



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always (1 Chr 16:11).*

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

**SENSITIVE COUNTRY:** Workers in this nation ask for prayer

- for a team of workers who will be preparing an audio version of the Bible in the predominant language of this nation. Local FM stations will then broadcast it in this largely Muslim area. May the Word penetrate the hearts of many seekers!
- for four believers who have been abducted by their own families because of their faith. “God give them great courage and his joy in their suffering for Christ.”

### *In the News*

**Nigeria:** Since the highly publicized Chibok kidnapping in 2014, mass kidnappings from schools have become more frequent. Most recently, on Sunday, May 30, some 200 children were abducted from an Islamic school in northwestern Nigeria, and more than 150 are still missing. Since December 2020 nearly 800 children have been abducted from government, Christian, and Islamic schools as “bandits” seek ransom payments from the parents, communities, and/or government. Most are released, as the ransom is paid, but a few are killed to encourage quick payment. In most cases, the kidnappers do not act in the name of a terrorist group, but are gangs of young bandits from the Muslim-majority Fulani and Hausa tribes. These kidnappings, whether motivated by religion or greed, enrich the gangs, provide funds and manpower for Islamic groups, and disrupt the education of at least half of the children in the north. Let’s pray

- for the release and safe return of these and other missing children;
- for families who are grieving and who live in fear, that, as they seek help and peace, they would find Jesus;
- for believers and pastors in these communities, that their faith would shine and draw others to the Lord;
- that the Holy Spirit would convict the hearts of these bandits/jihadists and reveal to them Jesus and His love.

### *World Watch List 2021: Sudan (13/50)\**

In 2020, Sudan was #7 on the World Watch List, but has now dropped to #13 as more religious freedom is permitted. The transitional government established in 2019 and a transitional Constitution no longer apply *sharia* (Islamic law) and have removed the death penalty for apostasy (turning from Islam). Sudan is moving toward a more democratic government, with elections to be held in 2022. However, societal attitudes take time to change, and Muslims who decide to follow Jesus still risk great persecution from family and community. Many fear exposure and keep their faith a secret, even from their children, who would likewise face discrimination. Please pray

- that the Holy Spirit would encourage believers and seekers, and would guide them in sharing their faith;
- that church properties that have been confiscated over the past 30 years would be returned;
- that Sudan’s leaders would uphold freedom for believers to worship and to testify openly of Jesus.

For a prayer video about Sudanese Arabs, see <https://prayercast.com/sudanese-arab.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/>.