

Intercede for the Muslim World!

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Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world (Is 12:5).

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

MALI: An MA student from Togo has been serving as director of a Bible school in Mali for 5 years. The school has grown to 28 students and, he reports, has a positive influence in their largely Muslim area. "People know that, when they are troubled by evil spirits, they can come for prayer." Students go door to door to meet and share with families. Neighbors buy the onions and other crops that he and the students cultivate to help finance the school. As the school grows, he asks us to pray (1) for the completion of a second classroom building and for the construction of a dormitory and quarters for visiting professors; (2) for more students called of God to come for training; and (3) for land and means to build a church; meeting in a private area deemed inappropriate and many will not come.

A Gabonese classmate of the above-mentioned student asks us to pray for a Muslim lady who, after losing her husband in Gabon, has returned home to Mali. He has been sharing the gospel with her, but she needs someone local to guide her to salvation. The Bible school director knows her neighborhood and plans to contact her when he returns home. *Pray that she will find peace in Jesus.*

In the News

AFGHANISTAN: Over the last 2 weeks, Western troops from nearly 20 nations have been quietly packing up and leaving their bases in Afghanistan. For the past 20 years, they have worked toward rebuilding and securing this wartorn, terrorist-ridden country and toward establishing a more democratic government. As these forces leave, the Taliban, an Islamic military movement, is quickly gaining control over more districts in the country—taking some without a fight. This past Monday more than 1,000 Afghan troops fled into neighboring Tajikistan. The Taliban's stated goal is to replace Afghanistan's Constitution with a "truly Islamic system." Pray (1) for the people of Afghanistan, nearly all of whom are Muslims, as they seek peace in these desperate times; (2) that seeds sown by the few Christians would take root in hearts, and that the Lord would reveal himself in dreams and visions to many; (3) for wisdom for the government as they combat extremists, and for God's move in hardened hearts.

World Watch List 2021: Algeria (24/50)*

Algeria, in North Africa, is home to some 44 million people, nearly all of whom follow Islam. There are a small number of evangelical churches, mostly among the Berbers in the north. Over the past 3 years, 16 of these have been shut down. When some COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, all mosques and later the Catholic churches were allowed to reopen, but those who might "shake the faith of a Muslim" remain closed to this day. Still, intrepid believers meet in small, shifting groups, share in Bible studies on smartphones, and discretely share their faith. Please pray

- for wisdom and courage for believers, and for creative ideas and open doors to share Jesus with others;
- for workers to go to the 28 indigenous people groups, all of which are considered unreached;
- that the government would once again grant official recognition to Algeria's body of Protestant churches. New laws in 2012 required reapplication, which has been properly done, with no response.

See a prayer video at https://www.prayercast.com/algeria.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.

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://worldwatchmonitor.org/, and http://www.releaseinternational.org/.

For prayer requests, visit http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/ and http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/ and http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/ and 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://www.unchangingword.com/, and http://www.unchangingword.com/, and http://answeringislam.org/.