



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!

"The fruit of the Spirit is . . . kindness . . . (Ga 5:22)." In Islam, kindness, first to oneself, then toward man and animals, is a cherished virtue. One scholar notes, "The greatest act of kindness to oneself is to actualise the belief in the Oneness of Allaah by worshipping Him alone without associating any partner to Him." However, those outside of Islam, "polytheists" such as Christians, may be subject to punishment and even execution (Sura 5:33). Jesus insisted on showing kindness to all: ". . . do good to those who hate you" (Lk 6:27). Christians can and must touch seeking Muslim hearts through friendship and kindness.

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

BENIN: An alumnus writes, "Please pray for a Muslim couple who came to our church because of the health of the woman. We are praying for her healing, and the couple have decided to follow the Lord. They have started coming to our services. Pray for the total healing of the wife and for their growth in the faith."

GHANA: An alumnus working in northeastern Ghana asks us to pray for a more receptive climate among the Muslims in the area. He adds, "I have not seen any determined effort on the part of the churches to reach them." Pray that the Lord will impress upon believers and pastors the need to reach their Muslim neighbors.

In the News

KENYA: An Africa Inland Church and a Catholic church in the northeastern town of Garissa were attacked and at least 15 killed this past Sunday. Somalia's al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab militia is suspected. Muslims and Christians in the area say they will work together in groups to guard against church attacks and further violence. Pray for opportunities for believers to share their faith and the peace of Jesus with these Muslims as they interact.

EGYPT: Please pray for Egypt's new president, Mohammed Mursi, that he will come to Christ. Pray that the Church will stand steadfast in the faith and that, if persecution should increase, they will stay strong for the glory of the Lord. The Coptic Egyptian calendar, established around 300 A.D., is also called the Martyrs Calendar. May believers remember their heritage in the faith.

*From Global Initiative**

Pray for Muslims in Tunisia, where a new constitution is being drafted. *Further information: Tunisia has held to a moderate Islam and a secular government, allowing for more freedoms. For more information and prayer requests, see <http://www.30-days.net/muslims/muslims-in/north-african/tunisia/>*

Pray for Syrian refugees in Jordan. Approximately 100,000 Syrians have fled the recent chaos into Jordan. *Further information: Four hundred people a day risk their lives to cross the northern border. The Syrian president recently declared that Syria is in "a state of war," and human rights abuses are rising. Pray that believers among these refugees may encourage one another and reach out to their fellow refugees.*

*For Muslim Women***

Pray for 73 women in a closed country who recently met in a regional conference for worship, Bible teaching, and fellowship. Many came for prayer and found new freedom to serve more effectively. Pray for them as they go and impact others for the Lord.

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://sayhelloinfo.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.