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Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa & beyond



Intercede with Us for the Muslim World!

"I urge . . . that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone . . . that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Ti 2:1-4, NIV). Let's pray that Muslims will find the peace and truth they seek.

Today's Prayer Requests

From Students & Alumni

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO: Islam is growing in the city of Kinshasa, writes an alumnus. Mosques, which before were found only in the neighborhoods inhabited by people from West Africa, are growing in number, even on the outskirts of the city. "The advance of Islam is truly a great challenge for the evangelical churches here in Kinshasa," he notes. Pray that God's Spirit will help pastors and believers to rise up and meet this challenge with boldness.

SENEGAL: Please lift up two men who have recently found Jesus. One was a marabout, with responsibilities in the mosque. The sickness and death of his father has prevented him from leaving home, and he has no Christian fellowship. The other young man, when he told the family of his decision, was beaten and poisoned, and at last report was in the hospital. The family has ordered that no one see him. Pray that the Lord will encourage these men, that they may grow in their faith and resist pressure to return to Islam. Pray also that churches will be able to establish shelters for those who must leave home because of their faith.

MALI: Efforts to impose sharia law in the north are intensifying. The rebel group Ansar Dine blocked food aid to Timbuktu earlier this week because women were participating in the reception committee. In the town of Gao, women have been banned from buying and selling in the market and cooking outdoors. Ansar Dine has also banned playing football and watching television, as these are "unIslamic" activities. We are asked to pray for the following:

- For the Assemblies of God of Mali. The national church must care for the pastors who have lost their churches and fled to Bamako. They need resources and wisdom to meet this challenge. Also, Ansar Dine members are hassling churches even in areas where the group is not strong. Pray for pastors and believers to stand firm in their faith.
- That the political parties will come to an understanding and move forward. Elections cannot be held until the situation in the north is dealt with, and there seems to be little movement in that direction.
- For the pastor from Timbuktu and others who are being sought by Ansar Dine. May the Lord's hand protect them.

*From Global Initiative**

Pray for Muslim students in American universities to receive witness of Jesus Christ. Thousands come each year to study; pray that Christian workers and students in the universities can befriend and touch these students.

Pray for Muslims in Syria. The country remains on edge with protests, arrests, imprisonment, and many deaths. Also, if the Assad regime falls, Syrian Christians could face waves of persecution.

*For Muslim Women***

Pray for a group of Asian Christian women who will be receiving training in the coming months to better live among and reach out to Muslims. Pray for their safe travels and for the success of this training session.

Prayer Resources

*Global Initiative is a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA. Weekly requests from Global Initiative's Jumaa Prayer Fellowship can be found at <http://jumaaprayers.com/>. Visit <http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/> for information about praying for Muslims. To download *Intercede* magazine, go to <http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/publications/intercede-magazine-archive.html>.

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 18 May, click [here](#).

**Muslim women need your prayers! You can join a prayer network and receive regular requests at <http://sayhelloinfo.com/>.