



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name (Ps 86.9).*

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

**BENIN:** Recently we prayed for two seminars for pastors and evangelists, held in northern Benin and focusing on reaching Muslims. A worker reports that the seminars drew a total of more than 150 participants and were well received. In the second seminar, he says, “the pastors asked if we could spend some time speaking about how to implement the seminar. Out of this discussion, the pastors are going to meet about doing a city-wide event to reach Muslims and also to see how they can start evangelism outreaches in their city together.” Let’s pray

- “for the churches in northern Benin as they make plans for outreach into Muslim villages. Pray the Lord will give them favor in these village and that signs and wonders will follow the preaching of the Word.
- “for missionaries that are being sent out...to Muslim peoples and villages in the northern part of Benin and also into [another country]. Pray the Lord will give them protection, guidance and the Lord's anointing.”

**BURKINA FASO:** Please continue to pray for peace in this West African nation. According to a WAAST alumnus involved in pastoral training here, jihadists now control about a third of the country. He reports that there are 10 districts he can no longer visit to teach due to insecurity. Two groups, linked to Al-Qaida and to the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara, have taken over government facilities, dispensaries, roads, etc., especially in the north and east, and increasingly in the south. Schools in these zones are closed. One group is more tolerant, and churches in their areas can still meet but must take care not to be seen as reaching Muslims. In areas where the other group operates, churches have been closed, and Muslim dress is imposed on the inhabitants. Please pray

- for believers in these areas, that the Lord would strengthen them, help them live their faith, and give them opportunities to testify of Him;
- for pastors who have been forced to leave their churches; many have been planting new churches in more secure areas;
- for the salvation and deliverance of those bound by Islam and the spirit of jihad. This alumnus points out, “The church has learned a lesson: when they neglect to reach a people group while they can, there will be problems later.” A particular, neglected tribe is now deeply implicated in jihad, and churches are now interceding for them.

### *In the News: Uganda*

Of some 45 million people in the East African nation of Uganda, about 84% claim to be Christians, and less than 14% follow Islam. However, in Muslim villages, Christians face fierce opposition and open hostility. A pastor who oversees 130 Elim Pentecostal churches in a central district has received multiple death threats for leading Muslims to Christ. Over the past few months, in this district and others, pastors, evangelists, believers, and converts from Islam have been attacked and/or killed by extremists—in some cases members of their own families. Please pray for our brothers and sisters, that the Spirit would encourage, protect, and embolden them. See more at <https://tinyurl.com/persuganda>.

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