

Intercede for the Muslim World!

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? (Ro 8:35)

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

GUINEA-CONAKRY: Guinea is a majority-Muslim country in West Africa. A student asks us to pray that the Lord would provide land for four churches in an area where a military academy is being built. The churches are currently renting property, but renting always carries the risk of losing the land. Owning property will assure that they can stay to minister to those who will come to study at the academy.

In the News

This past Tuesday, August 30, was the International Day of the Disappeared. According to the International Committee of the Red Cross, across Africa at least 64,000 people have been reported missing (no doubt many cases go unreported)—25,000 of these children. Many have disappeared as they flee conflicts, are kidnapped, or go missing in a migration convoy or in a natural disaster. Here are some prayer points related to this issue:

- *Pray for God's protection especially over vulnerable women and children in areas of conflict.* Women and girls are often taken as wives for militants or used as slaves. Boys are conscripted as child soldiers. Thousands of kids have been kidnapped from schools and held for ransom to finance jihadist groups.
- There are currently more than 35 armed conflicts going on in 12 nations in sub-Saharan Africa. In most of these conflicts, Muslim groups are the primary instigators, and in some countries the armed forces are fighting multiple groups that are well-equipped due to ties to the Islamic State or al-Qaeda. Disappearances due to conflict are frequent and pose a great challenge for leaders at the national and local levels, as families beg for help in preventing these incidents and in finding their loved ones. *Pray for leaders, for wisdom, the will, and the means to respond to these cries.*
- So far in 2022 nearly 600 people have been reported missing along migration routes, most from West Africa heading toward Europe (<u>https://tinyurl.com/mismig22</u>). Abuse at the hands of traffickers, other refugees, and even local security forces is common, and a missing person is likely of little concern to them. *Pray for the safety and recovery of those missing*.
- *Pray for the salvation of victims of disappearance/enforced disappearance.* Pray that Jesus, who knows who and where they are, would reveal himself to them. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide them to all Truth—to Jesus! Pray for their rescue and subsequent healing.
- *Pray for Christian victims,* that they might sense God's presence with them and draw close to Jesus, and that His light would shine through their lives to draw others to Him. Pray also for their rescue and healing.
- *Pray for divine opportunities for believers, pastors, and churches to minister to the families of missing persons.* Not knowing if their loved one is dead or alive, these families waver perpetually between grief and hope. Many of these families are Muslim. They need the hope and help of the personal, loving God who knows their pain and offers them salvation and peace!

Prayer Resources

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

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 http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/ and .

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>.