



Intercede for the Muslim World!

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (La 3:22-23).

The Lord in His faithfulness has brought us to a new year—and though times may change, His mercy never does and never will! Every morning affords the lost person a new opportunity to receive His salvation, and an opportunity for us to intercede for them and to do our part to share His message as God opens doors. Let us use each day wisely for the salvation of others and for His glory.

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

TOGO: A team of Bible translators asks for prayer as they respond to needs of various language groups, “including the Fulani of Togo who aspire to have the Oral Bible in their language.” Some 60 million Fulani live throughout the Sahel countries of Africa and are staunchly Muslim, but there are growing pockets of believers among them.

Pray for Muslim-background Believers: The Yao in Malawi

The Muslim Yao, who live at the southern end of Lake Malawi in southeastern Africa, converted to Islam in the late 1800s, for a couple of interesting reasons. They were involved in trading slaves, and when the British brought an end to the slave trade, they rejected their Christian religion and embraced the religion of the Arabs with whom they traded. They were also drawn by the fact that Islam has a book to follow. Still today only about 30% of the Muslim Yao are literate, and orthodox Islam has never displaced their traditional religious practices.

Over the past couple of years, hundreds of people from the Yao tribe in Malawi have left Islam to follow Jesus, and many face great opposition. Let's pray for the Yao:

- Pray for God's protection over the believers. They are under great pressure, being threatened and even hunted, and in some cases denied access to local water sources unless they return to Islam.
- Pray for great spiritual growth as Yao people study the Book of their new religion. The Bible is available in the Yao language in printed and audio form. Pray for solid biblical training for their church leaders.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would encourage Yao believers, fill them with boldness and wisdom, and provide divine opportunities for them to share their faith with families and communities.

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/>.