

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

July 16, 2021

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken (Ps 16:8).

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

**BENIN:** A student writes, "I want us to pray for my mother's family in Benin. The family is entirely Muslim, and when we talk about Jesus Christ, they laugh at us. May the Lord be gracious to them." Pray that the seeds planted in this family would take root and that every member would find peace and life in Jesus.

**BURKINA FASO:** The Assemblies of God of Burkina Faso has launched the first session of its new Missionary Institute, providing training for current and future missionaries from Burkina Faso and from other nations. Many (likely most) of these missionaries work among Muslims both within and outside of Burkina, and some are preparing to go to Arab nations. WAAST alumni are involved in directing and teaching in this institute, and are among the missionaries being sent or already on the field. Please pray

- for wisdom for those teaching the courses, that what they teach would equip workers to face the ministerial and personal challenges of serving in this context;
- that the Lord would raise up more workers to be sent, particularly to the Islamic nations, and miraculously open doors for them;
- that this training would greatly benefit those already on the field, in their ministry and in their personal, family, and spiritual life.

## World Watch List 2021: Turkey (25/50)\*

This large nation bridges southeastern Europe and southwestern Asia. It is home to 82 million people, almost all of whom follow Islam. Under the current president, who took office in 2019, a growing Islamic nationalism has been putting great pressure on any non-Muslim and particularly Christians. While leaving Islam for another religion is not illegal, those who choose to follow Jesus face great opposition from the family and may be disowned and/or divorced. Even minority citizens with a Christian background face great discrimination. Foreign Christian workers have been denied visas or told to leave. Please pray

- for our brothers and sisters in Turkey, many of whom keep their faith quiet, that they may have fellowship and opportunities to tell others of Jesus;
- for those in the various Orthodox churches, that they would seek and find a vital relationship with the Lord and bring others to Him;
- for the protection of the few workers in Turkey;
- for the Kurds, who make up 19% of Turkey's population and are Muslim. The Kurds are the largest ethnic group without a state and have been unassimilated, second-class citizens in Turkey. Pray for workers among them and for revelations of Jesus in dreams and visions.

See a prayer video at <a href="https://www.prayercast.com/turkey.html">https://www.prayercast.com/turkey.html</a>.

## 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 <a href="https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/">https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</a> for information about praying for Muslims and weekly requests.

For a weekly lesson and prayer topic about an aspect of Islam, see <a href="https://prayingformuslims.com/">https://prayingformuslims.com/</a>.

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 <a href="http://morningstarnews.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://www.releaseinternational.org/</a>.

For prayer requests, visit <a href="http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/">http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</a> and <a href="http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx">http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</a> and <a href="http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx">http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx</a>.

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://www.unchangingword.com/</a>, and <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://www.unchangingword.com/</a>, and <a href="http://answeringislam.org/">http://answeringislam.org/</a>.