



Intercede for the Muslim World!

In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation" (Is 25:9).

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

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: While Islamist extremists have been active in some areas of this African nation, the southern part has seen few terrorist incidents until recently. In the early morning hours of May 11, armed men attacked a village, killing 17 people, burning homes, and stealing cattle. On May 17, terrorists struck another village, massacring 26 people, mostly women; yet another attack occurred in the same region on May 19. An alumnus reports that hundreds of villagers have sought refuge in the mission station at the Assemblies of God (AG) headquarters, located nearby, and at an AG youth center. He asks us to pray

- for divine protection over this area, these villages, and the AG headquarters;
- that the Lord would help the churches as they provide care for these traumatized refugees;
- for God's grace on the churches as they minister under increasing threat in this and other areas of the nation;
- that the Lord would touch the hearts of the terrorists, that they might find Jesus.

*2023 World Watch List: Mali (17/50)**

Islam came to this area of West Africa in the 800s, and Timbuktu and other cities became renowned centers of Islamic learning. Today, about 90% of Mali's 23 million people are Muslim. By law, people are free to choose their religion, and churches can meet and even evangelize openly. However, Muslim families and communities often pressure a new convert to renounce Jesus or face rejection. Since 2012, when jihadists first overran northern Mali, the country has become a base for several homegrown and foreign Islamic terrorist groups. Outreach and church-planting activities are risky—but God's Word goes forth! Let's pray for the people of Mali.

- Pray for Mali's leaders. In August 2020 a military coup unseated the president, a second coup in May 2021 expelled the interim president, and the leader of both coups set up and leads the current military government. Pray that the Lord would touch the hearts of those in authority to favor the spread of the gospel of peace, and for wisdom as they deal with the chronic unrest.
- Pray for God's protection over the churches and believers, that they might continue to meet and to share the Good News, and for efforts to share the gospel through radio programs and social media
- Pray that the Lord would raise up a new director to serve the AG Bible school in the capital city.
- Pray that many Muslims, including jihadists, would have a revelation of Jesus and come to know Him.

An alumnus asks us to *pray for evangelistic services being held Friday through Sunday in a town in central Mali*. He writes, "God is touching many people in Mali these days. During the evangelistic campaigns crowds are getting converted throughout the country." Such meetings are held at great risk, and are often disrupted and forced to move from place to place.

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>