



Intercede for the Muslim World!

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land (Ps 85:9, RSV).

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

WAAST STUDENTS: This coming week students will complete the first semester of 2022 and return home. In our Jumaa Prayer meetings, we have prayed with those students who have family members still in Islam, that they would come to know Jesus. Please continue to pray with us that when students return in August, they will be able to share testimonies of the salvation of these whom they love and Jesus loves!

Pray for Muslims during Ramadan

This coming week, on April 28, Muslims will observe the most special night of Ramadan: the Night of Power or Night of Destiny. This night Muslims commemorate the moment the Angel Gabriel supposedly sent down to Mohamed the first verses of the Quran. They believe that worshiping Allah during this night counts as worship for a thousand months—more than 83 years. As people pray for forgiveness of sins and for others, reflect on Allah, read or recite the Quran, and give to the needy, angels descend and bring mercy and blessing. Because a Muslim's good deeds must outweigh the bad in order for him or her to enter Paradise, serious Muslims spend the night in the mosque, to gain the extra merit offered. As Muslims fervently seek the favor of Allah, let's pray for them:

- Pray that, as Muslims ask Allah for forgiveness, knowing they will need to do it again and again, they would recognize their inadequacy to ever do enough good and crave the assurance of salvation.
- Pray that this longing would lead them to be open to the message of salvation that Jesus offers, and that they might hear a clear presentation of this message through dreams or through God's people.

See a prayer video on the Night of Power at <https://www.prayercast.com/laylat-al-qadr.html>.

World Watch List 2022: Iran (9/50)*

Until the Islamic Revolution (1979), the Islamic Republic of Iran allowed religious minorities to worship freely. Since then conversion from Islam has been banned and Christians, non-Shia Muslims, and followers of other faiths have been second-class citizens. Under Iran's new president, a hardline Islamist elected last year, the government is infiltrating minority religions and imposing still more regulations meant to repress, isolate, and control. However, the government's attempt to model an Islamic theocracy has backfired, and disillusioned Iranians are turning elsewhere. Forty years ago Iran had some 500 Muslim-background believers. The prayers of many, the lives and testimonies of courageous pastors and believers; Christian teachings on radio, TV, and the Internet; revelations of Jesus in dreams; even the publicized imprisonment of Christians have resulted in nearly 1 million coming to Jesus! Let's pray

- for the pastors of house churches, that they might receive proper biblical training and lead their congregations and disciple new converts with wisdom;
- for the many media ministries that offer teaching and resources in Farsi;
- that believers would be filled with the Holy Spirit and follow His leading to reach others;
- for the millions in Iran (about 30%) who have embraced atheism or agnosticism, and those who cling to Islam.

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://answerislam.org/>.