



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*[Jesus] will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea... (Zec 9:10b).*

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

**MALI:** We have prayed many times for this Sahelian nation—and for good reason. According to the Global Terrorism Index 2022, sub-Saharan Africa is now the epicenter of terrorism; 48% of terrorism deaths occur in this region. The JNIM, an Al-Qaida-affiliated terrorist group, is the world's fastest growing terrorist organization and is based in Mali. At the same time, Mali is a secular nation; churches are legally free to operate and people are entitled to freedom of religion. A student from central Mali shares the following challenges and prayer requests:

- People in northern and especially central Mali live in great insecurity. They must negotiate with terrorists to travel, or even to continue to live in their own village. "It's as if they live in two states, the Malian State and the terrorist state," he explains. ***"Pray for the restoration of security in the country."***
- Mali is currently under economic sanctions imposed by various nations and organizations, and these sanctions are further hurting already suffering people. ***"Pray that the Malian authorities and the organizations of the sub-region would find common ground for a return to constitutional order so that these sanctions may be lifted."***
- ***Pray for the salvation of Mali's most influential imam.***
- One official referred to Mali as "our Islamic nation"—yet it is a secular country. More ties are being forged with Arab nations. ***"Pray concerning the increasing islamization of the country" and for continued freedom for the churches.***
- ***"Pray for the church in Mali, that she would remain focused on her mission: working for the salvation of souls."***

### *Pray for Muslims during Ramadan*

At sundown on Monday, May 2 (dates vary by country), Muslims will end their month of fasting and celebrate *Eid al-Fitr*, the Festival of Breaking the Fast. In Muslim-majority nations, government offices, businesses, and schools are closed for one to three days of holiday. Greeting one another with *Eid Mubarak* (Blessed Feast), people meet in the morning for Eid prayers, thanking Allah for strength to complete the fast and for the Koran, and asking for his blessing and mercy. Charitable giving is expected so that the needy can participate. People wear their finest clothes, enjoy a large meal and sweets, give gifts, visit relatives, and may visit the tombs of deceased loved ones. Let's pray

- that even during this joyous celebration, many would sense their lack of eternal security and the futility of their efforts, and begin to seek a source of peace and joy that will last;
- that as they return to routine life, many Muslims would continue to reflect on their spiritual state, and that the Holy Spirit would reveal Jesus to them;
- that many would notice in Christians around them the love and peace they crave and seek to know more.

See a prayer video on Eid al-Fitr at <https://prayercast.com/eid-al-fitr.html>.

### *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 .

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see <http://muslimsask.com/>, <http://www.unchangingword.com/>, <http://answeringislam.org/>, and <https://jesustomuslims.org/>.