

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

"Those who were not told about [Christ] will see, and those who have not heard will understand" (Ro 15:21).

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

**BENIN:** An alumnus serving at the Assemblies of God Bible school in central Benin shares several prayer requests:

- Pray for pastors and believers in the north, near the Burkina Faso border. As terrorists establish bases there, some churches have closed as members and pastors, unable to farm or go to market, have fled the area.
- Intercede for the 15-20 home missionaries working in Muslim areas. Some are very discouraged. Pray that the Spirit would renew them with a fresh assurance of His presence, strengthen their hearts, and meet their needs, and that they would see the seeds they have planted begin to grow.
- Pray for God's intervention in a tense situation in a village near the Bible school. Conflict began last week when a man in the Muslim Fulani community killed a local farmer. Farmers responded by killing the perpetrator and several others. The Muslim community reportedly called in Boko Haram fighters from Nigeria, while the government of Benin has sent 170 police. According to the local AG pastor, Boko Haram has not come, and it has remained calm but tense.
- Pray for a spiritual breakthrough in Fulani communities; the Fulani now make up the majority of the population in this area. Bible school students visit them, churches welcome them, and many do attend social events of the church, such as weddings. Pray for revelations of Jesus to many, and for the salvation of key people who will bring the gospel into their family and communities.

BURKINA FASO: An alumnus, a pastor here, reports "the good news of the day" concerning the battle against terrorism in his nation. This past Monday, hundreds of terrorists who were planning attacks in eastern, southern, and central regions were thwarted by air strikes and ground attacks. More than 60 terrorists were captured in the north, as well as a key leader in a western region. In one case, "a group of terrorists fled, leaving weapons and motorcycles behind, just because they saw an eagle flying overhead. They then came face to face with our fighters who were patrolling the area." There is hope that a northern route will soon reopen for supply convoys, which have been attacked regularly. Please pray

- that the Lord would continue to sow confusion in terrorist camps and thwart their efforts to wage war in the name of Islam:
- that Jesus in His mercy would reveal himself to many jihadists, that they might see the truth and seek Him;
- that those who have been captured would have an opportunity to hear about Jesus and understand (Ro 15:21).

**NIGERIA:** Pray for the well-being and release of Leah Sharibu, kidnapped with classmates by Boko Haram in February 2018. She is now 21 years old and in her sixth year of captivity—the only one of the 110 schoolgirls not released, due to her unwillingness to renounce her faith. Unconfirmed reports indicate she now has two children. Pray that the Lord would encourage and strengthen her and use her to reach her captors. Pray for her grieving family, who have had no verifiable news from her since 2018 and are still pleading with the government to rescue her. Pray also for the release of an undetermined number of captured women and girls living in similar circumstances.

## **Prayer Resources**

The 2023 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/wwl23uk">https://tinyurl.com/wwl23uk</a>

Global Initiative and its Jumaa Prayer Fellowship (a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA), information and resources concerning ministry to and prayer for Muslims : <a href="https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/">https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</a>

Say Hello, prayer requests and resources on ministry to Muslim women: https://sayhelloinfo.com/

For a weekly prayer topic about an aspect of Islam: <a href="https://prayingformuslims.com/">https://prayingformuslims.com/</a>

For suggestions on starting a prayer group: <a href="https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/">https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/</a>

 $For news updates concerning persecuted Christians: \underline{http://morningstarnews.org/}, \underline{http://worldwatchmonitor.org/}, and \underline{http://www.release international.org/}$ 

For prayer requests from around the world: <a href="https://www.icommittopray.com/">https://www.icommittopray.com/</a>

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word: <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://answeringislam.org/</a>, and <a href="https://jesustomuslims.org">https://jesustomuslims.org</a>