

## Suggestions for “Jumaa Prayer” Meetings or Individual Prayer

*Jumaa* is the Arabic word for Friday, Islam’s holy day, when practicing Muslims meet at their local mosque to pray and hear the imam’s message. The idea behind “Jumaa Prayer” is that, at the time Muslims gather to worship Allah, we take time to intercede for their salvation, whether in a group or individually. Here are some ideas to adopt or adapt to help you pray for the Muslim world.

**I know the needs are great, but I don’t know WHAT to pray for specifically.** The weekly prayer bulletin *Jumaa Prayer: for the Muslims of Africa and beyond* is a guide to help you pray on behalf of Muslims, Muslim-background believers, and workers among Muslims. For further research, selected online Prayer Resources are listed at the bottom of the bulletin. Another recommended document, *Intercede*, provides requests for each week from around the world. You can subscribe to this free bimonthly publication at <https://www.reachingmuslimpeoples.com/intercede-archives> to receive it by email.

**WHEN do I pray?** Muslim prayer times are based on the sun and so vary according to season and location. If you want to pray at the precise time the Muslims are meeting, you can easily find online the times of midday prayer for your locality. It’s easier, however, to set a regular prayer time, such as 12:30, that roughly corresponds. If schedules do not permit meeting during the midday prayer, choose a time convenient to participants, preferably on Friday, but any day if Friday is not possible. Or, if you are involved in other prayer meetings, you could incorporate the weekly prayer requests into those meetings. *The important thing is to intercede regularly for our Muslim cousins!*

**HOW do I pray?** If you have a group of intercessors, here is a possible format to follow or adapt according to your needs:

- Begin with an opening prayer and worship time to prepare yourselves for the important ministry of intercession. Read the Scripture cited at the top of the prayer bulletin and consider its implications for those who are seeking God. Someone may be assigned to give a pertinent meditation to lead into prayer.
- Read the first prayer request and ask a member or members of the group to lead out in prayer for this need, or pray corporately.
- Continue with the requests, agreeing together for each in the format you choose. In some cases, links provided with requests will offer further information. You may want to look at this information ahead of time and summarize it for the others to help them pray more knowledgeably.
- Let group members share related needs they have on their hearts, then pray together for these needs. These may concern (but are not limited to)
  - Muslim family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers of prayer group members;
  - Muslims people in specific countries or regions;
  - Muslim women and children;
  - Muslim-background converts;
  - missionaries working among Muslims, locally and/or elsewhere;
  - pastors and churches in Muslim communities;
  - persecuted Christians—and those who persecute them;
  - world events and world leaders, especially Islamic leaders.

**Thank you for praying!**