

Intercede for the Muslim World!

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in [Jesus], and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross (Col 1:19).

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

CAMEROON: Pray for northern Cameroon, a largely Muslim area where Boko Haram terrorists are active. According to a student serving there, little news is published, but zones along the Nigerian border are frequently attacked, with military and civilians alike killed. In the English-speaking Northwest and Southwest Regions, civil conflict is in its seventh year. "In short, there is no real peace in Cameroon in the Far North, Northwest and Southwest. We need prayer for this country." Pray for the churches, Bible schools, and believers in these areas, that God would continue to strengthen them and open doors for them to proclaim the Good News of peace to those around them.

TOGO: In a certain strongly Muslim city, people who accept the Lord face strong persecution from their families. The churches in the community are attended almost exclusively by those who have come from elsewhere to live and work. But some reach out discretely to the local population. Using just cell phones, an alumnus broadcasts his church's Sunday service and weekly Bible study on social media. Seekers visit the pastor in a separate building, where he answers their questions and disciples those who want to follow Jesus. He asks for prayer concerning three challenges:

- Conversion; people fear the repercussions if they are discovered and hesitate to commit themselves to Christ.
- The purchase of land for church plants; it is nearly impossible even for an existing church to buy more land.
- The opening of an annex (daughter church) in another strongly Muslim town. Pray for a miraculous provision of land, and that the Spirit would prepare the hearts of people to accept the workers and their message.

2023 World Watch List: Mauritania (20/50)*

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania, in West Africa, is home to about 4.6 million people, nearly all of whom follow Islam by culture and by law. All 10 of the indigenous people groups are considered unreached, and the few hundred believers among them may be expelled from the family, abused, or charged with apostasy in court if they are discovered. Even expatriate Christians find it difficult to meet for worship, as they will be suspected of evangelizing Muslims. Although illegal, the centuries-old practice of slavery continues, with the White Moors (of Arab-Berber descent) enslaving or discriminating against the Black Moors (Arabic-speaking black Africans). Let's pray

- for the few believers, that the Spirit would encourage them and guide them to other believers in person or online and to resources that will help them grow in their faith;
- that many would gain access to Scriptures and teachings in their heart language through the Internet; most of the language groups have some Scripture portions or the New Testament available in audio form;
- that those caught in slavery—and those who dominate them—would come to know the inner freedom that Jesus offers to *all* who are enslaved by sin;
- that the Lord would reveal himself in supernatural ways to those who seek Him;
- for divine opportunities for believers to share their faith, and for open doors for workers to serve in this nation.

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 : <u>https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</u>

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: <u>https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/</u>

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

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

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