



## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*And I [the LORD] ... am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory (Is 66:18).*

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

**WAASST:** The Class of 2023 receive their diplomas on Saturday, November 18, then return to their respective nations and ministries. We praise God that many who participated in Friday's prayer meetings throughout the semester are taking with them a growing concern and burden to reach the Muslims in their area. Let's pray with these brothers and sisters for "a burden in the hearts of Christians to reach Muslims." Pray also for these needs that several shared:

- **Burkina Faso:** "The number of mosques is growing all over the nation; we need to pray for the churches" as they respond. Pray for wisdom for this graduate as he leads his congregation to share his burden and respond.
- **Cameroon:** "Over the past 10 years, mosques have multiplied. Roads are now closed off as Muslims pray, and they want to establish a caliphate in this [northern] area." Pray for this pastor as he makes plans to involve his members in intercession, and for "open doors for evangelism, for resources, and for wisdom."
- **DR Congo,** where Muslims are a small but growing minority: "With all I have learned, I have a burden. I see that Islam is growing, and when I return, I want to get a team set up to reach them." Pray that the Lord would bless this effort and raise up an effective outreach team.

Some students have Muslim families members or friends who will attend the graduation ceremony. Pray with us that those who join this gathering of believers and hear messages from God's Word will be touched by the Spirit and encouraged to seek the One True God.

### *In the News: China*

China's Constitution allows "freedom of religious belief," but new laws implemented by the atheistic Chinese Communist Party (CCP) on September 1 in fact further restrict the activities of the five "approved" religions: Buddhism, Islam, Catholicism, Protestantism, and Taoism. The new measures demand that "places of religious activity shall uphold the leadership of the CCP and the socialist system, ... practice core socialist values, adhere to the direction of Sinicisation of China's religions ..."—and establish study groups to teach these values to their members. Both Christians and Muslims are especially monitored for compliance. (See more at <https://tinyurl.com/CCPlaw>.)

- Pray for China's 26 million Muslims, living mainly in the northwest. They are already greatly persecuted by the government and already difficult to reach with the gospel—and these new measures demand that they deny the god they worship. Pray that the Holy Spirit would use this tension to open their hearts, that they would cry out to know the God of salvation, and that Jesus would reveal himself to them.
- Pray for the safety of believers and church leaders, and for those hosting underground churches, who are especially vulnerable to arrest.
- Pray for creative means to spread the gospel, as any evangelism through the Internet is forbidden. In efforts to "Sinicize" (conform to Chinese culture and values as defined by the CCP), all visible evidence of religion—images, statues, symbols, inscriptions—must be removed. But the Word of God is not bound (2Ti 2:9)!

### *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>