



Intercede for the Muslim World!

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him (1Jn 4:9).

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

MALI: Last October we prayed for Christians in central Mali who were visited by jihadists and ordered to abandon Jesus and return to Islam or suffer the consequences. We joined others in prayer for them, and the Lord miraculously intervened. On January 4 jihadists again visited with the same threat and a warning that they would return in three days to hear the Christians' response. They forbade the two churches in the village (evangelical and Catholic) to ring church bells, play instruments, or pray in the churches—but as of this writing they have not returned. Please pray that the Lord would continue to protect His people here. Pray that the terrorists would see the hand of God on His children in an undeniable way, and that they too would come to know Him.

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: A worker in a Muslim-majority country in another part of Africa asks for prayer for the few believers there. These new Christians find it difficult to meet together consistently, mainly due to deeply ingrained distrust of others. Pray that the Spirit would work in their hearts to deliver them from fear and suspicion, so that they may trust Jesus fully and learn to love, trust, and enjoy fellowship with one another.

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: Please pray that the Lord would raise up a team of workers to reenter this African country, where 14 of the 17 people groups have little or no access to the gospel. Missionaries are not formally allowed in this Islamic nation, but in the past workers have been able to offer services and minister. Please pray

- that those with willing hearts would hear and answer God's call to this difficult land;
- that the Spirit would divinely open doors before them so they can have access to and serve the people;
- that the Lord would use the various gifts and skills each team member brings to meet the particular needs of the people to whom He has called them.

In the News

Africa's most populous nation, **Nigeria**, will hold presidential elections on February 25. The home of the Boko Haram terrorist group and host to several other Islamic extremist groups, much of Nigeria has been destabilized by the atrocities as jihadists seek to establish their religion, with churches and Christians (as well as moderate Muslims) particularly targeted. In the first ten months of 2022, more than 4,000 Christians were killed and 2,300 kidnapped (<https://tinyurl.com/Cpnigeria>). Many believe the government to be complicit, or at best ineffective in dealing with the security issues. Christians are deeply concerned about the upcoming elections, particularly as one of the strongest candidates, a Muslim, has chosen a dedicated Muslim as his running mate. (Typically, a ticket will be Muslim/Christian or vice versa, reflecting the 50/50 religious split in Nigeria's population.) Please pray

- for our brothers and sisters, especially in the Muslim-majority north, that the Holy Spirit would encourage and strengthen them, that they may keep their focus on Jesus and lead others to Him, the Source of true peace;
- that the Lord would thwart any agenda leading to greater Islamization and limiting the spread of the gospel;
- for stability throughout the country so that the elections can take place in peace.

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 <https://www.icommittoprayer.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/>.