

Intercede for the Muslim World!

Who is like you, LORD God Almighty? You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you (Ps 89:8).

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

BURKINA FASO: The president of this West African nation was ousted in a bloodless coup last month and the country is now under military rule. All is calm, but the growing problem of terrorism remains the main concern, and we need to intercede for this nation! Some 61% of the population follows Islam. The Assemblies of God of Burkina Faso is more than 1 million members strong and has a great impact in the nation. Please pray

- for wisdom for the new government and for the committee it has established to develop a strategy to secure cities and rural areas from terrorist groups;
- that the Spirit would move in the hearts of government members, some of whom have undoubtedly heard the gospel, that the seeds planted would grow;
- for Assemblies of God churches and church leaders as they continue to offer help to people displaced by terrorist attacks and preach the gospel of peace;
- for the newly-elected general superintendent of the AG and his executive committee (three of whom are WAAST graduates) as they lead during these tenuous times.

GUINEA-CONAKRY: Last week we prayed about the housing situation in this country, as Muslim landowners refuse to sell or rent to Christians. An alumnus serving there reports that he is currently in that situation. Though his Muslim landlord is willing to continue renting to him, the pressure from the community has become so great that he has had to evict this pastor and his family. Pray that they would find housing soon, and that the Spirit would soften the hearts of those who would reject the Lord and His people.

NIGER: Although about 94% of Niger's people follow Islam, the government allows freedom of religion and churches can legally meet. However, according to an alumnus who serves as a pastor and Bible school director in one city, fundamentalist Muslims are working to radicalize others in the area. Please pray for the following needs:

- God's protection over His people. When people come to church, says this pastor, community members carefully watch to see if there are any new visitors, often following them afterward which intimidates many.
- The witness of this pastors' church. In 2019, the church building was burned down, and the congregation is still rebuilding, making it even larger as a testimony that nothing can stop the Lord's work.
- The spiritual growth of new believers. During the COVID-19 lockdown, the church began broadcasting on the radio and continues to do so, with good response. Some who cannot openly attend meetings are being discipled one on one.

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

For prayer requests, visit <u>http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</u> and <u>http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx</u>.

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>.