

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. (Ps 40:3).

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

**DR CONGO:** A student asks us to pray concerning the continuing conflict in the eastern part of his nation. For more than 20 years this area "has been suffering from genocide, rebellion, tribal and civil wars," he reports. "Every day whole families are killed, women and even girls are raped. Despite the state of siege declared by the government, the situation remains the same." The war started and has continued for several reasons, he explains. First, the local population is reacting to general social injustice. Then, people working for surrounding nations that covet the mineral wealth here take advantage of the instability, join the army, and even infiltrate the political system. Since 2013, jihadists have used the insecure situation to impose Islam, often through intimidation and killing. Let's pray

- "that the Lord Shalom would grant peace to this part of the nation, and grant the Congolese government strategies to end this war;
- "that God would confound all those who are behind this situation;
- "that the Lord would help the churches in Congo to understand and fulfill their part of the mission in eastern DRC";
- that the Lord would thwart the jihadist movement and the efforts to spread Islam in the country.

**ETHIOPIA:** A worker was recently privileged to teach in a newly launched Missions School, where 11 students are preparing to serve in Muslim areas, and to witness some of the work there. Please pray

- for these students as they learn and are sent out, that they would serve in the power of the Spirit;
- that God would call more to commit themselves to reaching Muslims and others and to receive this valuable training:
- for a local church's efforts to plant a new work in a Muslim village. An outreach team is visiting twice a week and holding meeting on Sundays. Currently the youth are responding, and Christians and Muslims enjoy good relations. Pray this will lead to the creation of a vibrant church.

MALI: A student serving in an area where jihadist attacks are common writes, "The security situation is worsening in this area and is taking on another form. Children and even adults are disappearing. They are kidnapping people here in town, but we don't know who is doing it." This generally happens at night, and sometimes people are able to thwart the kidnapping attempts. "Since children are being kidnapped as well, we think it's another phenomenon and not jihadism," he says. Pray that the captives are freed and return home. Pray for Holy Spirit's divine intervention in the hearts of those committing these acts, that they might be freed from the evil that holds them captive.

## **Prayer Resources**

For the 2022 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2022wwl">https://tinyurl.com/2022wwl</a>.

Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Visit <a href="https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/">https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</a> for information about praying for Muslims and weekly requests.

For a weekly lesson and prayer topic about an aspect of Islam, see <a href="https://prayingformuslims.com/">https://prayingformuslims.com/</a>.

For suggestions on starting a prayer group, see <a href="https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/">https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/</a>.

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians, visit <a href="http://morningstarnews.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://www.releaseinternational.org/</a>.

For prayer requests, visit http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/ and .

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://www.unchangingword.com/</a>, <a href="http://www.unchangingword.com/">http://www.unchangingword.com/</a>, <a href="http://www.unchangingword.com/"