



.Intercede for the Muslim World!

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1Co 13:6-7).

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

AFRICA/GENERAL: Islam tends to gain traction in areas of extreme poverty, as richer Islamic countries and groups attract people through social services. A student notes that the COVID-19 pandemic has deepened the poverty in many areas, and people are more vulnerable to the temptation of these incentives. He asks us to *pray for wisdom and creativity for the churches in addressing needs and helping people rise out of poverty, to the glory of God.*

CÔTE D'IVOIRE: Presidential elections are slated for October 31, and the incumbent President (a Muslim in power since 2011) will be running for a third term. Already there have been rioting and dissension as many claim that a third term is not allowed by the Constitution. Ivoirian students ask us to *pray for peace and for God's will to be done.*

In the News

Please pray for children who have been and continue to be recruited as child soldiers by Islamic extremist groups. According to a July UN report, in 2017-2019 the Nigeria-based group Boko Haram alone exploited nearly 1,400 children for use as soldiers or slaves. Most of these were kidnapped. Children and teens (often girls) are sent out as suicide bombers, while boys are issued arms and taught to kill. Girls are often married off to jihadists. Once freed, these children often face suspicion and rejection in their home communities. Let's pray

- for divine protection over these children, their minds and spirits. Pray that those who know Jesus would stand firm, and that Jesus would reveal himself to these kids and to their captors.
- that those who escape or are freed would find true healing, and that believers would minister to them and lead them to the loving Healer and Savior.
- for wisdom for community and church leaders in treating these children and reintegrating them into society.

World Watch List 2020: Tajikistan (31/50)*

The mountainous Central Asian country of Tajikistan was a Soviet Socialist Republic from 1924 to 1991. During that period, their Islamic religion was suppressed and atheism was encouraged. Today nearly all of Tajikistan's 9.5 million people follow Islam, at least culturally, but some claim no religion. Any church outside the Russian Orthodox Church and a few other State-approved entities, is suspected of working against the State. Muslim leaders and families put great pressure on anyone who chooses to follow Jesus, so many believers are quiet about their faith and are careful to meet secretly. Please pray (1) for Tajik believers, and other believers in the country, that they may stand firm and that the Lord would use their quiet witness; (2) for workers who are discipling Christians; (3) that the Spirit would work in the hearts of those who seek answers—but do not find them in Islam or atheism—to lead them to Jesus.

For more information and prayer requests, see <https://tinyurl.com/wwl31taj>.

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://answerislam.org/>.