

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word (Ps. 119:114).

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

**MALI:** An alumnus writes: "We are having an evangelistic campaign September 24-26 in [a city in a central region]. Pray for this." The area where he serves sees terrorist activity regularly. They can hold outdoor services and make door-to-door visits, but always at great risk. On Sundays, *talibé* boys (those under the care of Koranic teachers) often throw stones into the church as they meet. Please pray

- for God's protection over this pastor and others involved in this outreach;
- for good attendance and response to the message of salvation shared at these meetings;
- that these young boys, and any others who may want to disrupt the services, may hear and be touched by the words of Life and the love of God.

The pastor also asks us to pray for God's protection over himself as he travels to teach in the Bible school in October, and over his family as they stay at home.

**SENEGAL:** A pastor in this Muslim-majority nation asks us to pray concerning Senegal's largest religious event, the Grand Magal, which takes place September 25-26. The Grand Magal is a pilgrimage to the city of Touba, commemorating the founder of the Mourides Brotherhood, the most influential sect. In recent years it has drawn more than 3 million people. Last year, only "tens of thousands" attended. While the low attendance was in part due to COVID-19, this pastor notes that lately the number of pilgrims and interest in the event seems to be diminishing. He asks us to pray

- for protection for travelers, as typically hundreds die in traffic accidents en route
- that Jesus would reveal himself to people who are seeking the truth;
- that many pilgrims would find the rituals disappointing and question their religion—and that the Lord would place in their paths those who can point them to the Truth.

**WAAST:** Pray for students who, after the spiritual emphasis week, expressed that they sense a missionary call to other nations. Pray that the Lord would confirm their calling and guide them in each step as they respond.

## World Watch List 2021: Central African Republic (35/50)\*

Although only 9% of CAR's 5.3 million people follow Islam, terrorism has been a disruptive force here since 2013, when Muslim "Seleka" forces ousted the president. More than half of the country is controlled by armed groups, some Muslim, some "Christian," who fight one another and often target churches and believers. (Any non-Muslim is called a Christian, and most are involved in traditional animistic practices.) Conflict has displaced more than 700,000 people. Muslims who choose to follow Jesus come under intense and even violent pressure to return to Islam. Please pray

- that those who identify as Christians would seek a true relationship with Jesus, who alone can bring peace;
- that the Spirit would help Muslim converts to stand firm in their faith and use them to reach others;
- for outreach, church-planting, and church revitalization projects of the Assemblies of God in CAR.

## **Prayer Resources**

\*For the 2021 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see <a href="https://tinyurl.com/wwl2021">https://tinyurl.com/wwl2021</a>.

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 <a href="http://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/">http://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/</a>.

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.opendoorsusa.org/pray

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