



Intercede for the Muslim World!

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven (Mt 5:44-45a).

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

SENSITIVE COUNTRY : In October we prayed for a family who was moving here to serve an international church. We praise God that they arrived safely, found a home, and are busy in the church. They ask us to continue to pray

- that they will find favor and receive their residence visas soon. "It's very hard," they report. "We need a miracle."
- for church members who are sick. Because many are poor, they have few resources to seek treatment. Pray for God's divine healing, and that this would be a testimony to those around them.
- for continued protection over the church services, which are monitored; police recently questioned some activities. Pray for wisdom for the church leaders and favor from the authorities.

*World Watch List 2021**

The 2021 World Watch List has been released. This annual publication from Open Doors lists the 50 nations where Christians suffer the most persecution. Their comprehensive research shows that more than 340 million Christians worldwide face persecution or discrimination.

Nineteen of these 50 nations are on the African continent, 13 of those in sub-Saharan Africa. In all but one of these African countries, Islam is the main driver of persecution.

Three new African nations joined the list this year: DR Congo, Mozambique, and Comoros. Niger dropped off the list, sadly not because its situation has improved, but because persecution has worsened in other nations.

The coronavirus pandemic has brought further suffering to many believers. In some places, minority Christians receive less humanitarian aid as local officials block them. Many who lose their jobs cannot depend on support from families and communities who have rejected them for their faith. Some have been in lockdown with family members who oppose their beliefs. Terrorists have taken advantage of limited circulation to carry out attacks and kidnappings. Further, as churches were closed for a time and local giving has dwindled, pastors and congregations have struggled to find resources to help needy people around them. ***Let's pray for believers whose lives have been further complicated during this time, and for the salvation of those who persecute them.***

Throughout 2021 we will intercede for Muslims and for our brothers and sisters in many of these nations. To see the new World Watch List, visit <https://tinyurl.com/wwl2021>. To download the WWL booklet, go to https://www.opendoorsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/WWL2021_Booklet-digital.pdf.

Prayer Resources

*For the 2021 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see <https://tinyurl.com/wwl2021>.

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/>.