

# **Intercede for the Muslim World!**

Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me (Ps 27:7).

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

**BURKINA FASO:** Early Saturday morning, June 5, a village in the northeast suffered the deadliest jihadist attack in the country since 2015. At least 138 were killed when militants surrounded the village and started shooting. A student from this nation asks for prayer

- for provision and care for the 8,000 or so, mainly women and children, who have fled to the nearest city;
- for the families who have lost loved ones; most of the victims were young men between 16 and 25;
- for our brothers and sisters here. May the Spirit encourage them and use them to be a light to others.

**CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:** An alumnus who directs the Assemblies of God Bible school here asks us to pray for the upcoming graduation on June 28. Thirty-five students, both men and women, make up the first graduating class. They will be sent to villages to plant new churches and to reopen churches closed some years ago due to terrorism and conflict. Since 2013, when an uprising led by the Muslim Séléka group led to civil war, most of the nation has been under the control of various armed groups. *Please pray for the graduation, and for God's protection over these servants as they settle and begin work in these villages. Pray that the Lord would prepare hearts to receive the true gospel, including the hearts of rebels who need Jesus!* 

#### In the News

**NIGERIA:** According to an audio message released by Islamic State West Africa Province, Boko Haram's leader, Abubakar Shekau, died on May 18 when he detonated an explosive and killed himself rather than comply with ISWAP's demand that he join them. Many fear that ISWAP will strengthen its grip in the area, or the rise of another faction. *Pray that God would intervene, that His Spirit would grip the hearts and minds of the jihadists, that they might come to faith in Jesus.* 

## World Watch List 2021: Saudi Arabia (14/50)\*

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia occupies most of the Arabian Peninsula. It is the birthplace of Islam, and the king's official title is "Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques"—those of Mecca and Medina. Nearly 40% of the population are expatriates, mainly workers from Asian and African nations. Some of these are Christians, but they are not allowed to meet or to share their faith under threat of arrest or deportation. Saudis, or any other Muslims, who accept Jesus face persecution from family and society and even lose their citizenship, as no non-Muslim may be a citizen. Let's pray

- for programs and ministries on the Internet that are attracting many Saudis to the Truth;
- for courage and wisdom for Saudi believers and seekers, that they may grow in faith and find fellowship;
- that many would have revelations of Jesus, and that God would lead them to those who can teach them;
- that expatriate Christian workers would have great influence as they quietly live out their faith.

For a prayer video about Saudi Arabia, see <u>https://www.prayercast.com/saudi-arabia.html</u>.

## **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 <u>https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</u> 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 <u>http://morningstarnews.org/</u>, <u>http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</u>, and <u>http://www.releaseinternational.org/</u>.

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 <u>http://muslimsask.com/</u>, <u>http://www.unchangingword.com/</u>, and <u>http://answeringislam.org/</u>.