

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken (Ps 16:8).*

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

**BURKINA FASO:** This past May, a pastor, a former Muslim, asked for prayer as he establishes a church in his home village. For the past 7 years he and his brother have tried, against “fierce resistance,” to build a church to serve the 20 or so believers and to reach out to the community. The national youth department of the Burkina Assemblies of God agreed to finance the construction. The pastor sends this encouraging update: “I am happy to inform you that the construction is continuing. The bricks have been made and the foundation laid. So far, there has been no resistance from the local population. They have helped to collect gravel for the work and to expand the area of the site. ***This is miraculous!*** We are waiting for the next disbursement of funds from the youth department to do the rest of the work.” Let's continue to pray!

- Pray for continued favor and openness in the hearts of the people of this village, and for the quick release of the rest of the funds to complete the work. The believers are currently attending a church some 5 km away.
- Pray that the Spirit would guide church leaders in choosing and preparing the right pastor for this heavily Islamic community, and that said pastor would build good relationships with believers and villagers alike.
- Continue to pray for this pastor's mother, once a believer, that she may return wholeheartedly to Jesus. He reports that his mother, “though not yet back in the fold, is no longer as radical as she was at first.”

### 2024 World Watch List: *Uzbekistan (25/50)\**

The term *Uzbek* implies “Master of himself.” Although the Central Asian nation of Uzbekistan gained independence from the defunct USSR in 1991, its people are still not free. A thousand years ago this region was an important world center of Islamic scholarship, but today most Uzbekistani Muslims—some 88% of the population—mix their Islamic beliefs with those of traditional religions. About 9% belong to the Russian Orthodox Church. All religious groups, including Muslim ones, must have government approval to exist, and any activity beyond normal meetings must be approved. Many evangelical and Pentecostal groups are not registered and are subject to raids, fines, and arrests. Converts from Islam are persecuted by family and local communities and authorities, especially in rural areas. Let's pray that Uzbekistanis would relinquish the title “Master of himself” to serve Jesus as their loving Savior and Lord.

- Pray for more workers willing to go to rural areas where there is no witness; most believers live in the cities.
- An Uzbekistani pastor says, “Converts [from Islam] are increasing. Pray that they will be unmovable, despite the hostility they face.”
- Pray for children and youth, who are guarded from exposure to any faith without parental permission, making outreach challenging. Pray for wisdom for believing parents as they raise their children to know Jesus.
- Pray for the intrepid workers who share their faith, establish new works, and train workers for the true Master.

### 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 women: <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>