



Intercede for the Muslim World!

The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him (Nahum 1:7).

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

BURKINA FASO/NIGER: Last week we prayed for healing for a worker sent from Burkina to serve in Niger. An alumnus reports that, after just four weeks in the country, the worker passed away, leaving his wife and five children. He was to direct the Assemblies of God high school near the capital, a school with some 2,000 students, mostly Muslim. He will be buried in Niger this coming Saturday, "as a seed." The alumnus asks us to *pray* (1) for comfort and wisdom for the wife, a professional teacher, as she decides whether to stay to teach in this school in Niger or return home, and for the children, who are already enrolled in the school; (2) that this loss will motivate others to respond to God's call to serve, and for another director for this school; and (3) that many in Niger would be touched by this man's sacrifice, and that his upcoming funeral would be a great opportunity to testify of God's love. Some are coming from as far as the U.S. to attend.

In the News

On Monday, October 25, Sudan's military arrested the prime minister and four cabinet members and dissolved the transitional government established in 2019. They have since been released but are under house arrest, and the top general says the military will remain in power until elections in July 2023. Sudan is 90% Muslim and about 5% Christian, with an estimated 17,000 evangelical believers. After the radical leader Omar al-Bashir was ousted in 2019, the nation began to allow more religious freedom. In 2020 it removed Islam as the state religion and the death penalty for leaving Islam, and relaxed restrictions against church activities. Christians now fear that they will lose the limited freedoms they have gained. *Please pray* (1) for the restoration of peace in Khartoum, where protests continue and many workers are going on strike; (2) that this change in government would not result in further restrictions on freedom of religion; and (3) that believers would have divine opportunities to demonstrate and share their faith in Jesus with others, and that the Spirit would guide them in His wisdom.

*World Watch List 2021: Democratic Republic of the Congo (40/50)**

The DR Congo in central Africa is a highly Christianized nation, with more than 90% claiming Christianity and nearly 20% belonging to evangelical churches. Fewer than 2% of its people follow Islam. However, the DR Congo has appeared on the World Watch List for the first time due to "Islamic oppression," as multiple jihadist groups, particularly the Uganda-based ADF, have disrupted life and displaced a million people in the northeast. People live in constant fear of attacks and kidnapping, and Christians, pastors, and churches are particularly targeted. Women and girls suffer abuse and rape, and houses and business are burned down. Let's pray

- for believers and churches in the affected provinces as they seek to provide help, lodging, and counsel to displaced and traumatized people, and that many of these would find hope in Jesus;
- for government leaders who are ruling in two provinces that are under a "state of siege," that they would govern wisely and resist temptation to collaborate with these groups for personal gain;
- that Jesus would reveal himself to these jihadists as the Prince of Peace and their Savior.

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 <https://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://answeringislam.org/>.