

Intercede for the Muslim World!

The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him (2Sa 22:31b).

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

BURKINA FASO: As people continue to flee terrorist attacks in this nation, a church leader shares these requests:

- "Ministry to displaced people. All [Assemblies of God] churches have been mobilized to support displaced Christians, and even non-Christians, with food, money and basic necessities."
- "The salvation of Muslims." Pray they would respond to the caring actions of believers and seek to know more about the God they serve. Pray they would have dreams and revelations of Jesus.
- "Pastors in unstable areas, for their freedom of movement and their safety." Pray that those who have been forced to flee their churches and homes in the north and east would be able to return.

In the News

NIGERIA: In April 2014, when 276 schoolgirls were kidnapped from their boarding school in Chibok, the world became aware of Boko Haram and the terrorism already rampant in Nigeria. Eight years on, 96 are still missing. Eleven have been released since mid-June and are being treated at a care center, with visits to family allowed. Forced to convert to Islam and marry Boko Haram fighters, all of these young ladies have become mothers, with 21 children between them. When they do return home, they will likely face the stigma of being a "Boko Haram wife". Please pray for these young women, their children—and the hundreds of other women in similar situations in Nigeria—

- that they would come to know and grow into a deep relationship with Jesus, who offers them His perfect love and healing that goes beyond anything that family or counselors can provide;
- for the children of these young ladies, that they may grow up learning about Jesus and their value in Him;
- that they would meet loving Christians in their communities who will share Jesus with them, their children, and their families. (See more at <u>https://tinyurl.com/bhchi22.</u>)

World Watch List 2022: Jordan (39/50)*

Jordan lies east of Israel and south of Syria. It is home to more than 11 million people, including more than 750,000 refugees, mostly from Syria. Some 97% follow Islam, the official religion. A century ago Christians made up 20% of the population; today they are only 2%, with few evangelicals among them. Christians are free to meet for worship but are often monitored, and those who reach out to Muslims may face opposition from state authorities. Muslims known to follow Jesus are subject to arrest and beatings as well as harassment and rejection from their families. Let's pray

- for church leaders as they disciple converts in their faith and equip them to reach others, and for their protection, as some Christians face great pressure from authorities to inform on leaders;
- that through the testimony of believers, family and friends would find new life in Jesus;
- that the Lord would strengthen and embolden churches and believers who are reaching out to the many foreigners, mainly Muslims escaping war in their own nations who have taken refuge in Jordan;
- for the Jordan Bible Society team, celebrating 50 years of providing Arabic Bibles to Jordanians, for continued freedom to participate in book fairs, reach out during Ramadan, and minister through social media.

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 <u>https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/</u>.

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 https://www.icommittopray.com/.

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>.