



Intercede for the Muslim World!

But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love (Ps 33:18).

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

BENIN: A former student asks us to pray for the national missions convention of the Assemblies of God-Benin, taking place in various regions from July through December. The Benin AG has sent workers to several Muslim-majority nations and has more than 30 working within the country, mainly among Muslims. *Pray that churches and believers would respond to the call to continue to support these workers in prayer and giving—and that the Lord would call more to offer themselves to GO!*

BURKINA FASO: A student from this Muslim-majority nation reports that the peaceful relationships that Christians and Muslims have enjoyed continues to deteriorate in some areas of the country. In the northern and eastern regions in particular, jihadists have gone to various villages and given ultimatums to Christians to leave. This has happened in his own village, but a few believers feel that, despite harassment and even arrest, they should stay so that the villagers have a Christian witness. *Please pray (1) for these who have stayed behind, that their lights would shine brightly and attract many to Jesus; (2) that new groups of believers would be established and disciplined in these places; and (3) that the Lord would supernaturally protect His people and that others may see His faithfulness and love.*

GHANA: As in Burkina, Christians and Muslims in Ghana have lived peaceably together for years. However, notes a student, this is changing as jihadists are infiltrating from the north to radicalize those they consider to be “weak” Muslims. In general, he says, many churches seem to be unaware of their strategies, and there is little effective outreach to Muslims. He asks us to *pray for church leaders, that they might develop a greater burden to pray for and reach Muslims. Pray especially for churches and believers in the north, that they might more effectively witness in word and deed to their Muslim neighbors.*

NIGERIA: Workers in the central part of Nigeria ask for prayer as Muslims and cultural Christians attack each other and retaliate in turn. A 24-hour curfew was imposed in parts of the city of Jos after an August 14 attack on a bus, in which 20 were killed. The curfew was partially lifted, but imposed again on Wednesday, August 25, after an attack on a neighborhood in which at least 36 were killed. During the days between these attacks, workers wrote, “Each day people are being killed quietly! The threat is real between the Moslems and Christians!” *Pray for peace, and for wisdom for churches and true believers as they seek to respond with God’s love to this ongoing battle for souls.*

In the News

More than 10,000 people are waiting at the airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, hoping to leave as the Taliban, Muslim militants, work toward setting up their government. Some 90,000 people, expatriates and Afghans, have already been evacuated. Many will be resettled in nations where they will be free to hear the Good News of salvation and to follow Jesus. Pray that people who have known only Islam’s teaching would be open to learning more about the God who truly loves them. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide these refugees to people who are ready to help them find a new, eternal life.

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://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://answerislam.org/>.