



Intercede for the Muslim World!

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Ro 8:38-39).

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

GUINEA: Pray that the Lord would raise up a team of workers to respond to a call from the Assemblies of God of Guinea (led by a WAAST alumnus) to help in the areas of Bible school training, church planting, and outreach to the 28 unreached people groups. Missionaries from Togo and Côte d'Ivoire already serve here, at least two of whom are WAAST graduates. Although Guinea is a majority-Muslim nation, and persecution is felt at the community level, the government allows freedom to preach and worship. Please pray

- that many would respond to this timely “Macedonian call” and follow God’s leading to go;
- for continued freedom to open churches; the number of AG churches has grown from 70 in 2017 to 213 in 2022;
- that landowners would show favor to churches and believers in the communities. Many landowners refuse to rent or sell land or homes to Christians, making it difficult to establish permanent meeting places.

In the News

Pray for our brothers and sisters in **Pakistan**, where Islam is the state religion and any non-Muslim is treated as a second-class citizen. On January 17, Pakistan’s National Assembly unanimously passed a bill that would increase the punishment for any blasphemy against the Prophet Mohammad’s family members and companions, and the Koran. (Blasphemy against the Prophet himself invokes the death penalty.) The bill increases the prison sentence from 3 to at least 10 years, with no opportunity for bail, and exacts a fine of 1 million rupees (about \$4300). Incidences of blasphemy are often subjective and the laws have been used for many years to falsely accuse, harass, and imprison Christians. Those who falsely accuse face lenient or no punishment. The new bill is to go soon to the Senate, where it is expected to pass unanimously, and becomes law once signed by the prime minister. **Pray that God would touch the hearts of the authorities, that this bill might not pass, and that He would encourage and strengthen His people.**

*World Watch List 2023: Somalia (2/50)**

Islam is the only religion allowed in this East African nation of some 17 million. The few Christians live in extreme secrecy; if discovered, or even suspected, they face loss of family, community—even their lives. Al-Shabaab and other jihadist groups profit from the political instability to gain influence, and aggressively seek to rid the country of all Christians. Let’s pray

- that the Lord would protect and encourage His people in Somalia;
- for the 2 million Somalis living outside of Somalia, most in countries where they are free to hear the gospel;
- for divine opportunities for Somali believers to tell others about Jesus;
- that many Somalis would encounter Jesus in dreams and visions, and that the Holy Spirit would guide them to resources that will explain and lead them to salvation.

Prayer Resources

*For the 2023 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most, see <https://tinyurl.com/wwl23uk>

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/>.