



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore (Ps 121:7-8, NKJV).*

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

**BURKINA FASO:** A student who pastors in this Sahelian country asks us to pray for three needs:

1. **Pray for God's blessings on efforts to establish a Christian school**, his third, this one in a Muslim-majority town in the north. The area is unstable and the people have historically been resistant to the gospel; for more than 100 years missionaries have tried without success to start a church in this town. Many consider the area to be under a curse, and this pastor plans to take others with him to spend at least a week in prayer there before proceeding. Please pray

- that authorities would grant final approval to the purchase of the land;
- that the Holy Spirit would overcome all opposing powers and prepare the hearts of people to receive this school and the message it brings;
- for favor as the pastor meets with the chief, imam, and key leaders and offers them places in the school for their children;
- that over time a vibrant church may be established here.

2. **Pray for God's protection over, and discernment for, those targeted for recruitment by jihadists.** Militants recruit many young people into their service through bogus offers of lucrative employment, often in the mines, he explains. A young adult may receive such an offer via text message. If he accepts, he is picked up in a fancy car in the evening—and wakes up in a jihadist camp, in an unknown location and with little hope of escape.

Jihadists posing as civilians or their accomplices also solicit pastors to come with them to pray for a sick or demon-possessed person, and instead bring them to their base.

3. **Pray for the salvation of jihadists**, who, like Saul, believe they are doing the will of God and working *for* God, but don't know Him. Pray that they would meet Him, and, like Paul, work *with* Him to advance His kingdom.

**MALI:** A student pastoring in Mali's troubled central region shares these requests:

- "Pray concerning the deteriorating security situation." Last weekend, in an attack on three villages in this region, suspected jihadists "systematically" rounded up and massacred at least 132 civilians. Attacks occur almost daily in this area.
- "Pray for the church to find ways to preach the gospel that are appropriate to the current situation.
- "Pray for an evangelism program being held this week in a neighborhood of [town], organized by a fellow pastor, that all goes well and that there are conversions."

Pray that the Lord would continue to strengthen and encourage His people and use them to live and witness boldly. The pastor affirms, "In the city, we keep holding our meetings. At this point, people are ready for anything. So there is no more fear as there was before."

## 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://answerislam.org/>, and <https://jesustomuslims.org/>.