



Intercede for the Muslim World!

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame (Ps 34:5).

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

TOGO: An alumnus asks us to pray for a small work in a Muslim-dominated area of the country. The little church in this village is composed entirely of Muslim converts. Please pray

- for God's protection over the pastor and this group of believers, who face the double risk of persecution from family and community and from terrorist attacks that sometimes occur in the area;
- for the women, who are becoming prayer warriors and are being used to free seekers from Satan's bondage;
- for the young people meeting in secret, that they would grow in their faith and become powerful witnesses.

Pray for Jesus-Followers Bound by Shame and Fear

"Abdoul," a secret believer, was thrilled when he passed his high school exams—because he could now leave home and begin to openly worship Jesus and grow in his faith. "Rashid" is married to a Christian, and in his heart he too believes, but he cannot face the shame of being rejected by family and friends and continues to fast, go to mosque, and play the part of a faithful Muslim. "Amina" sought peace and joy in the Koran, Islamic teachings, and desperate prayers to Allah—and Jesus revealed himself one night in a vision. Today, several years later, she still goes to the mosque, though she prays to Jesus there. Her visions continue and she senses great peace and joy, but she does not yet enjoy the freedom to seek and take part in the Christian fellowship she needs.

An alumnus, himself a former Muslim, says, "Shame is a great mountain... There are those who say you can live like that forever, staying underground. But you can't grow in your faith." ***Please pray for the "Rashids" and "Aminas" and so many like them, in Africa and around the world, that they would find deliverance from shame and fear and would be free to worship their Lord openly.***

*2023 World Watch List: Maldives (15/50)**

The Maldives is a double chain of islands lying in the Indian Ocean, southwest of the tip of India. Some 560,000 people live in the Maldives; of these, an estimated 26% are foreign workers, mostly from South Asian nations. All Maldivians are Sunni Muslims, a fact the government ensures by revoking the citizenship of anyone who leaves Islam, and at times applying the death penalty. Violent acts against such "infidels" are rare, because great pressure from close-knit family and community members prevents anyone from openly questioning Islam or professing any other faith. No one can be trusted, and a husband or wife may be unaware that the other is a believer. Finding and meeting with other followers of Jesus for fellowship is difficult and risky, and converts usually try to leave the country. Foreign believers must meet in private places, are monitored, and may be deported for sharing their faith. Let's pray

- for the few isolated Maldivian believers, that they may sense Jesus' presence with them, and find ways to meet each other and to access biblical teaching;
- for believing migrant workers and tourists who visit the islands, that the Lord would give them divine opportunities to share His love;
- that Maldivians would have dreams and visions of the Savior and find their way to Him. Pray that whole families would come to Jesus together.

Prayer Resources

*The 2023 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most: <https://tinyurl.com/ww123uk>

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://morningstarnews.org/>, <http://worldwatchmonitor.org/>, and <http://www.releaseinternational.org/>

For prayer requests from around the world: <https://www.icommittoprayer.com/>

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