

Intercede for the Muslim World!

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand (Eph 6:12).

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

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: Pray for a team from another country who is working in a village in this Muslim-majority nation. They are learning the language, have established a small church, and are planning to begin a primary school. Please pray

- that, as curious people observe the differences in the way these foreigners live and act, they will see the most important one—the difference that Jesus has made in their lives—and seek to know more about Him;
- for the school project, its staffing, and the children who will benefit both academically and spiritually;
- for ongoing good relationships with the local pastor and believers, and a sense of unity that honors the Lord and draws people to Him.

Praise report: A young man here accepted the Lord about 5 years ago, and his wife and children left him. He has stayed strong in his faith, and recently she returned to him. Pray for her salvation, that this family might serve the Lord together.

World Watch List 2021: Bangladesh (31/50)*

Bangladesh lies between India and Burma and is home to 165.5 million people, 89% of whom are Muslim. Hindus and Buddhists make up another 10% of the population, and all three tend to persecute any member who turns to Jesus. Bangladesh's government has increasingly Islamic leanings, and all churches, especially evangelical/Pentecostal churches, are vulnerable to threats and attacks. Believers often meet in homes or secretly. Christians from minority tribes often suffer for both their ethnicity and their faith. Persecution is especially strong in the more conservative rural areas and in the north. At times Muslim leaders have obtained names of believers and visited them in an attempt to force them to renounce Jesus and return to Islam. Some 900,000 Rohingya Muslims from Burma have taken refuge in camps in northern Bangladesh; the few Christians among them face severe discrimination. Let's pray

- that the Lord would raise up and provide training for more church leaders who will in turn train others to reach and disciple others;
- for more workers among the majority Shaikh people, 100% Muslim, and among the dozens of ethnic groups who also follow Islam;
- that God's Spirit would open hearts to receive the gospel through believers who serve in compassion ministries in this needy nation;
- for a move of God in the Rohingya camps through His people there.

See a prayer video at https://www.prayercast.com/bangladesh.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 <u>https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</u> 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 <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>.