



Intercede for the Muslim World!

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! (1 Jn 3:1a)

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

MALI: This Muslim-majority nation has had an interim government since a military coup overthrew the president in August 2020. This past Monday, the general who had led the coup, in reaction to new cabinet appointments, had the interim president and prime minister arrested and taken to a military headquarters. On Wednesday, the two resigned, putting the country again under *de facto* military rule. They were released soon after midnight on Thursday. ***Please pray (1) for the establishment of a stable civilian government, and that elections will still be held as planned in 2022; (2) that calm and normal daily activities would continue as people wait for developments; and (3) that jihadist activity due to the greater instability would not increase, as many fear.***

Some good news: A student reports that during all these months of political upset, no churches have been attacked, and they continue their normal activities. The six Assemblies of God schools (five primary and one high school) are all in session, even the two located in the more unstable center of the country.

An alumnus in a central city reports that “terrorists are imposing the veil on women in certain neighborhoods [on the outskirts of the city]. They come and communicate this and then they leave. The last message said that they will come back and see if it is being applied. Women who refuse will be punished, but we don't know what the punishment will be.” He noted further that in one neighborhood, terrorists have closed the only school. There are very few Christians in the neighborhood and no church. ***Pray (1) that the terrorists would drop these demands, (2) for wisdom for the Christians as to how to respond, (3) that God would use this to open doors to explain their faith to their neighbors.***

SENSITIVE COUNTRIES: The Africa Assemblies of God Alliance (AAGA) is sending workers into several sensitive nations on the continent! One moved just this week from Côte d'Ivoire to his new post; others will leave Burkina Faso next week to settle in their place of service. Several Nigerian workers are ready to enter new lands once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. AAGA has committed to sending workers to nine Muslim-majority nations. A member of the sending committee ask us to ***pray for these new workers, for their “training, cultural adjustment, language learning, funding, relationships with other missionaries, relationships with neighbors, identity (as black Africans are looked down on by those in these nations), and souls!”***

In the News

Praise God for the ceasefire in Israel and Gaza, agreed to on May 21. The ceasefire is holding, with both sides claiming victory in the 11-day war. Pray for believers and churches, that they may minister effectively to needy and traumatized people. Many people, even believers, who have lived together for years—Israelis from both Jewish and Arab backgrounds—are struggling with smoldering tension toward one another. Pray that the Lord would bring healing and unity to believers from both backgrounds, that they might be mighty examples to others of reconciliation to God and to one another.

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://answeringslam.org/>.