



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 marks the beginning of Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and the annual month of fasting. It was during Ramadan in the year 610 A.D. that Mohammed received the first of his revelations later recorded in the Koran, and Muslims are commanded to fast during this sacred month. They are to read or listen to the entire Koran and abstain from eating and drinking between sunrise and sunset. They believe that as they observe the fast in sincerity of heart, their past sins will be forgiven and they will gain favor with Allah. Let's pray today that God will open their eyes to the truth that forgiveness cannot be earned, but is found only in Jesus.

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

CHAD: An alumnus/missionary reports that there is a great need to send church-planters into Muslim areas of the country before Islam gains more strength. In the 400+ km (255 mi) between the cities of N'Djamena and Moundou, there is not a single AG church. Please pray for workers and for resources, and for upcoming efforts to plant a new church in Moundou that will serve as a church-planting center.

SIERRA LEONE: An alumnus notes that, as Islam grows in this nation, many pastors and churches are under satanic attack. Also, incidents of pre-election violence in some parts of the country are causing concern. Presidential and legislative elections will be held 17 November, with Muslims and Christians vying for seats. Please lift up pastors and believers, that the Holy Spirit will help them to stand as firm witnesses of Jesus and His love and power, and pray concerning the upcoming elections.

NIGER: A missionary asks for prayer as they run children's camps. Pray that these young ones, most of whom come from Muslim homes, will be open to and accept Jesus' love and salvation. Niger is affected by the unrest in both Mali and Nigeria. Pray for the protection of believers in this town; they have been informed that the extremist Islamic sect Boko Haram has moved in.

BURKINA FASO: An alumnus gives a **praise report** concerning a young believer mentioned in the April 6 bulletin. His Muslim father had threatened his life and was going to sacrifice a ram to force him to return to Islam. However, the young man has been able to move to Ivory Coast, where he can freely live as a Christian. Please pray he will find fellowship and grow in his faith, and that the Lord will work in the hearts of his family.

In the News

NIGERIA: Pray for schoolchildren in northern Nigeria. The militant Islamic group Boko Haram, whose name means "Western education is forbidden," have attacked many schools over the past year. They have burned down at least 14 schools in Maiduguri, their headquarters city, alone. Enrollment has dropped as buildings are destroyed and intimidated parents refuse to send their children. Children receiving Islamic education do not gain marketable skills and are often sent out to beg for their teachers. Pray that the Lord will intervene, that children will be able to attend school in security or parents can find good alternatives.

*For Muslim Women**

Please pray for girls' and women's centers in four conservative Muslim communities, each in different nations. Pray that the Lord will meet their financial needs so that ministry can continue without interruption.

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 6 July, 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.

Jumaa Prayer Alerts (breaking news and urgent prayer requests) are posted on the WAAST Facebook page as they arise: http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Africa-Advanced-School-of-Theology/177906542299157?bookmark_t=page.