



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

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! (Ps. 72:18-19, ESV)

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

**BENIN:** A student asks us to pray concerning the Muslims moving into the area where he pastors. Some are seeking to marry Christian young ladies. Pray that these young women would be discerning and obedient to their Lord. Pray that his church would be an effective witness to those around them.

**NORTHERN TOGO:** Please pray for pastors and churches in the far north, where Islam dominates. It is getting more difficult to buy or rent land for churches. Pray for favor in the communities. May Jesus in His mercy reveal himself to influential Muslim leaders, for the sake of their own salvation and for that of others.

#### In the News

The North African nation of **Tunisia** has closed its border with Libya after ISIS jihadists attacked a border town on Monday. Despite this action, a second attack took place on Wednesday. The goal of these jihadists, who are based in Libya and include some Tunisians, is to set up a new emirate. More than 99% of Tunisia's 11.2 million people follow Islam; evangelical believers probably number less than 4,000. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Tunisia, that they would stand firm and be a great influence for Him in the face of the destructive influences around them.

## 2016 World Watch List: Egypt\*

The ancient land of **Egypt** ranks 22<sup>nd</sup> on the list of the 50 nations where persecution of Christians is most severe. About 13% of Egyptians claim Christianity. Most are part of the traditional Coptic church; less than 4% belong to evangelical churches. Islamic extremism is the main source of persecution, with Christians increasingly marginalized in society. Those who leave Islam to follow Jesus risk severe persecution, especially from their families. Pray for these brothers and sisters, for their spiritual growth and their witness. See also <a href="http://bit.ly/10zWOWV">http://bit.ly/10zWOWV</a>.

### From Global Initiative\*\*

Pray concerning the need in **Finland** for more Arabic speakers to help with outreach ministries to newly-arrived Syrians and Iraqis. Finland received more than 32,000 refugees in 2015—up from 3,600 the year before. Pray for efforts of the Pentecostal Church of Finland and other churches to reach these immigrants for Jesus, and that these Arabic-speaking believers can in turn reach others.

#### For Muslim Women\*\*\*

Pray for divine encounters to take place between Christian workers among refugees and the Muslim women they serve.

### **Prayer Resources**

- \*For the 2016 World Watch List of countries where Christians are most persecuted, see <a href="http://bit.ly/1zWfwMb">http://bit.ly/1zWfwMb</a>.
- \*\*Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Visit <a href="http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/">http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/</a> for information about praying for Muslims and weekly requests.
- \*\*\*Muslim women need your prayers! You can join a prayer network and receive regular requests at http://sayhelloinfo.com/.

For suggestions on starting a prayer group, see <a href="http://waastjumaa.blogspot.com/2014/09/waast-jumaa-prayer-groups.html">http://waastjumaa.blogspot.com/2014/09/waast-jumaa-prayer-groups.html</a>.

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

For prayer requests, visit  $\underline{\text{http://www.opendoorsusa.org/pray/}}$  and  $\underline{\text{http://www.persecution.com/public/pray.aspx}}$ .

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word, see <a href="http://www.unchangingword.com/">http://answeringislam.org/</a>.