



Intercede for the Muslim World!

...let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you (Ps 5:11).

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

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: We recently prayed for housing for a team of workers who were seeking to establish themselves in Muslim neighborhoods. *Praise God*, each of them has found a place to live. Continue to pray that the Lord would prepare the hearts of their neighbors and open doors to build relationships with them.

In the News

Early Wednesday morning, a boys school in north-central **Nigeria** was raided by gunmen dressed as military, who kidnapped at least 27 students, 3 staff, and 12 family members of staff. No jihadist group has claimed responsibility, but criminal gangs called “bandits” are increasingly carrying out such kidnappings for ransom and likely have ties to Boko Haram. In December, when more than 300 boys were taken from another school, Boko Haram claimed responsibility, but it was determined they did not carry out the kidnappings, and the boys were released without ransom. Families are naturally clamoring for greater protection. *Please pray for the safety and soon release of the kidnap victims. Pray that the Spirit would touch the hearts of government officials to work toward better protecting the population from such incidents, which are becoming increasingly common.*

*World Watch List 2021: Eritrea (6/50)**

Eritrea lies on the Horn of Africa, just north of Ethiopia, and many of its people groups inhabit both countries. About half the population is Tigray, most of who belong to the Eritrean Orthodox Church. About 45% of Eritrea’s people follow Islam. The government recognizes the EOC, the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches, and Sunni Islam, and oppresses those of other religions. Since 2002, independent Protestant/Pentecostal believers have been declared “enemies of the State.” Those who leave Islam or the approved churches face severe repercussions, including arrest and “disappearance,” and may be cut off by their families and communities and from social services. Please pray

- for the believers in house churches, that they may encourage one another and learn God’s Word;
- that many Muslims and nominal Christians would be reached through various media ministries offering the Bible and lessons in Arabic, Tigrinya, and English, all official languages;
- that the Holy Spirit would work to soften hearts of government leaders to consider the True God and accept His love;
- that those who are being held prisoner for their faith (an estimated 500) would sense the Lord holding them, that they might encourage others, and for their release.
- for the youth of Eritrea, who are often forced to serve in the army regardless of their personal beliefs. Nearly 60% of Eritrea’s people are under 25.

For more information and prayer requests, see <https://tinyurl.com/wwl2021er>.

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://answeringislam.org/>.