

Intercede for the Muslim World!

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14).

Christmas Prayers

As we enjoy our freedom to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior today, let's pray for those who do not share this freedom.

- Pray for believers around the world who must meet in secret to celebrate. Pray that the Holy Spirit would encourage them and fill them with joy and a growing passion to reach others.
- Pray for opportunities for Christians to share the Christmas story, and for the Spirit's anointing on them.
- Pray that God would comfort those who have suffered loss due to their faith, and renew their joy as they reflect on His first coming and anticipate His second coming.
- Pray for seekers, that Jesus would reveal himself to them in dreams or visions, that they may believe that He is truly God's Gift and the only Way to salvation.
- Pray that many who do not know Jesus and who are free to attend church celebrations at Christmas and at the New Year would come, and that the message would touch their hearts.

In the News

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: Pray for peace during and after the presidential election this Sunday, December 27. Since 2013, the CAR has been destabilized by Muslim rebel groups. The president who was overthrown at that time has returned, and many suspect him of seeking support from these groups to stage a coup. This past Tuesday a rebel group seized a city (since retaken by UN forces) as they continue their advance toward the capital, Bangui. Russia has sent heavy equipment and military instructors to train CAR fighters. *Pray that in this confusion, many would find the Light of Jesus. Pray for the Assemblies of God churches and others as they shine His light*!

NIGERIA: *Praise God,* more than 300 boys involved in a kidnapping were rescued last Friday and have returned home. It is not known whether or not the government paid a ransom for their release, or whether Boko Haram or local herdsmen (also Muslim) had taken them. *Pray that those who live in these areas of insecurity and fear would open their hearts to Jesus, and for open doors for believers to share His love with them. Pray that these boys would would recover and find peace in the Lord.*

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 <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>.