



Intercede for the Muslim World!

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life (Jn 8:12).

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

BURKINA FASO: An alumnus, a church leader in this Sahelian nation, reports that Burkina Faso “has a lot of problems, but there are a lot of conversions.” ***Praise God***, in the midst of ongoing terrorist activity and despite the closure of many churches, Muslims are finding Jesus! He recounts that one church recently opened in the north; two days later terrorists threatened people, and most fled, including the pastor. After a time, most people returned, and the pastor determined he should continue his work there, even if it cost him his life. Upon his return, he found the church full, with people sitting outside, worshiping together. Even as people flee their homes and churches close, says this leader, members keep meeting together in new locations and even begin new churches. He asks us to ***pray that pastors and church members in troubled areas of the country “would stand firm in their faith” and continue to bring the hope of the gospel to their neighbors.***

In one northern town, there had been some 50 Assemblies of God churches and a Bible school. Due to the insecurity, today just four of the churches are open and the Bible school students are meeting elsewhere. But many of the pastors have stayed and meet with their members in homes. ***Pray that the Lord would encourage and work mightily through these pastors and believers who have stayed behind, and that the other pastors may return to minister there.***

SENEGAL: In Muslim-dominated countries, it is often difficult to purchase land for a church or gain permission to build, and even after work has started, it may be contested. A worker here asks us to pray for such a situation. A church purchased land in 2015 and began to build, but neighbors complained, and for the past three years the project has been stalled for lack of one final signature. ***“Pray that God would release their property so that they can finish building it instead of meeting in the community center. Pray their light will continue to draw others to the Savior.”***

In the News

After a very close and still-contested election in **Nigeria**, Bola Tinubu was named President-elect. Both he and his running mate are Muslims, a departure from the normal mixed Muslim-Christian (or vice versa) ticket that acknowledges the two main religions in the nation. Before the election, many Muslim clerics encouraged their people to see this ticket as a “call to jihad” (<https://tinyurl.com/tinshet>). An alumnus notes that many Christians “are very sad knowing the implications of their Muslim-Muslim ticket. But our courage is God.” They are “calling upon God to intervene and prove to these agents of the power of darkness that we serve a living God.” Let’s pray

- that the Lord would work in the hearts of those in the new administration and even use them to strengthen His Church and provide opportunities for greater witness;
- that true believers will shine ever more brightly in the darkness and bring many to the true Light of the world;
- that many Christians would awaken to the urgency and importance of reaching their Muslim neighbors;
- for peace in the coming days, as some want to contest the election outcome.

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/>.