



Intercede for the Muslim World!

You who answer prayer, to you all people will come (Ps 65:2).

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

LIBERIA: The wife of an alumnus, herself a pastor, planted a church about three years ago in a town with a significant Muslim population. We have prayed for this work before, and praise God, a new cement block building is being completed to house the congregation and attract others. *Pray for the continued growth of this church, for the leaders this sister is training, and for her safety as she travels the long road from home to minister on weekends.*

NIGER: Thank you for praying for the election in Niger. An alumnus there writes, "God has blessed us with peaceful legislative and presidential first-round elections. Let us pray for the second round, scheduled for February 21st." (No candidate received 50% of the votes, the percentage required to win.)

Pray also concerning terrorism in his nation. "Pray that deadly jihadist attacks would end; they just killed a hundred people in two villages near the border with Mali." The attacks occurred on Saturday, January 1. *Pray for those injured and for grieving families. Pray that the few believers in the area may have opportunities to share the hope of Jesus.*

Revenge was the motive of this latest attack, as villagers, tired of paying the tax imposed by the jihadists, had killed the men who were sent to collect the money two weeks before. "Villagers either abandon their villages, to the benefit of the jihadists, who want the territory, or they pay and remain the accessories of the jihadists." explains this pastor. *Pray that villages may be freed from the grip of these terrorists.*

With this instability, the pastor notes, "many young people from these regions have joined jihadist groups." *Intercede for the youth of Niger, that they may see Jesus revealed and follow Him.*

*World Watch List 2020: United Arab Emirates (47/50)** <https://tinyurl.com/wwl47uae>

The UAE is made up of seven monarchies (emirates), each led by an Islamic emir, or ruler. As is true of most nations of the Arabian Peninsula, the UAE's Arab citizens make up only about 12% of the population, while the rest are expatriate workers. Nearly half the population of 10 million comes from Southern Asia, and few workers receive citizenship. Virtually all citizens follow Islam. Foreigners are allowed to observe their respective religions, but seeking to influence and convert Emiratis is forbidden. Muslims who are interested in following Jesus keep this a secret, as they know that converts are often disowned, fired from their jobs, forced to marry, or otherwise persecuted. Because believers rarely make their faith known, they have little or no fellowship. Let's pray

- that Emirati seekers would see Jesus revealed, and that they would find peace in Him;
- that the Spirit would guide believers to one another, online or in person;
- that Christian radio and other media ministries would reach many and provide effective discipleship for those who put their trust in Jesus;
- that Christians working in this nation would find open doors to witness to their employers and colleagues.

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/>.