



Intercede for the Muslim World!

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given...” (Is 9:6, NKJV). This Sunday we celebrate the birth of Jesus, whom we know as the Son of God and our Savior. But for the 1.9 billion people who follow Islam, this child was born of a virgin, yes, and even performed miracles as a prophet of Allah—but He *cannot* be the Son of God nor a savior. Blinded to the truth of who Jesus is, they ignore or even rage against the claims of Christ. Let’s pray

- that the Holy Spirit would stir the hearts of Muslims who hear the story of Jesus’ birth, see a nativity play, or even share in Christmas celebrations with Christian friends, that they would seek to know the Truth;
- for opportunities for believers to explain the meaning of Christmas, and that their Muslim friends would see in them the love and peace God gives;
- that many would hear and respond to special programs broadcast on satellite TV, radio, and online, into nations where the true meaning of Christmas is rejected;
- for those who may be planning harm against churches and believers as they celebrate; may they see the Son of God in dreams and visions and receive the gift of salvation He came to give them!

As Islam gains influence throughout Africa, WAASST students and alumni have faced greater challenges in their ministries. Terrorist activity has displaced millions and caused hundreds of churches to close. Muslim property owners refuse to sell or rent land to a church or a house to a Christian. Local Muslim officials may withhold permission to hold events, and travel is increasingly dangerous, limiting church and outreach activities. Churches must apply strict security measures in areas where kidnappings and attacks are a constant threat. Muslim charities actively lure people to embrace Islam with offers of financial help, a roof, well, education, etc., and Muslim men seek out Christian girls to marry and raise the children in Islam. Fear keeps many believers (and even church leaders) from reaching out to Muslim neighbors, but building relationships with and interceding for them are necessary if they are to know this truth: that this Child, God Incarnate, was sent to earth for them. Please pray

- for those serving in Muslim areas, that they might lead by example and teach their people to pray for and befriend Muslim neighbors;
- that churches and believers would find favor in their communities and respond with bold, Spirit-endowed love to those who threaten or harass them;
- for Christian young people in the churches, especially girls, who are often targeted with offers for a “better life” in Islam;
- that pastors and believers among those who are displaced would be used mightily to bring people to hope and salvation, for the glory of God.

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/>.