



Intercede for the Muslim World!

...let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always (1Ch 16:10b-11).

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

BURKINA FASO: Terror attacks, displacements, and loss of lives and property continue unabated in this West African nation. A WAAST alumnus and Assemblies of God national-church leader shares the following requests:

- Pray for wisdom from the Holy Spirit for the church leadership as they work to keep relationships strong within the AG churches and with other church bodies, that together they may effectively spread the gospel.
- Pray for pastors and workers as they share the Good News in this difficult context.
- Pray for pastors who have been displaced, many of whom are working to plant churches in their new locations. Pray for their families as they adjust to their new situation.
- Pray that believers would stand firm in their faith and continue to reach out to their Muslims neighbors. Christians and Muslims have traditionally lived peacefully together here, but due to radical terrorism, many now fear associating with Muslims.
- Pray for God's protection over a Bible school graduation taking place May 6. This school has had to move from its campus to a nearby town but has been able to continue classes.

*2023 World Watch List: Saudi Arabia (13/50)**

Saudi Arabia is the birthplace of Islam, and every serious Muslim seeks to make the *hajj* pilgrimage to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina at least once in his or her life. More than 36 million people live in this Middle Eastern kingdom, ruled by the powerful Saud family according to the precepts of Wahhabism, an ultraconservative form of Islam. All citizens must be Muslim; no other religion, or atheism, is tolerated. Immigrants, mainly domestic and unskilled laborers, make up more than a third of the population. Some of these are Christians, but they cannot meet openly to worship or share their faith, at the risk of arrest and deportation. The small but increasing number of Saudi believers meet underground. Many use the Internet to learn and grow and to share their testimonies. If discovered, these believers risk great persecution, expulsion, and even death to restore the honor of their shamed family. Let's pray

- for isolated, secret believers, that they might find fellowship with others, online or in person, and grow in their faith;
- that Wahhabi Muslims would encounter Jesus in dreams and visions, and that the Spirit would lead them to believers who can instruct them;
- that the quiet witness of foreign Christians working here would touch open hearts, and for God's protection over them, as many domestic workers face abuse;
- for Saudis who, disappointed by Islam, secretly reject all religion. A 2012 poll revealed that about 20% see themselves as "not religious"; pray they might be open to a *relationship* with Jesus.

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://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>