



### **Intercede for the Muslim World!**

*...pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1Th 5:17-18).*

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

**AFRICA:** An alumnus from Niger has been involved for many years in training lay leaders in various nations in West and Central Africa. The three-pronged training grounds them in the faith, equips them to establish businesses with the goal of leading people to the Lord and discipling them, and prepares them to begin churches in resistant areas. He asks us to pray

- for peace and security, particularly in the volatile “three borders” area where Mali, Niger, and Burkina Faso meet and where terrorists are especially active;
- for the spiritual development of Muslim-background believers and the establishment of more house churches as they reach others;
- for access to North African countries, and that the Lord would guide the trainers to the right people to send for the most effective multiplication.

**TOGO:** Jihadists operating in the Sahel are seeking to establish themselves in the coastal countries of West Africa, especially Benin, Ghana, and Côte d'Ivoire. In Togo (between Benin and Ghana), a military post in the far north was attacked last November, and the terrorists were quickly repelled. On February 19, Muslim extremists demanded that the inhabitants of a village in the same area leave within 72 hours. Most fled, but soon returned with security forces. Please pray for the safety of the people in these border areas, and that every incursion would be thwarted. Pray that the Lord would use His people to comfort and encourage others in this Muslim-majority area, and to lead many to Jesus.

#### ***In the News***

The world is watching and praying as Russia invades Ukraine. Russia's influence is growing in Africa, and we need to pray! Since 2007 Russia has been reestablishing ties with many African nations and in the past few years has become more involved in the areas of industry, trade, and especially military arms and equipment. Russian arms are flowing through Algeria into the Sahel—many straight into the hands of jihadists. Russian military advisors and mercenary soldiers are on the ground in Mali, the Central African Republic, Libya, and Sudan to help with counter-terrorism efforts. Mali's military government recently rejected the French peacekeeping operation and welcomed Russian trainers and mercenaries. These mercenaries are part of the Kremlin-linked Wagner Group, who trade their services for mineral rights and political influence. Concerning Mali, let's pray

- for the people of Mali, that each one may have an opportunity to hear the Good News and to respond to Jesus' invitation to receive the peace that passes understanding;
- that the situation there would not deteriorate further; these mercenaries have a history of human rights abuses and an interest in destabilizing governments wherever they serve;
- that the Spirit would work in the hearts of jihadists and of soldiers, that in His mercy they would see the Truth.

#### ***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://answeringislam.org/>.