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Intercede for the Muslim World!

Then [Jesus] said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Mt 9:37-38).

There is one full-time Christian worker per an estimated 405,510 Muslims.** The number of Muslims worldwide has now reached 1.9 billion. Jesus' command to pray for workers is as urgent today as it was 2,000 year ago. Let's pray!

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

GHANA: An alumnus who pastors in the Muslim-dominated north writes: "We need prayer for this area. The threat of Boko Haram attack is being rumored daily. Fear is gradually setting in because of what is going on in Burkina Faso." Burkina has suffered multiple terrorist attacks and shares a border with northern Ghana. Please pray (1) that, in response to this fear, many would seek peace and be open to the gospel message, and (2) for the witness of the believers around them. This pastor notes, "We need courage and the spirit of persistence to continually reach out regardless of obstacles." May the Lord give them divine opportunities to introduce seekers to the Prince of Peace.

This past Wednesday, June 16, the Ghana Assemblies of God launched a new initiative, called the 5-10-50 Project. Within the next 5 years, they plan to send workers to 10 Muslim-majority nations, and 50 tentmakers to begin churchplanting movements among 10 unreached people groups. Let's join with them in prayer that the Lord would raise up those who will be part of their "three pillars of missions": (1) hands to give: churches and individuals who will support the workers and their ministries, (2) knees to pray: intercessors who will pray for the workers and for those they are reaching, and (3) feet to go: qualified, called personnel to go to each field.

World Watch List 2021: Maldives (15/50)*

The beautiful islands of Maldives, southwest of India in the Indian Ocean, are home to half a million people. All citizens are Muslims by law and follow an Islam mixed with traditional animistic practices. The few expatriate and Maldivian believers cannot meet, and no Christian literature or ministries are allowed in the country. Divorce, crime, drug use, and child abuse are serious problems as people seek to deal with fear and emptiness. Let's pray

- for the nation's leaders, that their hearts may be softened toward the gospel;
- that Maldivians who are seeking God and freedom from fear would see supernatural evidence of Jesus;
- that God would use expatriate believers working in the tourist industry, and tourists themselves, to witness discretely to Maldivians;
- that many Maldivians would hear and be touched by the Bible portions and Christian audio resources available on the Internet in their language, and for the production of more such materials.

For a prayer video about Maldives, see https://www.prayercast.com/maldives.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://answeringislam.org/.

**Note: "Missionaries" here includes Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Pentecostal/Charismatic workers. Source: http://www.thetravelingteam.org/stats.