

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. (Ps 57:11).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

MALI: Please continue to pray for a qualified, full-time director for the Bible school here, vitally needed to train pastors and church planters for this Muslim-majority nation. The next semester begins in October; pray that a director may be in place by then.

Pray for Muslims on Hajj

“Whoever performs Hajj for the sake of Allah and does not utter any obscene speech or do any evil deed, will go back (free of sin) as his mother bore him.” This claim is recorded in the Hadith (sayings attributed to Mohammad) and underscores the importance of the Hajj pilgrimage for a practicing Muslim. This five-day pilgrimage to Mecca, the birthplace of Islam, is required of all who are physically and financially able to go, at least once in their life. The some 2 million pilgrims beginning the Hajj rituals on Monday are filled with hope that they will draw closer to Allah and to their fellow Muslims. They are seeking the promised freedom from sin, blessings, and, ultimately, entry into Paradise. Most are unaware that all they seek is offered through Jesus and is given freely to all who believe in Him. Let's pray

- that pilgrims, arriving with high hopes and expectations, would find that these rituals leave them with a sense of “holy discontent,” and that they might begin to question the claims of Islam;
- that Jesus would reveal himself to pilgrims in dreams and visions;
- that the Lord would lead those seeking the true Way of Salvation to believers or resources that can answer their questions. Pray He would use believers who have come to discretely meet and pray with seekers.

For more information and daily prayer requests, see <https://www.pray-ap.info/hajj.html>.

2024 World Watch List: Myanmar (Burma) (17/50)*

In this strongly Buddhist nation in Southeast Asia, Christians, Muslims, and other ethnic and religious minorities face severe, often violent persecution at the hands of the government and Buddhist citizens. Of Myanmar's population of 57.5 million, about 4.3% are Muslims, most of whom belong to the Rohingya ethnic group. Seen as a threat to the nation, the Rohingya were stripped of citizenship in 1982 and are the world's largest stateless people group. Of some 2.3 million, only an estimated 609,000 live in their native land, in a northern state, where they are denied access to health care, education, etc. More than a million inhabit multiple refugee camps in neighboring Bangladesh, more than 560,000 live in Saudi Arabia, and some are seeking a new life in other Asian nations or in the West. Relatively few live in nations where the gospel is freely preached. Let's pray for Myanmar and for the Rohingya people.

- Pray that Rohingya refugees would have opportunities to hear of Jesus's love for them in their various camps or host countries, and that they can connect with believers who can help them come to know Him.
- Pray for the small number of Rohingya believers, “the oppressed among the oppressed” among their Muslim compatriots. They face beatings, expulsion, efforts to reconvert them, even death, in Myanmar or in a camp.
- Pray for an end to Myanmar's civil war, which began with a coup in February 2021. Just last month, another 45,000 Rohingya fled the country. Pray for the salvation of the leaders of both the military and rebel forces.

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>