

# **Intercede for the Muslim World!**

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD (Ps 31:24).

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

CENTRAL AFRICA: A regional worker shares two requests concerning the nations of Central Africa:

- Please pray concerning the spread of Islam down Africa's western coast, as Muslims from West Africa actively propagate their religion in areas dominated by traditional religions and Christianity. In cities such as Pointe-Noire (Congo) and Kinshasa (DR Congo) there are more Muslim neighborhoods being established, he reports. *Pray that believers would boldly counter this advance with the Truth of the gospel and that many Muslims moving in would be open to hearing their message.*
- Pray that the Lord would raise up qualified workers willing to serve as a team in the Muslim-majority northern part of Cameroon.

### In the News

For months Muslim Fulani herdsman, commonly called "bandits," have been carrying out attacks in Zamfara State in northwestern Nigeria. They have looted stores and pharmacies, burned crops and stored grain, and stolen livestock, causing many to flee, leaving behind their livelihoods. This past week "bandits" submitted a letter to Christians and government agencies in Zamfara State, demanding they close all churches in the state within three years or face "ferocious attacks." Police and the churches are working to set up protective measure for the churches, some of which have been listed for attack before the end of the year. *Please pray for God's protection over His people. Pray for the instigators of this threat, that they might be confronted with the Truth they are working against.* 

### World Watch List 2021: Malaysia (46/50)\*

About 80% of Malaysia's 33 million people live on the Malay Peninsula, which juts into the South China Sea, while the rest occupy the northern third of the island of Borneo. Islam is the official religion and is followed by more than 60% of the population; every ethnic Malay is expected to be a Muslim. Not only is it against the law for a Muslim to leave Islam, but families and society in general make it very difficult, and a new Christian may face divorce, loss of employment, and possibly "re-education." Muslims have been very active in spreading Islam among those who practice other religions. Some 40 people groups have virtually no Christian witness among them. Let's pray

- for true believers in Malaysia, that they would be encouraged in their faith and find and seize opportunities to point others to Jesus;
- that the Lord would reveal himself to Malay Muslims through dreams, healing, and other supernatural means;
- for the protection and spiritual growth of Muslims who are seeking or have decided to follow Jesus, and that their families and neighbors would see and desire to hear about the hope they have found;
- for children and young people, that they might hear about Jesus and learn to love and serve Him;
- for spiritual breakthrough and for workers willing to serve among the many unreached people groups.

For more information and prayer requests, see https://tinyurl.com/wwl46ma.

### **Prayer Resources**

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

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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 <u>http://morningstarnews.org/</u>, <u>http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</u>, and <u>http://www.releaseinternational.org/</u>.

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 <u>http://muslimsask.com/</u>, <u>http://www.unchangingword.com/</u>, and <u>http://answeringislam.org/</u>.