



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!

Today is Good Friday for Christians. But the events of Good Friday are not limited to some. Jesus died for ALL mankind! As Muslims around the world observe their weekly holy day, pray that God will open their eyes to see what Jesus did for them!

### Today's Prayer Requests

#### *From Students & Alumni*

**MALI:** Today Tuareg rebels declared the independence of Azawad, their name for northern Mali. The situation in this now-divided land is complicated, as various factions seek different goals. Troops from West African nations are poised but have not entered. Some missionaries are evacuating. Students and alumni share these requests:

- The Assemblies of God primary school in Timbuktu has been closed and the staff evacuated to Bamako. Pray for the protection of the school property, and that these young students (mostly Muslims) would not forget what they have learned there.

- The AG pastor in Timbuktu has sent his family to Bamako, but is remaining himself. Pray for him, for the church and believers, and for their witness. Sharia law has been imposed in the city.

- "Mali is going through the greatest crisis in its history," writes an alumnus. "Pray that civil war may be avoided." Pray for wisdom for Christian leaders and for secular leaders.

- A student serving as a missionary to Mali left today to rejoin his family there. Pray for his safe travels.

**CHAD:** The Assemblies of God of Chad has existed for 47 years, but has trained only a handful of pastors at the bachelor's level. For more than 30 years the church has been weakened by repeated war and has not been able to train enough people who can teach others. Pray that doors will open for more to be trained. Pray also for the alumnus who sent this request, that he will be able to begin WAAST's MA program in May.

**BURKINA FASO:** A alumnus shares that a young Muslim man who has accepted Christ is being threatened by his family. His father is a marabout. He has called a family meeting to determine whether the young man will be banished and plans to sacrifice a ram if family members fail to convince him to renounce Jesus. This alumnus also asks prayer for his family; only he and his mother are serving the Lord.

#### *For Nations and People*

- Pray for foreign workers in Saudi Arabia. Many are believers and are working in homes and businesses in this closed country. Pray for opportunities to touch families and coworkers.

- Pray for Pastor Youcef Nadarkhani, an AG pastor imprisoned for apostasy in Iran. This week he marks his 35<sup>th</sup> birthday and 2 1/2 years in prison. Pray for his release and for his wife, two boys, and his church.

### Looking Ahead: Requests for Friday 13 April

- Pray for Muslims in North Africa. Pray that the Gospel of Jesus Christ would sweep across these nations.
- Pray for the tense situation in Muslim areas of the Philippines. The past 40 years of violence have seen thousands of deaths.
- Pray for Sufi Muslims across the Islamic world seeking to know about God.

### Prayer Resources

For a list of weekly requests from Global Initiative's Jumaa Prayer Fellowship, go to <http://jumaaprayers.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/>. The page appears in Arabic, but scroll down to "Weekly Prayers" and click on the date you want on the chart. For the request for 13 April, click [here](#).