



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life... (Jn 6:40).*

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

**COTE D'IVOIRE:** Christianity has a strong influence in this West African nation. The Good News is freely preached, and over the past 5 years the Assemblies of God of Cote d'Ivoire alone has planted 3,000 new churches, for a total of 5,200. Still, the largest religion in the nation is Islam, which claims about 42% of the population. Of the 26 Muslim people groups here, 21 are considered unreached. Let's pray that each one would hear!

- Pray for workers serving in Muslim-majority areas of the nation. Pray that they will see spiritual breakthroughs among the people, and for the Lord's protection; some work in areas that are becoming increasingly dangerous due to jihadist threats.
- Pray for more dedicated, full-time workers. Another 3,400 are needed just to serve the existing AG churches! Pray that among those who answer God's call, many would sense a burden for and prepare to work among the more resistant people groups.
- Pray for an initiative to reach the growing number of Lebanese Arabs who have settled in Côte d'Ivoire's largest city. "[This] initiative is stalled for the moment. We are praying for a lead [person] to build a team around," says a worker. Pray that those the Lord has chosen to be part of this effort would respond to His call, and that His Spirit would prepare hearts to receive them and their message.

**SENSITIVE COUNTRY:** Please pray for a small team who will be visiting this Muslim-majority nation in the coming week to lay the groundwork for a permanent team to work here. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide their steps and bring to them people of peace. We praise God for the six people who have volunteered to be part of this team. An experienced team leader is still needed. Pray that the Lord would raise up the right person and for the preparation of each team member.

### 2023 World Watch List: *Egypt (35/50)\**

Christianity has greatly influenced this ancient nation from Early Church times. Coptic Christianity was the main religion for 1,000 years. Islam was introduced in 640 A.D and is the state religion today. Around 10% of Egypt's 109 million people claim to be Christians, mostly in the Coptic Church; about 4.5% are evangelicals. Though freedom of religion is officially guaranteed, Christians actually have little or no recourse in cases of harassment, attacks, kidnapping, or arrest. Building and restoration of churches is greatly restricted. In Upper Egypt (the southern part), the strict Islamic Nour Party dominates. Most Muslims who become followers of Jesus keep their faith secret. Let's pray

- for church leaders and believers, especially in Pentecostal and evangelical churches, that they might live out and share their faith with wisdom and boldness;
- for those who leave Islam to follow Jesus, that they would find fellowship and grow in their faith;
- for the upcoming presidential election in December, that God's will would be done, and that the hearts of the authorities would turn to grant favor to God's Church and His people;
- that many would find the Lord through faith-based compassion ministries, such as Lillian Trasher Orphanage (established in 1911) and work among refugees, most of whom come from Syria and Sudan.

### 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>