

Intercede for the Muslim World!

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him... (La 3:25).

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

GHANA: An alumnus pastoring in a northern city asks for prayer for peace in his region. For many years two tribes have claimed the chieftaincy and the land, and attacks on innocent people have increased, leading to curfews and general instability. While the issue is not primarily religious, Muslim members of both tribes are doing the fighting, he reports, and both sides recruit Muslims from outside who are willing to fight with them. He shares these requests:

- "Please remember the church here. Our number has dropped drastically. Every local church here is affected, especially [my Assemblies of God church]. Our members from outside can no longer come."
- Pray "that the Lord touch the hearts of all the parties involved," that the security forces would act in fairness, and that the government would "handle the situation to bring the needed peace."

Pray that in the midst of conflict, many would learn of and accept the peace Jesus offers!

GUINEA-CONAKRY: Praise God for answered prayer! Recently we prayed for a worker whose Muslim landlord had evicted him, a common problem for Christians in this Muslim-majority country. He has found new lodging. Pray that he can stay there with no issues; often the community's or imam's decision overrules that of the landowner.

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: A team of workers is reaching out to the people in their area in several ways. Please pray

- that students in their English classes would be open and receptive to discussions about the gospel;
- for efforts to record and disseminate original worship music in the nation's only recording studio, and for an upcoming project to record the New Testament in the local language;
- for medical personnel who recently participated in a training for trauma counseling, that they would reflect on and respond to testimonies they have heard about the goodness of Jesus.

World Watch List 2022: Eritrea (6/50)*

Eritrea, on the Horn of Africa, lies on the western side of the Red Sea, north of Ethiopia. This small nation was once an Italian colony, then occupied by the British, then annexed by Ethiopia, and has been independent since 1993. Nearly half of its 3.6 million people follow Sunni Islam, a government-approved religion. Nearly all others belong to the state-recognized Eritrean Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Evangelical Lutheran churches. All other churches are told to register, but their requests are refused, and believers meet underground, risking surveillance and arrest. Converts from both Islam and the Orthodox church face persecution from their families and from the State. Let's pray

- for true believers here, that the Spirit would encourage and protect them and use them to draw others to Jesus;
- for church leaders as they disciple others at great risk; an estimated 1,000 are currently imprisoned, with no formal charges and in terrible conditions;
- for Eritrea's leaders, that they would open their hearts to the Lord and their nation to Christian workers.

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>.