

## **Intercede for the Muslim World!**

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him (Ps 34:9).

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

**CAMEROON:** A student working in a Muslim-dominated northern region asks us to pray for a church he oversees. A Muslim neighbor who is opposed to the church sometimes disrupts the service by throwing stones at the worshipers inside, and has seriously damaged the building on several occasions. Please pray (1) that the Lord would strengthen the church members to continually show His love and to resist the temptation to seek vengeance, (2) that this man would see Jesus revealed and turn to Him for salvation, and (3) that he and his family would become great supporters and dedicated members of this church!

**GUINEA:** We recently prayed for the establishment of a team of workers to serve with the Assemblies of God of Guinea, helping in the areas of church planting and outreach in this Muslim-majority nation. We *praise God* that two families have committed to being part of this team. The need remains, however, for an experienced team leader. Pray that the Lord would raise up this person/family, and that He would guide both these workers and the national church leaders in their preparations to work together to expand God's kingdom in Guinea.

## 2023 World Watch List: Myanmar (14/50)\*

Myanmar (Burma), in Southeast Asia, is home to some 54 million people. Nearly 90% of the population follow Buddhism. While Buddhism is not an official state religion, the government favors Buddhists and restricts the freedoms of Christians (6%, mainly Protestant), Muslims (2-4%), Hindus (0.5%), and other minorities. The largest Muslim group is the **Rohingya**, who inhabit Rakhine State, a coastal region on the Bay of Bengal. Virtually all Rohingya follow Sunni Islam and for decades have been persecuted by the government as it seeks to create a Muslimfree state. Most Rohingya have been stripped of their citizenship, and more than a million have sought refuge in neighboring Bangladesh and other Asian nations, where most live in overcrowded camps.

- Pray for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar, who risk arrest, burning of their homes and churches, and even death for their faith. Those who have left Islam face persecution from both the government and their families.
- Pray that the Rohingya and other Muslim groups within this closed nation would have an opportunity to hear the gospel through true believers or various media outlets. The Gospels of John and Luke are available in Rohingya, as are several audio Bible resources and the *Jesus* film.
- Pray that the Good News would spread among Rohingya refugees in the various camps. Visitors and aid workers are restricted from sharing their faith within the camps, but residents can find opportunities. Pray that the believers who live there, which now number several hundred, would courageously follow the Spirit's leading to share God's love and His plan of salvation.

## **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: <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: <a href="http://morningstarnews.org/">http://morningstarnews.org/</a>, <a href="http://worldwatchmonitor.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://www.releaseinternational.org/</a>

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

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>