

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



May 17, 2024

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Ac 1:8).*

### Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

**SENSITIVE COUNTRY:** A church leader in this Muslim-majority nation asks us to pray that God would call more workers to come serve here. Certain issues had blocked the work and caused many to leave, but today the door is open, and the need is great.

### *Pray for a Spirit-led Mobilization*

May 19 is Pentecost Sunday, and throughout this week Pentecostal churches in Africa and elsewhere are emphasizing the Person of and baptism in the Holy Spirit. Let's pray for a fresh outpouring and mobilization for missions.

- The Holy Spirit empowers us as believers to proclaim the gospel with wisdom, compassion, and boldness—no matter the cost. The risen Jesus showed his disciples the wounds inflicted on Him, then said, "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." He then breathed on them the Holy Spirit (Jn 20:21-22). ***Pray for grace to move forward in selfless obedience to reach Muslims and others for the glory of the Father.***
- The Spirit enables us to see others as the Father sees them: as His beloved creation. ***Pray that we as Christ-followers would be burdened with His desire to see Muslims come into His kingdom.***
- Those who walk in the Spirit exhibit His fruit, described in Galatians 5:22-23. ***Pray He would help us to consistently manifest this fruit before our Muslim neighbors—even those who oppose us.***

### ***2024 World Watch List: Algeria (15/50)\****

Christianity was introduced in what is now Algeria, in North Africa, in the second century A.D. It was the dominate religion when Islam was brought in 670. Today Islam is the state religion and is followed by 99% of Algeria's 47 million people. Christians number fewer than 200,000, most of them non-Arab Berber people living in the north, evangelical believers and converts from Islam. There are far fewer Arab believers, and they often must live a double life to avoid the intense pressure from family and community to return to Islam. Muslim extremist teachers have great influence in government and society, leading to the official intolerance of any non-Muslim worship. The Evangelical Protestant Church of Algeria (EPA) has seen the closure of 43 of its 47 church buildings, the arrest of several church leaders and members, and a new restriction limiting house meetings to 10 people. Let's pray

- that believers would be encouraged, stand firm, and continue to witness discretely to their Muslim neighbors;
- for church leaders and for those involved as teachers and students in discipleship and Bible-training programs, that the Lord would protect them and equip them for still more effective ministry;
- for Youssef Ourahmane, EPA vice president, who was arrested in March 2023 for holding an "unauthorized meeting." On May 2, he lost a second appeal and faces a year in prison and a fine. Pray for his release, and for divine opportunities for witness. (See more information and prayer requests at <https://tinyurl.com/yousal>.)

### ***Prayer Resources***

\*The 2024 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most: <http://tinyurl.com/2024wwl>

Global Initiative and its Jumaa Prayer Fellowship (a ministry of Assemblies of God World Missions, USA), information and resources concerning ministry to and prayer for Muslims : <https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/>

Say Hello, prayer requests and resources on ministry to Muslim wmen: <https://sayhelloinfo.com/>

For statistics and information on people groups in every nation: <https://joshuaproject.net/>; for Unreached Peoples prayer cards to download and print: <https://joshuaproject.net/pray/cards>

For a weekly prayer topic about an aspect of Islam: <https://prayingformuslims.com/>

For suggestions on starting a prayer group: <https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/>

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians: <http://morningstarnews.org/>, <http://worldwatchmonitor.org/>, and <http://www.releaseinternational.org/>

For prayer requests from around the world: <https://www.icommittoprayer.com/>

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word: <http://muslimsask.com/>, <http://answeringislam.org/>, and <https://jesustomuslims.org>