



Intercede for the Muslim World!

The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe (Pr 18:10).

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

WAASST: The semester has ended, and so have the Jumaa Prayer meetings with these students. In each meeting we interceded for those who serve among Muslims and for those who have family members who are still bound by Islam. Several students have expressed their intention to establish Friday prayer meetings in the churches they pastor. As they graduate next week and return home, please pray

- that their burden for the salvation of their Muslim neighbors would grow and that they might raise up more intercessors to join them;
- for a spiritual breakthrough in communities where these pastors serve, and that the Holy Spirit would open hearts to receive the gospel as never before;
- that the Lord would encourage those who grieve for family members who cling to Islam, and that He would supernaturally reveal himself to these people. Praise God, we have heard several testimonies of those who have accepted Jesus in response to prayers prayed over many years.

In the News

NIGERIA: This past Sunday, armed terrorists attacked a Baptist church in a village in Kaduna State during the morning service, killing two and kidnapping dozens. This is just the latest of several incidents targeting Christians in this area in the past month. Since September 30, telecommunication in this part of the state has been shut down to prevent criminals from arranging operations and demanding ransoms. However, this leaves citizens unable to call for help or report crimes. **Please pray** (1) for God's protection on His people; (2) for comfort for the bereaved, and the released of those kidnapped; (3) for government leaders, that they might respond wisely to this ever-worsening situation; (4) that many who live in fear would find lasting peace in Jesus.

*World Watch List 2021: Kazakhstan (41/50)**

Located between Russia and China, Kazakhstan was part of the former USSR. After independence in 1991, religious practices suppressed under Communism were revived. Today, about 70% of the 19 million inhabitants follow Sunni Islam, mixed with animistic practices. More than 25% claim to be Christian, mainly Orthodox and Catholic. Fewer than 1% are evangelical believers. Freedom of religion, including meeting, teaching and sharing beliefs, and producing literature, is greatly restricted by the secular government, which claims that religious extremism leads to terrorism. Restrictions apply in varying degrees to all religions, but evangelical believers and pastors are especially targeted. Those leaving Islam to follow Jesus face opposition from both the government and their families. Let's pray

- that Muslims who truly seek God would find Him, through dreams, encounters with believers, Christian media, etc., and that they would find fellowship and grow in their faith;
- for the witness of pastors and Christians, among both nominal Christians and Muslims;
- for workers for the 36 ethnic groups considered unreached; 23 have virtually no witness among them;
- that the Lord would soften the hearts of the nation's leaders, that they would allow Truth to be proclaimed.

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/>.