



## **Intercede for the Muslim World!**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come (2Co 5:17).*

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

**GHANA:** An alumnus serving in a predominately Muslim area of this nation shares the following requests:

- Pray for efforts to plant a new church this year in an area where none yet exists.
- Pray for four outstations planted by the mother church since 2014. Two of them need to be built up, and a third needs a pastor to lead it. The newest work is doing well. “Pray that all may grow and that Christ will be formed in them, and for zealous workers to help nourish the new members.”
- Pray for a spiritual breakthrough among people in the town, where the Muslim population is high. “Out of town the case is different. They are mostly animists, so they can easily respond to the Gospel.”
- Pray that the Spirit would encourage believers, many of whom fear Muslims. May He give them wisdom, boldness, and opportunities to share God’s love in actions and words.

### ***In the News***

Continue to pray for peace in the **Central African Republic**. Last Sunday’s election was affected by violence in some areas outside the capital city, and some 15% of polling places could not open. Initial results are expected on January 4. Pray that this announcement would not result in more violence.

Pray for the ongoing work on the Assemblies of God of CAR, which now counts 43 churches and 36 students in its Bible school. May these believers lead many to faith in Jesus in the new year!

### ***World Watch List 2020: Kenya (44/50)\****

Kenya is considered a Christian nation, with nearly 48% of its people claiming to belong to an evangelical church. Muslims account for about 11%. Most of these tribes live in the eastern areas, near Somalia, where Al-Shabaab, an Al-Qaida-linked extremist group, is very active. This group recruits young people, radicalizes them, and sends them back as terrorists. Converts from Islam are especially targeted. Teachers at Christian schools and Christian business owners have been intimidated or killed, especially in the northeast, with the idea of ridding the area of Christians and providing jobs for Muslims. A Muslim who chooses to accept Jesus faces severe consequences from family and community. Please pray

- for God’s protection of Christians traveling by bus to visit family for holiday celebrations; many fear attacks by Al-Shabaab.
- for pastors, churches, and believers living in unstable areas, that the Spirit would help them to stand firm, show Jesus’ love, and reach their neighbors.
- for young people; 40% of Kenya’s population is under age 15. Poverty and lack of opportunity make offers to join a lucrative “cause” attractive to many. Pray that they may learn of Jesus and chose to serve Him alone.

### ***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/>.