

Intercede for the Muslim World!

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid (Jn 14:27).

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

CHAD: Of the 17 million people in this West African nation, about 57% follow Islam. The Assemblies of God Bible school, in southern Chad, prepares workers to plant churches wherever the Lord may lead them. But the AG and Pentecostals in general face great opposition, according to an alumnus serving at the school. The opposition comes not from Muslims, but rather from the local "evangelical" churches, who consider Pentecostals a sect and reject tongues, miracles, and healings. When a person comes and receives healing, he explains, he or she may attend services a few times but soon succumbs to the pressure to leave. Ironically, these other churches often tolerate syncretism, the mixing of traditional spirit worship with Christian doctrine. Please pray

- that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of those who reject His works, that they might experience the full life He wants to give them;
- for the 24 students currently in the Bible school as they study, serve in churches, and pray about where the Lord wants them to establish new works;
- for the primary and junior high school on the campus; many of the children come from Muslim families;
- for the opening of a second campus of this Bible school in another city, and for more God-called students.

MALI: Please continue to pray for the situation in Mali. A coup ousted Mali's president in August 2020, and elections were to be held this week to restore a civilian government. The ruling junta has postponed them to 2025. In response, the West African bloc of nations have placed Mali under economic sanctions. Various terrorist groups are taking advantage of the instability, and last week France decided to withdraw its 2,400 peacekeeping troops. An alumnus says, "There are many difficulties and uncertainties. The economic sanctions weigh heavily on the population and the political situation is not reassuring. BUT...we believe that God is watching over his church." Pray

- that God's people would be encouraged and may in turn encourage others to turn to the Prince of Peace;
- for divine provision for people as goods become more scarce; at least 1.2 million people are facing a food crisis;
- for the current leaders of Mali, that the Spirit would work in their hearts and draw them to Jesus.
- for God's merciful intervention in the lives of jihadists, that they may be saved.

TOGO: Please pray for a retired missionary who faithfully served with his wife for many years in a predominately Muslim nation. His health is poor, and his wife, who took care of him, just passed away. They have no children, and his relatives, all Muslims, have nothing to do with him. Pray that the Lord would meet his every material and personal need and encourage the heart of His servant.

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 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>.