



Intercede for the Muslim World!

[Jesus] is before all things, and in him all things hold together (Co 1:7).

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

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: A worker asks us to pray for the participants of a training seminar held last week. During this week they met especially to “strategize about working together to plant churches among the majority here. Pray for the Spirit's guidance.”

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: Due to ongoing threats of terrorism, a team of workers will need to leave its area of service. Pray for a smooth transition as a local pastor moves to the community, and for the continued growth and witness of the young believers.

Pray for Spiritually Divided Families

In many Muslim areas in Africa and around the world, many families are spiritually divided as one or a few members find salvation in Jesus, while the others cling to Islam. All family members face intense pressure. Those who follow Islam feel shamed by the “infidel” and may go to great lengths—even expelling or killing him or her—to restore their honor within the community. The new believer must often hide his or her faith or flee. Families may demand separation or divorce when one spouse finds Jesus, and children may be taken from them. Please pray

- for the Lord's protection over and provision for those who respond to the Truth of the gospel;
- that Muslim family members would be touched by the transformed lives of these followers of Jesus and reconsider their own faith;
- for the salvation of entire households so that they may grow together in their faith and present a united witness to the community.

In the News: Afghanistan

When Taliban Islamists controlled Afghanistan's government from 1996-2001, they applied *sharia* (Islamic law) and greatly restricted any rights not in line with Islam. When they retook power in August 2021, Taliban leaders assured the people and the outside world that their rule would be more moderate. But over time, they have forced women to quit their jobs, forbade girls to attend secondary schools, and reinstated other restraints on basic freedoms. Earlier this month, leaders officially ordered judges to begin punishing criminals according to *sharia*, using flogging, amputations, and stoning as retribution for thievery, adultery, sedition, or other offenses. On November 11, 19 men and women received lashes for various crimes—the first official report of this change in policy. Let's pray

- for the few believers, foreign and Afghan, that the Holy Spirit would encourage and protect them and give them opportunities to lead others to peace in Jesus;
- for the few humanitarian workers and agencies helping people in desperate need as winter approaches; most foreign aid has ceased as few countries recognize the Taliban's Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan;
- that Jesus would reveal himself to members and leaders of the Taliban, that they would know the Truth;
- that many Afghans would find hope and faith through various online programs for adults and children.

For more information and prayer requests, see <https://tinyurl.com/afpers>.

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

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