

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life (Rev 2:10b, RSV).

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

CHAD: A worker from another African nation serves as pastor of a church and a daughter church and also teaches at the local Bible institute. As he and his wife begin a new term of service here, he asks for our prayers (1) "for the powerful working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the believers, (2) for the roofing of our daughter church, (3) for a great harvest of souls."

Two weeks ago a worker reported the kidnapping for ransom of a young boy who herds cattle for a pastor, and we have been praying. "At this time, there is no news, as the kidnappers' demand has not been met." *Please continue to pray for a miracle, for the boy's release and for a God-directed change in the hearts of the kidnappers.* 

**GUINEA:** A visiting construction team and Guinean church members worked hard this past week ro erect four more steel shelters for churches. Of the twelve sites that have been prepared, six now have new buildings! Please pray:

- for the two Guineans who will be taking charge of completing the six remaining buildings;
- for the growth of each of these churches. The pastor of one church testifies that for 11 years they have been chased from place to place and have most recently been meeting in a lady's courtyard. They finally have a permanent place! Most congregations face this challenge; pray the Lord would sustain and provide for them.
- that these churches would have a positive impact in their respective communities. One church sits among three houses owned by marabouts (Sufi Muslim teachers).

**TOGO:** A worker asks us to pray for the establishment of a ministry center in a strongly Muslim/Catholic area. Several years ago a church was established, but lost its land due to opposition. A local believer, a former Muslim, has provided land, but community resistance to a church building continues. "We are thinking of building a missions house that will serve as a place of worship and as a training center for those who have a burden for Muslims. After their training, they will be sent out to church-planting sites." *Please pray for the resources needed for this project. Pray that this village, where many reject the true gospel, would become a hub for evangelization!* 

## Pray for the Persecuted Church

Throughout this month we are praying for our brothers and sisters who face opposition, abuse, even death for their faith in Jesus Christ. May the Lord use them mightily to draw others into His kingdom.

**AFGHANISTAN:** Since the Muslim Taliban regained control of the government in 2021, believers have been forced into hiding, and many have left the country. A 2023 report states, "The Taliban are working to completely erase Christianity or any religious minority from the country, even stating that there are no Christians in Afghanistan, an obviously false claim." Families threaten members who show any interest in Christianity. But there is still salt and light in this Muslim nation! One pastor says, "Yes, we are under severe restrictions, but our house churches are full." Pray that the Lord would encourage and strengthen these believers and grow His Church here.

## **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: <a href="https://prayingformuslims.com/">https://prayingformuslims.com/</a>

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://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.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>