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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 . . . self-control” (Gal. 5:22).* In Islam, self-control is necessary to begin transforming one's soul from serving one's own base desires to desiring only the good and moral in self and others. Mohammad and other prophets were sent to purify the people, teaching them to follow the Koran and to strive against self and the world's attractions. Psalm 119:9-11 tells us that we keep ourselves pure by living according to the Bible—the Book that proclaims Jesus as Lord and His Holy Spirit as our Helper and Guide. May our gentle, controlled lives speak of Jesus and His love this week.

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

**WEST AFRICA:** LMTV, a Christian station based in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, and beamed from France, was not able to keep up payments and was cut off last week. The station has received calls from northern Mali, where LMTV is one of the few Christian influences left, and from other Muslim countries, from people who watch the programs. People have been praying, and broadcasts resumed on Monday, though the payments have not been made and they are technically off the air. Please pray that broadcasting will continue and will touch the hearts of Muslims, and that the Lord will meet the financial needs.

**BURKINA FASO:** Pray for efforts of the Assemblies of God to reach the Tuareg refugees settling near the Mali-Burkina border. Churches are providing food, and people are accepting Bibles and Christian literature. Some pastors have been sent to work among them. Pray that many hurting people will find their hope in Jesus and be discipled.

### *In the News*

**IRAN:** Pray for pastors being detained or held under various charges in Iran's prisons. Pastor Saeed recently traveled from the U.S. for ministry and must now appear in court. Youcef Nadarkhani, imprisoned since 2009, must appear in court again next month. Another imprisoned pastor suffers severe medical problems and is being refused treatment. Pastor Farshid Fathi, jailed since 2010, lost an appeal and remains in a notorious prison. Pray that the Lord will strengthen them and their families and be glorified in their lives. The director of Elam Ministries writes, “I am convinced that the greater the persecution, the more the church will grow in Iran. Such injustice will only cause more Iranians to want to know the Jesus that people like Farshid proclaim.”

**NIGERIA:** This past Monday the pastor and at least 16 members of a Deeper Life church in Kogi State were shot dead by unknown gunmen during an evening service. Another pastor was shot dead in Maiduguri that same day. In a video released last Saturday, Boko Haram demanded that President Goodluck Jonathan resign and convert to Islam, or attacks would continue. Pray for wisdom for the President and government leaders. Continue to pray for pastors and believers, that they may stand firm and reach out in the strength and love of the Lord.

### *From Global Initiative\**

Pray for God's protection over the underground Church in Afghanistan. *The last public church was torn down in March 2010. However, a house church movement is growing. Youth and even some of the elite are becoming involved and growing in their faith. Read more at <http://www.persecution.net/af-2012-04-05.htm>.*

### Prayer Resources

Pray during this month of Ramadan for daily requests provided at <http://www.30-days.net/muslims/>. This site, <http://www.30-days.net/>, provides information and prayer requests concerning Muslims around the world.

How should we pray for those imprisoned for their faith? Read <http://www.elam.com/articles/How-to-pray-for-those-in-prison/>.

\*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 10 August, click [here](#).

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

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](http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Africa-Advanced-School-of-Theology/177906542299157?bookmark_t=page).