

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

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth (Ps 145:18).

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

**LIBERIA:** An alumnus shares: "About a year ago we sent out a prayer request because the elders of the Muslim-dominated town of X were threatening to take a portion of our church land. Today we testify of the Lord's intervention. The elder responsible for land has affirmed our boundary lines and even instructed our neighbors to not encroach on the church land. We glorify the Lord for handling this situation." Please pray (1) "that God will use our church to win the Muslims of X," (2) for protection and wisdom for his wife as she leads this church, and (3) for funds to add ceiling and floor tiles "so that even the church building will represent Him well in this Muslim community."

Christian schools provide an open door of witness in Liberia. Many Muslim families are willing to send their children, and teachers are permitted to share their faith with students. The church in X has built a four-classroom primary school. Pray the Lord would provide the remaining chairs and supplies needed in time to open the next school year.

**MALI:** An alumnus pastoring in a central region of this Muslim-majority nation asks us to pray that the Lord would use the soccer tournament his church is hosting this month to draw many to hear the gospel. An evangelistic outreach will coincide with the final match on July 23.

After 20 years of ministry in this church, this pastor is moving to another city where, along with other responsibilities, he will pastor a small work that currently has 5-7 attendees. Pray for the numerical and spiritual growth of this church. Please pray also for the incoming pastor of the church in the central region and for that church's continued growth and influence in this unstable area of the country.

## 2023 World Watch List: Morocco (29/50)\*

The Kingdom of Morocco is the westernmost of the North African countries. Muslim Arabs conquered the original Berber people in the 7<sup>th</sup> century; most of Morocco's 37 million people are of Berber-Arab descent. More than 99% follow Sunni Islam, the state religion. Evangelical believers number around 0.11% of the population. Most of these are foreigners, who enjoy freedom of worship but are strictly forbidden to share their faith with Moroccan citizens. For a convert from Islam, persecution often takes the form of the loss of family relationships and livelihood. A new believer, or even a seeker, once discovered, may see his children and inheritance taken from him. He may lose his job and find it nearly impossible to find a new one. He cannot attend a church; even meeting others in a home, owning a Bible, or accessing Christian Web sites is risky. Still, Moroccans are finding Jesus! Let's pray for them.

- Pray for those who have chosen to follow Jesus, that they may find opportunities for fellowship, encouragement, and spiritual growth. Pray for provision for those who have lost jobs and family support.
- Pray for expatriate believers in Morocco, most from sub-Saharan Africa. Pray that the Holy Spirit would place a burden in their hearts to intercede for and to reach out to Moroccan classmates, co-workers, and neighbors, and for divine opportunities to share their faith with them.
- Pray for workers in several international churches in the country. May the Spirit give them creative ways to share God's message of love through various public events and activities (such as concerts) that are considered "cultural" and are thus permitted.

## **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: <a href="https://sayhelloinfo.com/">https://sayhelloinfo.com/</a>

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

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians: <a href="http://morningstarnews.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://www.releaseinternational.org/</a>

For prayer requests from around the world: <a href="https://www.icommittopray.com/">https://www.icommittopray.com/</a>

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>