

Intercede for the Muslim World!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Ro 13:15).

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

NIGER: Please pray for the Muslim-majority nation of Niger. An alumnus and national Assemblies of God leader writes, "Niger is currently facing terrible floods. One of our churches...is totally flooded and the pastor's house has collapsed." *Pray for the restoration of this church and house, and for others who have been affected by the flooding*. Local churches and believers are helping as they can.

Jihadist activity is a constant concern in some parts of Niger, especially in the areas bordering northern Nigeria. *Pray* for the churches and believers, "that God would give them wisdom to more effectively evangelize and that God would protect them from all violence."

Some good news: "It's true that the pandemic has slowed many many things, but by the grace of God we can still evangelize and plant new churches," adds this leader. In the past year the number of churches has increased from about 90 to 117. *Pray for more open doors and open hearts throughout the country, and for more workers!*

SENEGAL: This country has also seen severe flooding; on September 5 some areas received more rain than they normally get during the entire rainy season. An AG leader and alumnus asks us to "pray especially for the many victims of the floods; people have lost their homes. We are collecting clothing for those in flooded neighborhoods. Pray for the reconstruction of the church in (a city) that has been flooded."

Some good news: Construction has begun on a 700-seat church on a compound that will house the AG headquarters and more facilities. *Pray that this church would be a great outreach center in this strongly Muslim nation.*

World Watch List 2020: Mali (29/50)*

We have been praying fervently for this West African nation—and we need to continue! As of August 18, Mali is under military rule, its president having been deposed. Jihadists from several radical groups, drug runners, and organized criminal groups are active in the northern and central provinces, and will likely take advantage of the greater instability. Most of Mali's 20 million people follow a moderate form of Islam, and the Constitution provides for freedom of religion. Still, those who choose to follow Jesus face rejection from their families and communities, and evangelistic outreaches in the center and north are held at great risk. Please pray

- for the military leaders who have recently taken over the nation, that even unbeknowst to them, the Spirit would work through them to further the gospel;
- for a smooth transition to a stable government that will continue to officially allow freedom of religion;
- for God's protection and provision for pastors and workers there (including some WAAST alumni)—some from Mali and some from other African nations—and for lasting fruit for their labors!

For more information and prayer requests, see <u>https://tinyurl.com/wwl29mali</u>.

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 <u>http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</u> and <u>http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx</u>.

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>.