



Intercede for the Muslim World!

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you (Ps 5:11).

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

THE GAMBIA: Workers are officially launching Al-Masih Worship Center on February 6. This new church already has more than 50 attending on Sunday morning and will be adding Sunday school classes and other activities. A worker writes: "We are engaged in spiritual warfare as the work moves forward. Praying that strongholds will be broken and lives transformed through signs, wonders, intentional discipleship and community building!" Pray that the Lord would bless and use this church to bring many in this Muslim-dominated nation to himself.

In the News

BURKINA FASO: A military coup attempt that began this past Sunday, January 23, has succeeded in ousting the president, dissolving the government, and suspending the constitution. The takeover occurred after months of protests against the government's ineffectiveness at containing the spread of terrorism. When the previous president was ousted in 2014, jihadist groups, some linked to Al-Qaida and to Islamic State in the Greater Sahara, took advantage of the instability and entrenched themselves in Burkina, especially in the north and east. According to one report, by January 2018, 8,000 people had been displaced by the conflict; today that number has grown to 1.5 million. Let's pray

- for stability in the coming days; for the moment all seems calm;
- for wisdom for the now-ruling junta leader and his forces as they lead, and for their salvation;
- for the many churches and believers, that people would see in them the stability and peace that they desperately need, and turn to Jesus;
- that jihadists' plans to spread radical Islam still further in Burkina would be thwarted, and that they would have encounters with the True God.

World Watch List 2022: Afghanistan (1/50) *

North Korea has been at the top of the World Watch List for the past 20 years. But with the takeover of the Taliban this past August, Afghanistan is now the country where Jesus followers face the greatest persecution. The Taliban requires strict adherence to Islamic beliefs and customs. Even before the takeover, anyone found to be a Christian, or seeking to leave Islam, was disowned or killed by the family or clan. Now the Taliban actively hunt them down, going door to door, using documents that reveal names of suspects. Men are immediately killed, and women are forced to marry or are raped. Please pray

- for Afghan believers, that God's peace would overwhelm and encourage them, and for their protection;
- for the Taliban leaders, that they may have a divine revelation of Jesus, and that their hearts would be softened toward their people;
- for Afghans refugees who are being resettled in free lands. Pray that they would meet true believers who will introduce them to Jesus.

Prayer Resources

For the 2022 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see <https://tinyurl.com/2022wwl>.

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://answerislam.org/>.