

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done (1Ch 16:8).

## **Today's Prayer Requests:** From Workers

**TOGO:** A church that is very active in evangelism and church planting has received twelve requests from the Muslim-dominated northern part of the country to come and establish works. All departments of the church are being mobilized to provide human and material resources to respond to these needs in the coming year. Please pray

- that the Spirit would move in the hearts of members to pray and to give as He directs;
- for God's direction as church leaders and the evangelism team prioritize and arrange visits;
- for favor in these communities, and that the Lord would prepare people to hear and respond to the gospel;
- for the provision of land that can be purchased for building; it is critical that the land belong to the work.

A worker asks us to pray for a young lady who desires to follow Jesus and is seeking counsel and attending prayer meetings. Her devoutly Muslim father is becoming suspicious. *Pray for God's protection and wisdom for this young lady and for the worker counseling her. Pray for the salvation of the father and the entire family.* 

**TÜRKIYE:** Pray for a growing group of new believers in an ancient city in central Turkey. Paul and Barnabas once ministered in this city; today it is a center of Islamic Sufi mysticism. For several years a worker and others have prayed together for this community—"the darkest place in Türkiye." He reports that the Lord has raised up a Turkish believer who is reaching out to Muslims, leading a number of them to salvation and baptism. Let's pray

- for the spiritual growth of these converts and for opportunities for them to share God's love;
- for openness among the Sufis. This particular Sufi order affirms that love is central; pray that they would see that the love of the true God far exceeds that offered in Islam, and that they fall in love with Jesus.

## Pray for the Persecuted Church

**SUDAN:** From 1989 to 2019, Christians in Sudan suffered under the extremist Islamic policies of President al-Bashir. Most Christians lived in the south, and when South Sudan became a nation in 2011, Christians in the more radical north became even more susceptible to persecution. Al-Bashir was ousted in 2019 by the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF). Under a new civilian government, leaving Islam was decriminalized and persecution eased. However, in 2021, the SAF and another military faction, the Rapid Security Forces (RSF), together took over the government. In April 2023, the SAF and RSF went to war with each other, with Christians in the crossfire. Let's pray for these believers.

- Pray for God's protection over believers, churches, and church property. Some 165 churches have been destroyed over the past few years, and properties, including Christians schools, seized. The RSF tends to use church buildings as headquarters, killing the pastors and confiscating the property.
- A researcher notes, "Christian pastors . . . urge us to 'pray that Jesus will appear to the Generals in person, so they will turn from their violent paths." Pray for the salvation of these leaders and soldiers.
- Pray for provision; some 8.4 million people are displaced and are facing severe famine.

## **Prayer Resources**

The 2024 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most: http://tinyurl.com/2024wwl

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 wmen: https://sayhelloinfo.com/

For statistics and information on people groups in every nation: <a href="https://joshuaproject.net/">https://joshuaproject.net/</a>; for Unreached Peoples prayer cards to download and print: <a href="https://joshuaproject.net/pray/cards">https://joshuaproject.net/pray/cards</a>

For a weekly prayer topic about an aspect of Islam: https://prayingformuslims.com/

For suggestions on starting a prayer group: <a href="https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/">https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/</a>

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