



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you (Ps 9:10).*

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

**EASTERN DR CONGO:** The Assemblies of God in eastern DR Congo held its 100th-anniversary celebration this past week. Because of the insecurity in this part of the country, leaders from AG World Missions-USA were not able to attend the celebration in Isiro. Much of this insecurity is due to continuing terrorist attacks in the Ituri and North-Kivu provinces south of Isiro, resulting in thousands being displaced throughout the region. The conflicts have greatly affected the churches; one leader notes, "This is a church dealing with post-traumatic stress syndrome." Please pray

- for divine strength and encouragement for our brothers and sisters who live daily with uncertainty, the threat of attacks, and, for many, the loss of homes and livelihoods;
- for pastors and lay leaders as they provide spiritual and often practical aid to members and others in the communities;
- that Jesus would reveal himself to those extremists who carry out these attacks, that they may find life and peace in Him;
- for wisdom for military leaders currently in charge of these two provinces, in a "state of siege" since May. Despite efforts to secure cities, villages, and roads, the killings, kidnappings, looting, etc. continue unabated.

**NIGERIA:** A student pastoring in Nigeria asks us to continue to pray for his nation: "We are not giving up, but we will continue to cry to God for His intervention. In Nigeria, there are several groups with diverse names that are terrorizing—killing, burning and taking communities, kidnapping, etc.—in the North East, Central and North Western Nigeria and trying to make incursions into the South, all in the bid to promote Islamic interests. No matter what, the Christians are not daunted. Jesus is Lord and His purpose for the people shall come to fruition. Keep praying with us."

### *World Watch List 2021: Kenya (49/50)\**

The East African nation of Kenya is home to 55 million people. More than 80% claim to be Christians, with 20% belonging to evangelical churches. Of Kenya's 32 unreached people groups, 22 follow Islam. Though Muslim traders came to the Swahili Coast in the 800s, Islam has never really penetrated the interior, and to this day most Muslim groups live along the coast or in the east, near the border with Somalia. Those who live near Somalia in particular see the influence of radical Islam, as Somali members of al-Shabaab infiltrate the area, targeting those who have chosen to follow Jesus and the churches. Converts from Islam face discrimination from their family and community. Many seek refuge in the central part of the country. Let's pray

- for Muslims who have chosen to follow Jesus and remain in their communities; may the Lord encourage and protect them and open doors for them to reach their families;
- that the Lord would raise up more Spirit-filled Kenyans to go to the unreached people in their nation;
- for the many Kenyans who are nominal Christians, that they may seek and find a true relationship with Jesus.

### *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/>.