

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth (Ps 145:18).

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

**SENEGAL:** We recently prayed for an English Center here, that more students would join. Praise God, there are now 12 attending. Pray for divine opportunities to bless these young people with the knowledge, not only of English, but of God's love for them. Pray also that more young ladies would be able to join; so far there is only one.

**SENSITIVE COUNTRY:** A worker has been meeting with a young woman who is open and curious about spiritual things. She is also engaged to become the second wife of a man 20 years older. Please pray "that she will hunger for the truth found in Jesus, and that she will begin to understand her value as a woman in Christ." Pray that the Lord would preserve her, that she might one day serve Him in a family context that honors God.

**TOGO:** The young people of the Togo Assemblies of God have come together to purchase land and to finance and erect a tabernacle (steel structure and roof) for a church plant in a village in a Muslim-majority region. The building was set up just this past week. Often congregations that do not have suitable buildings are mocked in Muslim communities; pray that this new meeting place will attract neighbors and benefit the village for the glory of God.

A WAAST alumnus from this general area asks us to pray for a breakthrough among his own staunchly Muslim tribe. Although there are some 25 Assemblies of God churches in and around his home city, few of the members come from this tribe. Pray that the Holy Spirit would create a hunger in their hearts, and prompt believers to reach out to them.

## World Watch List 2022: Yemen (5/50)\*

Since 2014, the small, impoverished nation of Yemen, on the Arabian Peninsula, has suffered civil war. The Houthis, an Iran-backed Shia Muslim movement, seek to wrest control of the nation from the Saudi-backed Sunni Muslim government—and the civilian population of 30.5 million is caught in the middle. Terrorist groups, especially Al-Qaida, take advantage of the instability. Yemen's religion, laws, and society forbid its citizens to leave Islam to follow Jesus, and the few believers face harassment, job loss, arrest, divorce, and death threats. An estimated 24 million people need humanitarian aid, which is often distributed by Muslims who deny help to known Christians. Please pray

- for peace in this devastated land. January 2022 has been the deadliest month to date, and an estimated 21 civilians are killed each day. Pray that the Spirit would work in the hearts of key leaders on both sides.
- for Yemeni women and girls. Of the 156 countries ranked on the 2021 Gender Gap Index, only Afghanistan has fewer rights for women. Seen as second-class citizens, women and girls live in constant fear of losing their protectors (husbands or fathers) in the war and are vulnerable to physical and sexual assault. Pray that they would find their dignity and worth in the arms of Jesus.
- for the few believers, who must meet in secret. Pray that the Holy Spirit would encourage them and help them to stand firm and show God's love through their lives and words.
- that many Yemeni would hear God's Word through radio broadcasts, Internet, and social media, and through Christian humanitarian workers in the country.

## Prayer Resources

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

Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Visit <a href="https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/">https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</a> for information about praying for Muslims and weekly requests.

For a weekly lesson and prayer topic about an aspect of Islam, see <a href="https://prayingformuslims.com/">https://prayingformuslims.com/</a>.

For suggestions on starting a prayer group, see <a href="https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/">https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/</a>.

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians, visit <a href="http://morningstarnews.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://www.releaseinternational.org/</a>.

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

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://muslimsask.com/</a>, <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">h