



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

*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful (Col 4:2).*

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

**LIBERIA:** An alumnus has planted a church in a city that is a growing, increasingly international business center. He writes, "Keep us in prayer so that God will equip us in every way for this international harvest." Please pray (1) for the establishment of an outreach to area Muslims; (2) for the 150 children attending, that they may give their lives to Jesus; (3) for more workers to join those the pastor is training for greater evangelism in the city, and (4) for the completion of their building, and that this church would be a haven for animists and Muslims seeking the Truth.

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

Pray for God's intervention in the Israeli-Palestinian violence that has erupted over past week. On Friday, May 7, Palestinians protested restrictions put in place by police around Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa mosque, while other protests continued concerning the alleged eviction of Palestinians in a Jerusalem neighborhood. Violence is escalating as the Islamic group Hamas, based in Gaza, has fired more than 1,000 rockets into Israel, who has responded with interceptor missiles and with airstrikes on Gaza, aimed particularly at Hamas targets. Let's pray

- for a miraculous end to the spiraling violence; many fear this will develop into full-scale war;
- for divine opportunities for believers to offer material and spiritual help to those in need;
- that many would see indisputable evidence of God's protection on and love for them and turn to Him;
- for wisdom for the leaders on both sides, and that the Spirit would guide them and work in their hearts.

### ***World Watch List 2021: Syria (12/50)\****

About 90% of Syria's 19 million people are Muslims. Some 3.6% are considered Christian; most are from ethnic groups outside Syria and belong to Orthodox or Roman Catholic churches. As many Christians have fled over the past decade to escape war and persecution, their number has decreased from 2.2 million to an estimated 677,000. Evangelical believers number perhaps 40,000. In terrorist-dominated areas, churches are often destroyed and leaders kidnapped; in government-held areas they are greatly restricted. Because turning from Islam brings such dishonor, some families ask the authorities to keep their Christian family members under surveillance. Please pray

- for Christians in the northwest and northeast, where ISIS, Turkish forces, or extremist groups supported by Turkey have targeted Christians and churches;
- that Muslims who are observing and targeting believers would see a difference in their lives and be drawn by the Spirit to learn more about their God;
- that believers among the 7 million displaced people within Syria would be effective witnesses to them;
- for the 5.6 million Syrians who have fled to other nations, that many would find Jesus and share Him with their families at home.

For a short prayer video, see <https://www.prayercast.com/syria.html>.

### ***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/>.