



Intercede for the Muslim World!

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (He 7:25).

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

NIGER: Pray for upcoming elections in this Muslim-majority nation. An alumnus writes, “The municipal elections have already taken place.... There are still the elections for the deputies and the president, scheduled for December 27. That's when there could be problems. We have to pray that everything takes place in peace and security. May the Lord remove the troublemakers. May the Lord give us deputies and a president favorable to justice, for the well-being of all the people.” The incumbent president is stepping down, having fulfilled his two terms; pray that the new leader would continue to allow the freedom of religion that believers here now enjoy, at least officially.

SIERRA LEONE: A worker here asks for prayer for a worker on his construction team and his wife, who just lost their baby boy. “By God’s grace I was able to share a short message from the 23rd Psalm, as well as pray for the family and the village. Continue to pray for [this] family and the village.... This morning the chief stopped by to say ‘Thank you’ for all of your prayers.” Pray that this young Muslim couple, as well as the chief and many others, would respond to the love of Jesus and accept Him.

WORLDWIDE: In many parts of the world, Christians are already restricted in their celebration of Christmas, and this year gatherings will be limited nearly everywhere. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would work through believers to share the story of Jesus’ birth and of God’s love with their neighbors. Pray that, as this challenging year draws to a close, seekers would see in their Christian neighbors hope for the future and ask to know the Reason!

In the News

The extremist group Boko Haram, based in northeastern Nigeria, has claimed responsibility for two new atrocities in other areas: an attack killing dozens in southeast **Niger**, and the kidnapping of students at a boys’ school in northwestern **Nigeria**. On Friday night, December 11, armed men opened fire at the boarding school. Most of the 800 boys fled, but some 300 are still missing. On Saturday, December 12, Boko Haram gunmen besieged a village in Niger, killing at least 27 people and destroying nearly 1,000 homes and the central market before help arrived. In a video claiming the attack, a fighter says, “We carried out the attack with the power of Allah and His help.” The group has also warned of attacks on Christians ahead of the Christmas holiday. Please pray

- that these jihadists, for whom Jesus came, would have revelations of Jesus and see His power and love that surpasses that of Allah;
- for the boys that are missing—it is unknown how many are with the terrorists—and for their families;
- for believers and churches during the Christmas/New Year season, that they may shine the Light and share the Hope of Jesus to those who so desperately need Him.

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/>.