



Intercede for the Muslim World!

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you (Ps 5:11).

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

BURKINA FASO: Terrorist activity has caused the displacement of more than 1.3 million people within Burkina Faso, with thousands of others fleeing to neighboring nations. Many have sought shelter in schools and homes, and an alumnus remarks that he now sees many refugee tents lining major roads. The good news, he reports, is that in the central area many of these refugees are coming to the Lord. They are free to hear and respond the gospel, a freedom they did not have in their strongly-Muslim home environment. Many are being disciplined and integrated into a fellowship. One pastor recently said he needs more benches in his church, as it is filling up with new converts. Local churches are providing food and necessities to refugees, without regard as to whether they are Christians or Muslims, and this has touched many Muslims. Pastors displaced from the more unstable north and east are opening new works, some in the western part of Burkina. This is timely, as jihadists are making a concerted effort to spread terror in the areas bordering Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire. ***Please pray (1) that many more refugees would find lasting peace in Jesus, and (2) that efforts to spread jihad would be thwarted.***

TOGO: Please pray for God's protection over a team of Bible translators who are under serious threat from those who oppose their work. The team's leader reports that since the dedication of the New Testament last year, "the spiritual attacks have been coming daily," and now some workers are being threatened with physical attack if they do not leave. "The pressure is great, and we ask that every believer get on his knees to pray."

World Watch List 2021: Qatar (29/50)*

The small nation of Qatar is a peninsula that borders Saudi Arabia and juts into the Persian Gulf. Islam is the state religion. Of Qatar's 2.5 million inhabitants, only about 12% are Qatari Arabs; the rest are non-Qatari Arabs or migrant workers, mainly from other parts of Asia. Of the expatriates who claim Christianity, most belong to the Roman Catholic or Orthodox church, but there are some evangelical and Pentecostal believers. Christians have the freedom to meet and practice their faith, albeit only in places designated by the government. Sharia law is applied in family and personal matters, so sharing one's faith with a Qatari citizen is forbidden, and any Muslim who accepts Jesus comes under great pressure to return to Islam or face the social and familial consequences. Let's pray

- for the few secret believers, that they might grow in their faith;
- that Qataris would have the opportunity to hear the Good News, through media or through believers working for them or who meet them through divine appointments;
- for God's protection over believers working in homes; many workers suffer abuse due to their low status, and more so if they are non-Muslims;
- that the Lord would reveal himself to Muslims here in dreams and visions.

See a prayer video at <https://www.prayercast.com/qatar.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://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/>.