

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is he who will save us (Is 33:22).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

MALI: This past Wednesday, jihadists summoned all pastors in a certain zone to a meeting concerning the distribution of tithes collected in their churches. The pastors' explanation of tithing seemed to satisfy them, but they still exacted the *jizya*, a tax imposed on non-Muslims. Pray for wisdom for pastors and churches exploited by jihadists, "that God would guide them in these dialogues according to the direction of the Holy Spirit in conformity with the Bible."

THE GAMBIA: A team of workers involved in Bible school training and church planting in this Muslim-majority West African nation share the following prayer requests:

- "Pray for new converts in several of our churches. They are coming one by one and accepting that Jesus is the Anointed One. Pray that they will become stable in their faith and that they will be strong enough to withstand persecution from community and family."
- Several seekers are currently in conversation with team members and local believers. "Pray that they will see the truth and power of the Gospel and accept Christ as Lord and Savior."
- "Pray for the Bible school students being trained for ministry and for the local believers, that they will have boldness and wisdom to reach the Islamic community surrounding them."
- Pray for God's healing touch on the team leader, who is battling an ongoing health issue.

2024 World Watch List: *Bangladesh (26/50)**

Radical changes have occurred this week in the South Asian nation of Bangladesh. In July, university students across the nation-led began to protest unfair quotas for civil service jobs. These protests escalated into an uprising calling for the resignation of the Prime Minister, who has led the nation since 2009. She resigned and fled to India on Monday, August 5; on Tuesday the parliament was dissolved. People celebrating the end of her "iron-fisted" rule express hope for a better future. But Bangladesh needs, not a new government, but Jesus! Of its 170 million people, 91% follow Islam, the state religion. All but 20 of its 298 people groups are considered unreached. When believers leave their community's religion—be it Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, or animism—they face strong persecution. Many meet in house churches, and groups known to share the gospel are especially watched. Let's pray

- that God would fill His people with courage to stand firm and demonstrate His love in their communities;
- for opportunities for believers to minister to hurting families in the aftermath of the riots, which left more than 400 dead and thousands wounded, and to share the Source of true hope in uncertain times;
- for the interim government leader, named on Tuesday, and others who will serve, that they might recognize the good that Christians offer the people and be open to and even encourage the spread of the Good News;
- for Christian workers serving in ministries to trafficked women and drug users, in Christian schools and feeding programs, etc., as well as in training new workers for the Harvest in Bangladesh.

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>