

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



June 14, 2024

Intercede for the Muslim World!

All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name (Ps 89:9).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

GUINEA-CONAKRY: Work begins this week on the building of 8-10 tabernacles (steel shelters for churches) in various parts of this Muslim-majority country. Workers ask for urgent prayer for the following needs:

- Pray the Lord would intervene and expedite the arrival of the container of tabernacles. It was to have shipped 2 weeks ago but has not yet left port, potentially delaying the work of teams coming from Southern Africa and the U.S.
- The vehicle that was ordered will not arrive for several weeks, but another should be available around June 17. Pray there would be no issues in obtaining it.
- “One of our biggest obstacles besides the container will be weather. If the rains come early, it will be a challenge to get the footings poured and the tabs up.” Pray for good weather as teams work through July 12.

In the News: Nigeria

During the night of June 2, in central Nigeria, men identified as “Fulani herdsmen invaders” attacked and killed an Assemblies of God pastor, his wife, and three other Christians, and seriously injured two others. On June 5, in the northeast, Boko Haram terrorists stopped a public bus and singled out and kidnapped four Christians; three of the four have been found dead. Let's pray for the bereaved families, and for God's protection over His people in Nigeria. Pray, as a pastor in the north requests, that “these Boko Haram members [and other Muslim terrorists] will not die until they profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and His name [is] glorified.”

Pray for Muslims Celebrating Eid Al-Adha

On June 16, Muslims around the world celebrate *Eid Al-Adha*, the Feast of Sacrifice (*Tabaski* in much of West and Central Africa). This most important feast commemorates the willingness of Ibrahim (Abraham) to sacrifice his son Isma'il (Ishmael) in obedience to Allah, and God's provision of a substitutionary ram. Muslim families ritually slaughter a sheep or goat and divide it in thirds: a third each for the family, extended family and friends, and the needy. They wear new clothes, visit friends and family, and give gifts, especially to children. This event provides several bridges for sharing the truth of the gospel:

- The required sacrifice and rituals remind Muslims that they must strive to earn Allah's favor. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open their eyes to the unmerited love of God for them, which is freely given, never earned.
- This sacrifice reminds them of Allah's mercy toward Abraham in stopping him and providing a ram. Pray that they would come to know the true Lamb of God, who is at once the Sacrifice for them and their Shepherd.
- Some Muslims invite Christians friends to share the feast with them. Pray for opportunities for believers to use these and other bridges to explain God's truth.

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>