

- that the Lord would provide for and bless these workers as they continue to spread the gospel in new locations;
- that God would encourage and strengthen the believers still living in the north, and use them to show His love and hope to others in these dangerous zones;
- for the Bible schools in the country. One school has had to close due to the instability, and another may have to cancel its upcoming session as the terrorist threat spreads. Pray for protection and wisdom in this decision.

MALI: Pray for peace in this West African nation that has been a jihadist battleground and now is in a political crisis. A new opposition party, dubbed M5 and created by a prominent imam who has entered politics, continues to demand the resignation of President Keita. In the M5's third demonstration in the capital city, held this past weekend, 11 people were killed and more than 150 wounded. This Friday (July 17), M5 leaders have called for another rally to honor those who were killed and so continue to press their demands. Let's pray for these needs:

- Peace as this rally takes place.
- The supernatural intervention of the Holy Spirit and a confrontation with the truth of the gospel in the lives of this imam and his followers, and equally in the lives of President Keita and those in his administration.
- God's favor on the churches and believers in Mali as they stand as lights in growing darkness.
- Peace in the central part of Mali, which experiences lethal attacks in its towns and villages almost daily.

TOGO: The two Togo Assemblies of God Bible institutes were able to resume classes several weeks ago and will be holding their respective graduations this Saturday and the next. Pray for God's protection as they gather carefully: from coronavirus and from any disruption, particularly at the school in the north. Also, a limited number of churches will resume in-person services this Sunday. Pray that all goes well and that more can reopen soon.

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/>.