



## **Intercede for the Muslim World!**

*For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Is 9:6, NKJV).*

### **Today's Prayer Requests**

Today and tomorrow we celebrate the birth of a Baby, sent from God, and God Incarnate. The concepts of a Son of God, and of one God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are totally foreign to Muslim theology. The message and mystery of Christmas, of God's love—and God himself—wrapped in swaddling clothes, cannot be grasped but through His grace. This Christmas, let's pray for Muslims around the world:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would speak to the hearts of Muslims who hear the Christmas story, see a nativity play, or even share in a Christmas celebration with Christian friends.
- Pray for opportunities for believers to explain the Christmas story, and for wisdom in answering the many questions that arise—and especially that their Muslim friends would see in them the love and peace God gives.
- Pray for our brothers and sisters in nations where they cannot openly serve the Lord or share their faith, that they may be encouraged, strengthened, and filled with joy as they reflect on Jesus' birth.
- Pray for churches and believers as they gather, that the Lord would protect them from terrorist attacks or disruption.
- Pray that the plans of those who have evil intentions would be thwarted, and that God in His mercy would open their eyes to the Truth and set them free.

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

The nation of Comoros is made up three islands in the Indian Ocean, between Mozambique in southern Africa and the island nation of Madagascar. Arab and Persian traders brought Islam centuries ago, and nearly all of the 865,000 inhabitants adhere to Sunni Islam, the national religion. Freedom of religion is allowed for outsiders but does not extend to citizens, who are forbidden to leave Sunni Islam. Muslim-background believers face rejection and even violent opposition from their families if they disclose their faith. There are perhaps a few hundred Comoran believers. Let's pray

- that Jesus would set free those who seek the True God; many follow a folk Islam that includes occult practices and are bound by fear and spiritual oppression;
- for Comoran believers as they live their faith discretely, that their lives would demonstrate peace and love that will attract others to Jesus;
- for expatriate Christians, some of whom are humanitarian workers, that they might find opportunities to offer spiritual help as they serve.

### ***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/>.