

Intercede for the Muslim World!

Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble (Ps 119:165, ESV).

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

CAMEROON: Two alumni are working together to plant churches in the Northwest Region of Cameroon. This region has suffered attacks and instability since 2016, and restrictions due to COVID-19 have also hampered free movement and gatherings. Still, they have recently opened two churches, one in a bush area and one on the outskirts of their city. Some of the Muslims in the area listen to their preaching as well. They ask us to pray "1) for God's anointing each time we go out; 2) that God should bless us with four-wheel-drive cars for the missionary work [the one they have is very old and the roads are very bad]; 3) for the souls to be abiding; 4) for open doors for the gospel in more places; 5) that God should keep the fire burning."

Please pray also for God's divine protection over them and their team. Pray that along with animists and nominal Christians, many Muslims in the area will accept the message of salvation that they preach.

MALI: Pray for this nation, now under military rule as President Keita was arrested by the military, then resigned on Tuesday, August 18. Mali is now under sanctions by various political and economic organizations, and leaders of 15 West Africa nations will be meeting Friday (today) to discuss the issue. Please pray that this added instability would not result in a greater foothold for jihadists, who largely control the north and much of the central part of the country. Pray for the churches and believers in Mali, for greater opportunities than ever to share Jesus' love.

WEST AFRICA: A worker asks us to pray for God's direction for a ministry team: "Due to political instability, our team is looking for a new location to continue to minister to the Fulani people—one of the most unreached people groups in Africa. Please pray for the Lord's guidance as we search for a location to continue language acquisition, platform development, and housing for our team."

Pray also that the Lord would prepare the hearts of the people He will lead them to. The 17 Fulani people groups total some 40.6 million and are scattered throughout West Africa and as far east as Sudan. They are nomadic cattle herders and are staunchly Muslim.

World Watch List 2020: Qatar (27/50)*

Qatar, a small nation in the Arab Gulf, is home to about 2.5 million people, but only about 12% of them are actually native Qatari. Other residents are from other parts of the Middle East and Asia, and are there mainly as domestic workers and business people. Qataris live under a mix of civil and Islamic law, and leaving Islam is forbidden. Christians working in the country must be very careful in sharing their faith with Muslims, and Muslims converts are persecuted by their families and society. Pray for these brothers and sisters. Pray for expat believers, for wisdom as they live out their faith. See more at https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/qatar/.

Prayer Resources

*For the 2020 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see <u>https://tinyurl.com/wwlist2020</u>. 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>.