

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God' (Ro 14:11).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

WEST AFRICA/SAHEL: This coming week (or in the weeks following), millions of children in West African nations will begin the new school year. Many will return to classrooms in their neighborhoods, some will go off to boarding schools. But in the Sahel nations, wracked by terrorism, millions of others cannot attend. Pray with us!

- **Pray for children and youth who have been displaced due to conflict.** In Burkina Faso alone, an estimated 932,000 school-aged children have been displaced. The fortunate ones are integrated into schools in their new communities. Others must work to simply survive; still others become the prey of jihadist recruiters.
- **Pray for provision for those who lack means to pay school fees or whose schools have closed.** In Niger, the ongoing conflict as well as grinding poverty keeps about 50% of school-aged children at home. In Mali, more than 2 million children did not attend last year as some 1,700 schools were closed due to conflict.
- **Pray for Muslim children attending Christian schools.** Many Christian schools operate in Muslim areas and are greatly appreciated for their quality education and moral teaching. These schools have a great influence in the lives of the students, their parents, and the communities.
- **Pray for those who serve these Christian schools.** Often those who direct and teach in these schools do so at great personal expense. Some risk their very lives, as schools are targeted by jihadists and criminal elements who kidnap, burn, and kill. Pray for God's protection over them throughout the school year.

2024 World Watch List: Tunisia (33/50)* <https://tinyurl.com/tuni24>

Christianity spread early to this area of North Africa, but divisions were rife, and by the time Arabs brought Islam in the 7th century, the Church was almost non-existent. Today 99% of Tunisia's 12 million people are Muslim, though many are nominal believers and the country is quite secular. However, extremist elements are active, especially in the rural south, where people often mix witchcraft with Islamic practices. Tunisia's president has taken sweeping powers since 2022, sacking the government, suspending parliament, and rewriting the constitution. While this constitution upholds freedom of worship, it also "requires the state to support and advance the purposes of Islam." Only a few thousand Tunisian citizens are Christians, mainly Anglicans or evangelicals. They face persecution from family and society, including beatings, excommunication, and forced marriages if single. Let's pray for the people of Tunisia.

- **Pray for upcoming presidential elections on October 6.** Only 2 candidates are running against the incumbent, many others having been disqualified, and tensions are running high. Pray that all is done in peace and that the Lord would use the outcome for His glory and the good of His Church.
- **Pray that Jesus would reveal himself to Tunisian seekers in dreams and visions and lead them to salvation.**
- **Pray for the young people** (38% of the population is under 25). High unemployment, a sagging economy, and disillusionment with Islam and politics drives many to seek answers elsewhere—and some are turning to Jesus. They then face persecution. Pray they would grow in their faith and find fellowship with believers.

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/> <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>