

Intercede for the Muslim World!

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance (2Pe 3:9).

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

COTE D'IVOIRE: *Praise Report:* Last semester a student asked us to pray for a friend, a young Muslim lady, for whom he had been praying for ten years. He spoke to her about the Lord whenever he could, and gave her his Bible, but she continued to resist. Recently he contacted her, and she shared the good news that she has given her life to Jesus and is now part of a church. Let's persevere in prayer for those who resist!

Prayer Request: Please pray for the spiritual growth of this lady. She travels to another town to attend church, as her family is Muslim. Pray that she would be a great influence as she lives out her faith before her family members, and that they also would also find salvation in Jesus.

MALI: A student shares a request from a fellow pastor, who was kidnapped by jihadists and has since been released. During his time of captivity he was able to share the gospel with several of his kidnappers, and he asks that we pray for them, that this seed would bring forth fruit.

World Watch List 2022: Sudan (13/50)*

The large nation of Sudan, in northwestern Africa, is home to 48 million people, about 95% of whom follow Islam. Of the 160+ ethnic groups there, 133 are considered unreached—and the religious and political climate makes it difficult to reach them. Under President Omar al-Bashir, in power from 1989-2019, Christians suffered as second-class citizens at best, and many churches were closed or destroyed. After al-Bashir's ouster in 2019, the transitional government began working on reforms that promised greater civil freedoms and more equality for minorities—a great encouragement to churches and Christians. But a military coup in October 2021 dissolved this government. Few of the reforms have been put into place, and the nation as a whole is suffering greater economic, political, and religious instability than before. Let's pray

- for God's protection over believers in Sudan; while officially apostasy (leaving Islam) was decriminalized in 2020, Christians are still harassed and even tortured for their faith;
- for the witness of believers to their Muslim neighbors, and for the growth of house churches;
- that many Sudanese would hear the gospel through online resources, Bible apps, satellite TV and radio, and other media, and that they would be able to connect with local believers;
- for Sudan's leaders, that the Holy Spirit would work in their hearts, work through them to grant favor to His people, and draw them to Jesus.

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 <u>https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</u> 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 <u>http://morningstarnews.org/</u>, <u>http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</u>, and <u>http://www.releaseinternational.org/</u>.

For prayer requests, visit <u>http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/</u> and <u>http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx</u> .

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