



Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa & beyond



Intercede with Us for the Muslim World!

"The fruit of the Spirit is . . . joy . . . (Ga 5:22)." Islam claims that its followers can lessen anxiety and thus find joy in following the moral teachings of the Koran. Certain *du'aa* (prayers) help Muslims to remember their position as submissive slaves to Allah, who controls all. Praying for the Prophet and even participating in jihad, says one writer, can dispel worry. But for those who follow Jesus and His Holy Spirit, joy is a natural fruit of our loving relationship with our Maker. In His presence there is fullness of joy (Ps 16:11) and this joy of the Lord—not our human effort—is our strength (Ne 8:10). Pray today that God's Spirit will open the eyes of striving Muslims to the satisfying joy they can find in the presence of the Lord, who calls them to live as His children.

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Students and Alumni*

SENEGAL: Recently we requested prayer for a former marabout who had found Jesus. The death of his father and family pressures have made it difficult to leave his home, but he knows that the only way he can continue with the Lord is to make a clean break. Please pray

that the Lord will open his eyes, that he will return to the Church and grow in his faith. Pray that the Lord will strengthen him in this critical spiritual battle.

CHAD: Pray that the extremist group Boko Haram, now based in Nigeria, does not gain a foothold in southern Chad. They tried to establish their first headquarters there and were expelled, but many fear their return.

Pray for a woman who has accepted Jesus through an Arabic radio program. As is typical of many new believers who have been touched through these programs, she is disciplined through visits. Pray that the Lord will sustain her and others in this situation, and for the continued effective outreach of this station.

In the News

MALI: During the past week tension has mounted between the extremist Islamic group Ansar Dine and the MNLA, the more secular movement that has called for the creation of the state of Azawad. In Timbuktu, schools, clinics, and banks have been looted and the mobile phone system destroyed. The growing season begins in June, and food supplies may be threatened due to the instability. Pray that the Lord will reveal himself to hurting people in this time of crisis and that His hand will stay the advance of radical Islam in this nation.

IRAN: An Assemblies of God church has been shut down in Tehran, Iran. Please pray for the believers and their witness. http://www.compassdirect.org/english/country/iran/article_1595449.html

*From Global Initiative**

Pray that the Muslims of Kuwait will continue to have witness of Jesus Christ. Government legislation has been drawn up banning construction of churches and non-Islamic places of worship. *Further information:* Kuwait's constitution allows freedom of worship. However, in February the aforementioned legislation was introduced and is still under discussion. Toward the end of May, an Islamic Affairs official requested a list of all churches, their locations, and other details. No explanation for this request has been given.

*For Muslim Women***

Pray for special women-specific graduate-level teaching that is taking place in an Asian nation this week and next. The course teaches about the Muslim woman's world and how she might be reached in specific, diverse contexts.

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://jumaapray.com/>. Visit <http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/> for information about praying for Muslims. Go to <http://globalinitiativeinfo.com/publications/intercede-magazine-archive.html> for the Intercede magazine.

Praying for Muslims: A Guide for Effective Intercession offers many insights concerning Islam and a different prayer subject each Friday. For the request for 15 June, click [here](#).

**Muslim women need your prayers! You can join a prayer network and receive regular requests at <http://sayhellainfo.com/>. <http://www.30-days.net/> provides information and prayer requests concerning Muslims around the world.

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