



West Africa Advanced School of Theology

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Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa & beyond

Intercede with Us for the Muslim World!

In John 20, Jesus shows His disciples His scarred feet and side, and tells them, "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Being sent may entail suffering, as many working in Muslim areas know. Join us in prayer for them and for these needs.

Today's Prayer Requests

From Students & Alumni

MALI: An interim president was sworn in on Thursday. He threatens war to regain the area that Tuareg rebels and militants have claimed. By law elections are to be scheduled in 40 days, but the division makes this unlikely. Please pray:

- for the protection of the Assemblies of God church and primary school in Timbuktu. The pastor of the church sent his family on to Bamako, but a student reports that his attempts to contact this pastor by phone have failed. Pray for him and for the believers here, where Islamic rule has been imposed.

- for those in the northern town of Gao and surrounding villages. An alumnus shared a report from a leader of an interdenominational group there, telling of churches and pastors' homes being looted and their vehicles taken. Several groups are responsible for plundering, raping, and kidnapping. There is no water and electricity, and people are fleeing by the hundreds. Pray for the people of this and other communities that are suffering.

- Pray for believers and pastors as they reach out to others in need. May the Church arise and show God's love!

NIGERIA: Pray for northern Nigeria. On Easter Sunday, in the town of Kaduna, an Assemblies of God church and an Evangelical church next door were damaged by a car bomb that killed more than 30 people. The car was stopped before it reached the churches. Pray for strength and protection and for the believers in these tense areas.

TOGO: Islam is growing in Togo. Pray that the churches will become more aware of this fact and become better equipped to reach Muslims.

For Nations and Peoples

- Pray for the Muslims in North Africa. Khadafi may be dead, but the spirit that animated him is still at work. Pray for a Bible school in Algeria and for their opportunities to reach out as they train workers.
- Pray for the southern Philippines, where Muslim-Christian tensions have run high for decades.
- Pray for Sufi Muslims. These are Islam's "mystics," who embrace the supernatural in their quest to know God. Pray that they will be supernaturally touched by the Spirit of God as they seek Him.
- Pray for Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani, an AG pastor imprisoned for apostasy in Iran. Yet another execution order has been handed down from the Supreme Court. Pray for his release, his wife and two boys, and his church.

Looking Ahead: Requests for Friday 20 April

- Pray for the Muslims of Zanzibar. Muslims make up 97 percent of the population, and tension is consistently high between the Islamic community and the Christian minority.
- Pray for Muslims in Palestine as unrest continues and the potential for upheaval remains.
- Pray for indigenous Christian pastors in Central Asia. Many toil under intense danger.

Prayer Resources

For a list of weekly requests from Global Initiative's Jumaa Prayer Fellowship, go to <http://jumaaprayer.com/>. For information about reaching and praying for Muslims, visit <http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/>. To download the *Intercede* magazine, go to <http://www.globalinitiativeinfo.com/publications/intercede-magazine-archive.html>. Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA.

Praying for Muslims: A Guide for Effective Intercession offers good information concerning Islam and a different prayer subject each Friday. To read each week's request, go to <http://sharifbible.com/>. For the request for 20 April, click [here](#).