

Intercede for the Muslim World!

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all (1Chr 29:11b).

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

BURKINA FASO: This past weekend this Sahelian nation experienced its second coup in eight months, with elements in the ruling military junta ousting the lieutenant colonel who ousted Burkina's civilian president in January 2022. The new junta is working to name an interim president. Students from Burkina Faso share these prayer requests:

- Pray for peace and an end to the jihadist activity and banditry that has been increasing over the past several years. The government's attempts to contain terrorism have largely failed, leading to the coups and further instability.
- Pray for the Assemblies of God and other churches, "that they would continue to stand in the gap, as the prayers of a righteous man are effective." They have an important role in interceding for and influencing the nation, and believers have been mobilized to pray around the clock.
- Pray that God would grant the new leaders wisdom as they choose the next president and determine their strategies for dealing with terrorism.
- Pray for true believers who serve on the interfaith religious council, made up of traditional religious leaders, Muslims, Roman Catholics, Protestants, and evangelicals. This apolitical group is often consulted by the government. Pray that God would use His people to bring His light to other members and to the nation.
- Pray for the salvation of jihadists and of sympathizers in the communities who serve as their informers. May Jesus reveal himself to them!

MOZAMBIQUE: A worker with the Assemblies of God writes: "Pray for Northern Mozambique as it continues to face attacks from Islamic extremists. More than 30 A/G church buildings have been destroyed by Islamists, and church members' homes have been burned down." Islamic State has been active in northern Mozambique since 2017, and nearly a million people have been displaced.

World Watch List 2022: Mauritania (23/50)*

About 4.9 million people live in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, a desert nation in West Africa. About 70% are Moors—White Moors of Arab/Berber descent, and Black Moors of Arab/Black African descent, once slaves of the white Moors and still lower-class citizens at best. The other 30% is made up of various sub-Saharan tribes, all Muslim. The few believers cannot meet openly, and face persecution from their families and communities, and foreign Christians must find discrete ways to share their faith. Let's pray

- for our brothers and sisters here, that the Holy Spirit would encourage their hearts, give them opportunities to meet and grow together, and enable them to share their faith with wisdom and boldness;
- for freedom in Jesus for those who are still enslaved-by slaveholders (laws against slavery exist but are not enforced), by their class-oriented society, and by the deception of Islam;
- for greater access to the gospel in their form of Arabic and other heart languages, through media or believers they may meet.

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>https://www.icommittopray.com/</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>.