

Intercede for the Muslim World!

...let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice (Ps 105:3b).

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

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: In this closed Islamic nation on the African continent, citizens who are Jesus-followers must meet underground. Foreigners can worship openly, but they cannot share their faith with a Muslim. A worker here shares several prayer requests:

- Pray for the international churches in the country. Pray that foreign believers would find creative opportunities to share their faith on their campus, in their neighborhood, and at their workplace.
- Pray for Pastor X, a national worker who is bold and open in his faith despite being arrested many times. His vision is to see an indigenous church of 50 members—and ultimately 50 churches of 50! Pray that the Spirit would guide and use him to see this come to pass.
- Intercede for the national believers, who live in fear of exposure and persecution. The spiritual consequences of this fear is great: as they neglect to share their faith with their own children, they will lose them to Islam.
- Pray that other African nations would send Christian young people to this land as students and professionals, who are typically respected and who can better assimilate and reach out to local Muslims.

The spiritual battle for the souls of these people is evident. This worker reports that just this past weekend, in the city where he serves, believers held a gospel concert (considered "cultural African" and thus allowed), and the name of Jesus was boldly proclaimed. The same weekend, a young African student, a church member, drowned at the coast, and a long-time worker passed away unexpectedly. On Sunday morning, the soundboard in the international church caught fire, leaving them with no electricity. God is at work in this city and nation, and the Enemy is angry. Let's pray that in all things God would be glorified, His people strengthened, and souls brought into the Kingdom!

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: In another closed nation on the continent, several foreign workers and local believers were arrested last week. Some are still in prison; others have been released, and some have left the country. Pray that they would all sense the Lord close to them, encouraging them and using them to share the love and peace that only He can give. Pray that His Name would be lifted up and that His Spirit would soften hearts opposed to the gospel.

In the News

Last Friday we prayed for **Sudan**, an Islamic nation in northeast Africa. Since 2021, two generals, one leading the Sudanese Army and the other the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), have served as *de facto* president and deputy. Just this month a new transitional government was to be announced, but infighting between the two generals derailed the process—and on Saturday, April 15, the two military forces took this rivalry to the streets of Khartoum and surrounding areas. Heavy fighting continues, with some 300 casualties and 3,000 injured to date. The airport is closed, food and water supplies are running low, and 39 of the 59 major hospitals have closed. *Please pray (1) for divine intervention and provision; (2) for those who, like millions of others, are unable to leave their homes to get supplies or offer aid; and (3) for the protection of those who have opened their doors to those seeking refuge.*

Prayer Resources

The 2023 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most: https://tinyurl.com/wwl23uk

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: https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/

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

For a weekly prayer topic about an aspect of Islam: https://prayingformuslims.com/

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

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians: http://worldwatchmonitor.org/, and http://worldwatchmonitor.org/, and http://worldwatchmonitor.org/, and http://worldwatchmonitor.org/, and http://www.releaseinternational.org/

For prayer requests from around the world: https://www.icommittopray.com/

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word: http://answeringislam.org/, and https://jesustomuslims.org