



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 . . . gentleness" (Gal. 5:22). Islam teaches that gentleness is to be the rule for treating others. It is an especially important virtue for religious and political leaders, who will thus gain a loyal following. But this gentleness does not flow from the Holy Spirit and does not apply to all. Force may be used "when it is feared that a worker of corruption may thereby step up his corruption and transgression, and it is felt that he can be stopped only by a certain amount of severity and harshness." This includes those who leave Islam or refuse to embrace it. Let's pray today that the Spirit-endued gentleness we show will touch others, that they might see Jesus in us.

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

IRAN: A missionary asks for prayer for an Iranian-American pastor who returned to Iran for ministry. He was invited to speak on television, then was detained. He must now appear in court. His wife in the U.S. writes, "His case is being handled by the Revolutionary Guard, who have been radical in recent months in their handling of Christianity in Iran by closing . . . churches and sentencing pastors to death. Saeed has been taken to court 2 times before and arrested 9 times for ministry and pastoring underground churches in Iran. Please pray for patience as he awaits his trial, and patience for me and the kids as we wait for answers and his return."

MALI: As mentioned in last week's bulletin, the women of the Assemblies of God are meeting Saturday 4 August to intercede for their suffering nation. Please take a moment tomorrow to pray with them!

In the News

SYRIA: A decisive battle is raging in Aleppo, Syria's second city, as rebels seek to oust President Assad. While many hope for a more democratic government, extremists within the rebel Free Syrian Army are gaining influence, and many fear they will impose a strict Islamic government. Please pray for the evangelical churches and believers in Syria—fewer than 1% of the population. Pray that the Lord will protect them and give them boldness and opportunities to share the hope of Jesus with those around them.

*From Global Initiative**

Pray for Muslim children in Turkey. Turkey is home to 19 million children under the age of 14, and 97 percent are Muslims. *Almost half of all children between 5 and 17 are child laborers, working in homes, offices, farms, or selling on the street. Consequently, they struggle in school, and many drop out. The Islamic belief in kismet (fate) gives them little hope for improving their lot. Pray that God will set up divine opportunities for these children to meet Jesus!*

*For Muslim Women***

Pray for Muslim women who are competing in or attending the Summer Olympics in London, that they will connect with Christians who can seed their hearts with the gospel of Christ. *Teams of Christians from around the world have been trained to witness to spectators at the Games. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them to Muslims who are seeking the Truth and give them the right words to say. Pray also that Christian athletes participating will have opportunities to speak to fellow athletes.*

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.

*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 27 July, click [here](#).

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