

April 23, 2021

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

There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God (1 Sa 2:2).

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

**LIBERIA:** An alumnus asks us to pray for his nation. Most Liberians consider themselves Christians, but Islam is quietly growing and gaining influence. In the north, he notes, there are villages with no church, but several mosques. Muslims businessmen are establishing cafés and tea houses in cities, where many young people gather. Intermarriage of Christians and Muslims is becoming more common. Please pray

- that the eyes of Christians would be opened to this growing influence and its implications;
- that the Lord would give believers a burden to pray for and to reach Muslims around them, and divine opportunities and strategies to do so;
- for wisdom for Christian young people concerning relationships with Muslims and intermarriage.

Praise God for the growth of a church in a Muslim-majority community, planted and pastored by the wife of an alumnus. The church building is almost completed, and work is progressing well on a primary school. "The open door...is that our religious neighbors are willing for their children to attend our Christian mission school." They ask us to pray for greater response to the gospel, for protection from witchcraft, and for funds to complete construction.

#### In the News

**Chad:** On Tuesday morning, just hours after a preliminary announcement that incumbent president Déby won the recent presidential election, Déby reportedly died of wounds sustained Monday during a visit to encourage the army, who were repelling rebels moving from their base in Libya toward the capital. The military will govern for the next 18 months. *Please continue to pray for peace, for the churches and workers here, and for the people of Chad.* 

### World Watch List 2021: Nigeria (9/50)\* http://tinyurl.com/wwl2021ni

This week marks seven years since 267 students were kidnapped from the girls boarding school in Chibok, Nigeria, and today 112 remain unaccounted for. Islamic attacks are a daily occurrence, with Christians and churches particularly targeted. In 2020, Nigeria led the world in the number of Christians killed (3,530, up from 1,350 the year before) and kidnapped (990). The activities of Fulani herdsman, Boko Haram, IS-West Africa Province, and Al-Qaidalinked Ansaru have caused the loss of farms, homes, and businesses, as well as human life. At the same time, many of Nigeria's people are committed believers; the Assemblies of God alone has more than 1 million members. The battle is physical, but ultimately spiritual. Let's pray

- that the Spirit would move on the hearts of government leaders, that they would take more serious measures to protect the population;
- that churches and true Christians would shine as lights in dark places, encourage one another, and reach many with the message of eternal life;
- that by God's grace jihadists would see revelations of Jesus and come to know Him.

### **Prayer Resources**

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

Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Visit <a href="https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/">https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</a> 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 <a href="http://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/">http://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/</a>.

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians, visit <a href="http://morningstarnews.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://www.releaseinternational.org/</a>.

For prayer requests, visit <a href="http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/">http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</a> and <a href="http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx">http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</a> and <a href="http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx">http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</a> and <a href="http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx">http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</a> and <a href="http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx">http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx</a>.

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://muslimsask.com/</a>, <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://muslimsask.com/</a>, <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://muslimsask.com/</a>, <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://muslimsask.com/</a>, <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://muslimsask.com/</a>, and <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://muslimsask.com/</a>, <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://muslimsask.com/</a>, and <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://muslimsask.com/<