



First Prayer

**Prayer Ministry
First Baptist Church**

Ministry Update

July 1, 2009

**Pray that FBC Ministries will lead people to focus on
Knowing Christ, Becoming Like Christ and Making Christ Known.**

Praying for Muslims of West Africa

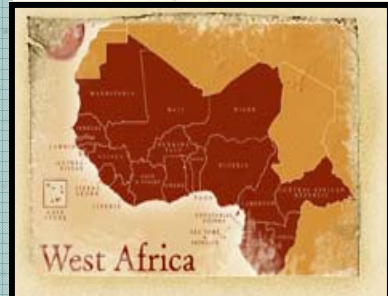
Over 143 million West Africans are followers of Islam. Five times a day they stop everything for a time of ritualized worship and prayer. Most West Africans cannot understand the Arabic words used during these rituals, yet they faithfully repeat the words in order to earn merit with God. During Muslims prayer time there are different positions that are used—standing, listening, bowing, worshipping and kneeling. [Read Acts 17:26-27](#)

[“From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him...”](#)

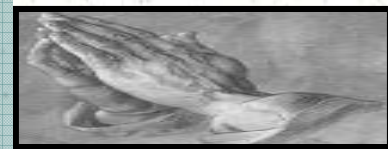
- ◆ Ask God that this will be the moment in history when the peoples of West Africa would seek Him, reach out for Him and find Him. Pray that God will continue opening doors so that His living Word can bring hope to people bound for centuries in the grip of Islam.
- ◆ Ask God to give West Africans the opportunity to hear the Gospel in their heart language. Many West Africans are not able to read the written Scripture. Pray for the development of an oral Bible in their languages. Pray the stories from God’s Word would spread quickly among villages and communities. Pray that these stories will be etched into their hearts and minds, so that they will teach God’s truths to their children and grandchildren.
- ◆ Pray that the peoples of West Africa will bow and acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior. Pray that new believers will be obedient to God’s mission to share the good news of salvation with their families, friends and even with their enemies.
- ◆ Pray that new believers would have courage sharing their faith despite persecution. West Africans who choose to follow Christ as Lord and are often ostracized and persecuted by their own families. Pray that family members would be saved when they witness the Godly example of believers around them. Pray that as believers partake in the sufferings of Christ, they would hold firmly to the faith and be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Ask God to unveil the hearts of Muslims and open their minds to receive the Truth. Pray that the people of West Africa will experience eternal freedom in Christ. Pray that new churches would emerge among every people group in West Africa and that these churches would multiply. Pray that the Word of God would spread through families, communities, and to neighboring people groups.
- ◆ **Pray for the Bissa Team July mission trip. Safe travel, good health, God’s word would be received and the Bissa people would accept Christ as their savior.**



Prayer is the first and most important contribution you can make to impact the people of West Africa.



..first of all, supplications, prayer, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men. | Timothy 2:1



INTERNET ADDRESSES FOR PRAYER REQUESTS:

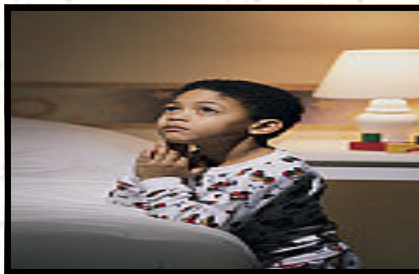
To send a prayer request to FBC . . . prayer@fbct.org

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Bro. Roger's Prayer List FBC Members

- ◆ Holiness
- ◆ A Spirit of Repentance
- ◆ Morality
- ◆ Revival In Our Church
- ◆ Prayer Ministry
- ◆ Men's Accountability Groups
- ◆ Exit One Church Plant
- ◆ Missions Giving
- ◆ Young Family Outreach
- ◆ Every Member Visitation
- ◆ Greeter Ministry on Sunday
- ◆ “Prayer Awakening” sermon series, Fall,2009
- ◆ Debt-Paid on Children's/ Youth Building



“If you are strangers to prayer you are strangers to power.”

Billy Sunday



Pray for Specific Prayer Requests from Worship Communication Cards and Prayer Room Cards

(names are excluded to protect privacy)

- * A **family** dealing with the loss of a loved one; a **woman** to have strength to handle things in life; pray for those who are caregivers, for strength/guidance/understanding
- * A **woman** having triple by-pass surgery; a **Pastor** from WV who is very sick
- * A **sister & brother-in-law** recovering from a motorcycle accident; a son taking radiation treatments for cancer
- * A **4 year old boy** injured in a lawnmower accident, for vision, internal healing; a man starting chemo treatments for lung cancer; FBC mission trip to New York
- * Pray for a safe summer for Barksdale School **students, faculty, staff, & parents; mission team** going to Belarus for a week long camp for children w/special needs
- * A **grandmother** recovery from amputation of her leg/her rehabilitation; a **father/mother/daughter** under spiritual attacks; a **woman** having breast cancer surgery
- * A **mom** with water retention, heart & kidney health issues; a **son** to use wisdom in the care of his **3 young children**; safe travel for **those** on vacations
- * A **sister** who can't walk due to MS & is in & out of Vanderbilt; a **family** in need; a 92-year old uncle w/fractured hip; a **husband's** healing from depression/physical
- * A **4-year old girl** healing from bone marrow transplant; the **family** of the boy who drowned in a swimming pool in Bowling Green, KY; **families** reunion
- * A **thirteen year old girl** in the hospital due to anorexia; an **aunt** who has a spot on her lung; strength to overcome the loss of a Mother; a **son** doing research in a hospital in India, for his safety & he can bring the word of Jesus there
- * A **woman** whose husband passed away and she is having a hard time dealing with it
- * Pray for a **couple** to make wise decision for the care of the **wife's mother** & protection for the **couples children** to not accept the temptation of the world
- * A **brother** who is very sick; a **newborn twin boy** serious heart condition in Vanderbilt; a **daughter** to quit drinking; a **12 year old special needs boy** who has brain cancer
- * Pray for **those** suffering with allergies; **couples'** strength & trust in marriage
- * A **woman** recovering from radiation treatments at home; Pray for **those** seeking employment and God's direction for their lives
- * Pray for a **couple** torn between two churches where they each serve, that they can attend church together; a **90-year old mother** in nursing home w/no appetite
- * A **great-grandson who is 5 years old** in Florence, SC hospital with brain injury; a **couple** going through a divorce, for guidance and direction; **unspoken requests**