

## **Intercede for the Muslim World!**

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you (Is 26:3).

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

**CÔTE D'IVOIRE:** On June 11, jihadists attacked a military post on the Côte d'Ivoire/Burkina Faso border, killing at least 11 military men. The two countries have been working together to flush out jihadists who cross the borders, but this is the first attack on the Ivoirian side. The instability brought on by the threat of terrorist activity, as well as COVID-19 travel restrictions, have greatly hindered efforts to reach the area villages with the gospel. A worker writes, "There are churches there, but we haven't been able to continue with our plans to help them grow and plant new churches.... It is currently too dangerous for us, but also for the Christians living in the zone. Any large event or visitors would bring attention to the churches that are already there.... We have been praying about how to help the local church without visitors, even pastors from the south. It needs to be done locally." *Please pray* (1) that the Lord would strengthen the churches already there and provide many open doors for personal evangelism as locals reach locals; (2) for direction for these workers as to the most effective way to help; (3) for divine protection over the churches and believers; and (4) for God's intervention in the lives of the jihadists, for their salvation.

**NORTH AFRICA:** Recently Assemblies of God mission department leaders from sub-Saharan Africa (including some WAAST alumni) met to discuss reaching the nations of North Africa. The presenter notes, "West Africans are ideally suited for work in [several of these nations] due to French as a second language.... We would love to see the national churches in West Africa gain a heart for these countries and start praying for and sending workers there." *Pray that the Lord would call men and women to go and open the way before them, and raise up more prayer warriors who will intercede for these workers and for the lost in these nations.* 

**TOGO:** While the neighboring nations have begun allowing limited-sized church meetings, Togo's churches are still awaiting word that services and activities can resume. Although all places of worship, including mosques, are to remain closed, the call to prayer, silent during the lockdown, is now heard at 4 a.m. Please pray

- for wisdom for Togo's leaders as they slowly reopen the country, and for favor for the churches.
- that God's people would be encouraged and His Church here strengthened as they respectfully wait and continue to minister as they can.
- that the ongoing witness of pastors and believers through social media, radio, and other means would touch many who would not attend a church. Many Muslims are listening to programs; pray they would seek answers that satisfy their questions and quell their fears.
- for God's provision for pastors and workers who have little means of support as churches are not meeting.

**WEST AFRICA:** Pray for divine healing for a former student who has served in a Muslim-majority nation. He has recently recovered from coronavirus, but now suffers other life-threatening medical issues. He needs a miracle!

## **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 <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 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 <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>.