



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Ro 5:8).*

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

**GHANA:** An alumnus who serves as a church leader in the Muslim-dominated north shares these requests:

- During this month of Ramadan, Muslims are preaching every day on the radio and are increasingly active in promoting Islam. Pray that their words may be ineffective or would raise doubts and questions that would turn people away from their teachings.
- Pray that many Muslims would be especially open to the radio programs broadcast by this pastor's church. As Muslims reflect on their relationship with Allah during this month, may the messages they hear respond to their questions and heartfelt needs.
- Pray for several people who responded to God's call to salvation during recent open-air meetings for a new church plant. Pray they may stand firm in their decision, be disciplined, and have opportunities to share their faith with their families and others.

**MALI:** A student reports that every year, a sheikh (Islamic leader) purchases hundreds of Bibles and distributes them among jihadists in the "three borders" region (where Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger meet). This sheikh challenges them to read the Bible carefully to find errors to discredit its accuracy and better argue for the superiority of the Quran. Pray that as these Muslims scour God's living Word, the Holy Spirit would impress on their hearts the Truth and reveal Jesus to them as their Savior.

### *In the News*

In the Sahelian nation of **Mali**, the ongoing conflict against the Islamic State, Al-Qaïda, and other jihadist groups is increasingly complicated and volatile. France in particular deployed thousands of peacekeeping troops and the European Union has been training Mali's armed forces for nearly a decade. However, the ruling military junta has recently rejected the French troops and have contracted with Russian mercenaries belonging to the shadowy Wagner Group—a group under EU sanctions for human rights abuses. The EU has now announced that they will cease training Malian troops, fearing interference from the mercenaries, who work independently. At the end of March, Malian and Russian troops descended by air and land on Moura, a small town where known jihadists often come to restock. Beginning on the weekly market day, over four days more than 300 people were killed—some jihadists, some likely accomplices, and some innocent civilians. According to a WAAST alumnus in the area, "the situation is very complex, and you don't know who is who." Please pray

- for God's gracious, divine intervention in the lives of jihadists and of the Malian and Russian troops; may they see Jesus revealed and know and respond to the Truth;
- for God's protection over innocent civilians, and that each person may have an opportunity to turn to Jesus;
- for the pastors and members of Assemblies of God and other evangelical churches in the area, that the Lord would strengthen them and use them to draw others into His kingdom.

### *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/>.