



Intercede for the Muslim World!

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Ro 6:23).

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

LIBERIA: An alumnus who pastors and serves a Bible school in northern Liberia, near the Guinean border, reports that they are reaching out to Muslims and to the youth in the area. He writes, “The Muslims (most from other countries) are doing everything possible to win the people. They are intermarrying with them, sending their children to Liberian schools, etc. In my opinion the Muslims may even have an agenda for Liberia, because most of them are joining the police, army and even they have started producing candidates for the seat of representative.” Recently a Muslim was almost elected chief justice, but, he says, God intervened. He asks us to **“pray that God will raise up more workers among us” to lead many Muslims to salvation.**

“Another situation we are seriously facing here is drug addiction,” he says, with many young people turning to drugs and, consequently, crime. Please **pray for the youth who are involved in Bible studies the church is offering and that this group may develop into a new church. Pray for God’s protection over the young people, that they might cling to Jesus and resist the temptations offered by both drugs and Islam.**

WAAS: New and returning students are arriving for the new semester, which starts Monday, February 27. Please pray for safe travels for them, as road travel in the region becomes increasingly risky. **Pray that during this semester, as they attend our Friday Jumaa Prayer meetings, many students would have an increasing burden and sense of urgency to intercede for and reach the Muslims in their areas.**

*World Watch List 2023: Nigeria (6/50) **

Nearly half of Nigeria’s population of 219 million claim to be Christians, and evangelical and Pentecostal churches have had great influence throughout the country, especially in the south. However, though Nigeria’s constitution guarantees freedom of religion, since 1999 all 12 northern states have adopted *sharia* (Islamic law) in full or in part to govern the lives of their people. Since the rise of Boko Haram in 2009, and the arrival of Al-Qaida and Islamic State factions, and extremist Fulani herdsman, who appropriate land and push the Islamic agenda, believers have been increasingly harassed, marginalized, kidnapped, and killed. One report on religious freedom notes: “Nigeria is now a country where being a Christian is synonymous with martyrdom” (<https://tinyurl.com/fornigeria>)—yet the government has consistently denied the existence of religious persecution there. Let’s intercede for these people God loves!

- Pray for Nigeria’s presidential elections as they are held this Saturday (Feb. 25), that all would be done in peace and that the new administration would uphold freedom to worship and to proclaim the Lord of nations.
- Pray for wisdom for pastors, church leaders, and believers. Pray they would take care to proclaim the true Word of God that saves souls, and avoid the pitfalls of politics and unbalanced prosperity teachings.
- Pray for the 3 million people who have been internally displaced by the violence. Many camps have recently been closed and their inhabitants disbursed, leaving them with no resources or protection.
- Pray for the vulnerable young people; boys are recruited as child soldiers or held for ransom, while girls risk being forced to convert and marry a fighter, or to serve as servants or sex slaves

Prayer Resources

*For the 2023 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see <https://tinyurl.com/ww123uk>

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://answerislam.org/>, and <https://jesustomuslims.org/>.