
Koinonia Prayer Requests

This week we are praying for Morocco and Mali 27 & 28 on the Watch List.

- As I have said before, in the late 60s, we as a family used to go to Morocco all the time (from Gib) but we never thought we were contributing to a country that persecutes Christians.
Christians are less than 0.1% of the population, and although the pressure on Christians remains high, converts from Islam pressure is also very high. The Moroccan penal code says it's a criminal act to 'shake the faith of a Muslim'.
Anybody who converts to Christianity from a Muslim background must keep their faith a secret. Nadeem, whose name has been changed, is terrified that her father will find out. When she became a Christian after hearing about Jesus, she was open with her family – who were furious. Her father beat her. And so, she has to pretend that she is still a Muslim, despite following and loving Jesus.
- The percentages of Christians is slightly higher in Mali just over 2%.
Believers from a Muslim background are particularly vulnerable to rejection and intimidation from their families.
Like Naomi, who had to flee her home in the north after her husband was murdered, and lived in a camp for internally displaced people in Bamako, Mali's capital. She was there for several years.
She still faces persecution from her Muslim neighbours and some family members but, wonderfully, in the past year three of her sisters have stopped opposing her and have become Christians themselves! "I never retaliated or drove them out of my home. Instead, I showed them love. The love we showed them has won them over to Christ," says Naomi.
- Please pray for all persecuted Christians that God would sustain, protect and preserve them.
- Let us start this week by giving thanks and praising God for answered prayer in regard to the amendment to the abortion bill which Labour's Diana Johnson came under extreme pressure to withdraw and which she did.
- Praise and thanks although it has taken 20 years to complete, a small team of Bible Society workers has just finished translation of the Bible into Albanian.
- I expect you have all seen the email Bas sent out reference David Tucker prayer news and the Burma update, continue to pray for the prayer items on his letter
- Pray for Church Army and their centres of mission around the country and evangelists who will be looking to once more go back into schools to hold assemblies, resume roles as chaplains and run groups during lunchtime or after school.

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- Thinking of individuals in our fellowship please keep Vicki and her friend Trevor in your daily prayers. Also, Diana as she helps her friend whose dad has died, and keeping in mind folk from the last list; Eileen and Barry, Clare's cousin Katie and Denise.
- Also, the summer Holiday Club, there are lots of different prayer needs for that event. My prayer is that loads of children come to accept Jesus in their hearts as their Lord, Saviour and friend.
- As we have studied prayer in House-group this last week, I pray it will have inspired us, convicted us so we will be more committed to prayer as individuals and as a Church.

Thank you.

Billy