



## Intercede with Us for the Muslim World!

In Luke 7, Jewish elders encouraged Jesus to go and heal a centurion's servant, for this centurion was a good man who loved the Jews and “deserves to have you do this” (v. 4). In Acts 9, God told Ananias to pray for the newly-converted Saul. Ananias knew Saul's reputation as a persecutor of believers, and he hesitated and questioned God. Do we hesitate to pray for those who set themselves against the Church, because they don't “deserve” it? May the Lord help us to see all men—including Muslims—as He does, and intercede for their salvation.

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

**NIGER:** A student asks for prayer concerning the flooding in Niger; at least 65 have been killed so far. One student's family has had to evacuate their home. But God is bringing good from this: Muslims have avoided going near an Assemblies of God church in Niamey. Now, because it is the only cement-block building in the area, many are taking refuge there. The pastor and members are ministering to them. Pray God will touch lives through their loving efforts.

**SIERRA LEONE:** Please pray concerning a church in a Muslim area—the only church that has some success there. They are in a building project, and some Muslims are blocking the entrance and interrupting progress. Pray for God's intervention and for the witness of this congregation.

**MALI:** Over the past 2 weeks, emissaries from the jihadist group MUJAO have been preaching their radical message in mosques in the capital, Bamako, and recruiting people for the cause of installing sharia law throughout Mali. A student serving as a missionary there asks us to pray for the Church. Pray that God will strengthen and embolden believers to share their faith and disciple those who accept Jesus, and that He will thwart these recruiting efforts.

**TOGO:** Students share several requests: (1) Pray for a lady who has accepted Jesus and wants to come to church; her family has virtually imprisoned her. (2) Pray for a Kotokoli man who prayed to receive Jesus, that he will find fellowship and grow in his faith. Most Kotokoli are Muslims and resistant to the gospel. (3) Pray for the churches, that they will recognize the danger presented by Islam and the need to reach the Muslims around them.

### *In the News*

**TURKEY:** New reforms have introduced elective classes on the Koran and Sunna (Mohammed's teachings) in government high schools. Turkey's ruling AKP party applauds the move toward Islamic education. See <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/we-now-have-the-chance-to-turn-all-schools-into-religious-schools-says-akp-deputy-.aspx?pageID=238&nID=28501&NewsCatID=338>. Pray for the youth in the face of increasing Islamization.

### *From Global Initiative\**

Pray that God will protect and sustain the persecuted Church in Sudan. *Since South Sudan seceded in July 2011, persecution of believers in Sudan has become more severe, as churches and schools have been destroyed or seized.*

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

Pray for soon-to-begin English as a Second Language (ESL) classes offered by workers among women in an Islamic community in the United States. Pray that the women will come with open ears and soft hearts, and for God's favor upon their teachers. Pray also for more teachers, children's workers, and food service/break area helpers for the center.

### Prayer Resources

This site, <http://www.30-days.net/>, provides information and prayer requests concerning Muslims around the world.

How should we pray for those imprisoned for their faith? Read <http://www.elam.com/articles/How-to-pray-for-those-in-prison/>.

\*Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Weekly requests from Global Initiative's Jumaa Prayer Fellowship can be found at <http://jumaaprayers.com/>. Visit <http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/> for information about praying for Muslims. Go to <http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/publications/intercede-magazine-archive.html> for the *Intercede* magazine.

*Praying for Muslims: A Guide for Effective Intercession* offers many insights concerning Islam and a different prayer subject each Friday. For the request for 31 August, click [here](#).

\*\*Muslim women need your prayers! You can join a prayer network and receive regular requests at <http://sayhellainfo.com/>.

Jumaa Prayer Alerts (breaking news and urgent prayer requests) are posted on the WAAST Facebook page as they arise: [http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Africa-Advanced-School-of-Theology/177906542299157?bookmark\\_t=page](http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Africa-Advanced-School-of-Theology/177906542299157?bookmark_t=page).