

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb” (Rev. 7:10).

Today’s Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

EASTERN DR CONGO: Though it’s a long way from their homeland, Somali entrepreneurs have come to dominate the petrol station business sector in much of eastern DR Congo. But they have another agenda beyond providing needed fuel: doing *da’wah*, that is, calling others to Islam. They provide many young people with jobs, hiring them to distribute jugs of petrol to roadside stands, and begin to teach them Islamic values and beliefs. Please pray

- that the Lord would protect young people in this Christian-majority nation who are being introduced in this way to Islam, that they may instead choose to follow Jesus;
- for these Somali businessmen—now living in a nation where the gospel is freely and frequently preached—that Jesus would reveal himself to them and lead them to believers who can explain the Way;
- that God would raise up believers to intercede for and reach out to the Somalis living in communities throughout the northeastern provinces. Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with this resistant, closed group.

MALI: Please continue to pray for churches of many denomination and their members in a certain part of central Mali. Recently jihadists claimed their territory for Islam, giving the believers the choice of turning to Islam, leaving the area, paying a tax, or taking up arms to fight them. To keep their witness in the villages, the churches unanimously chose to pay the tax, which is imposed each year on every male between 18 and 80. Pray for courage and provision for these faithful. Pray that the Lord would thwart other attempts to use this tactic. One pastor notes, “This is just the beginning. If God doesn’t intervene miraculously, they’ll expand their presence and repeat the same scenario.”

*2024 World Watch List: Turkmenistan (29/50)** <https://tinyurl.com/tkmn24>

The Central Asian nation of Turkmenistan is home to some 5.7 million people, of which 5 million are the indigenous Turkmen. Arab conquerors brought Islam to this region in the 9th century. Under the USSR’s rule (1925-1991), Islam was greatly restricted. Today Turkmenistan’s constitution provides for freedom of religion, but those outside the Muslim (93%) and Russian Orthodox (6.4%) camps face severe restrictions and harassment. The few Evangelical and Pentecostal groups are closely monitored, and sharing their faith is prohibited. Family clans and communities persecute members who leave Islam to follow Christ, often disowning them, boycotting their business, even subjecting them to house arrest and beatings. Many believers draw encouragement and grow in their faith through media and personal testimonies they can access, and many prefer to meet in secret. The Bible is available in Turkmen but is banned, as is the printing, importing, and distributing of Christian literature. Let’s pray

- for more church leaders and for opportunities for them to receive solid biblical training.
- for a leader who is under scrutiny for his witness; “Officials have been showing up...with photos of family members, their cars and their license plates in an effort to scare him into ending his ministry.”
- that government leaders would soften their hearts to allow true freedom of worship, recognize the good that true believers bring to society, and lift restrictions on God’s Word and His workers.

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/> <http://worldwatchmonitor.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>