

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets (Ma 1:11a).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

MALI: Please continue to pray concerning the security situation in this Sahelian nation. This past Tuesday, a military training camp and airport in the capital city were attacked, with some fatalities. Some 20 jihadists from an al Qaida-linked group have been arrested. This city has been largely spared from attacks, and this invasion is very concerning.

THE GAMBIA: Praise reports and prayer requests from a worker in this Muslim-majority nation:

- Recently five people decided to follow Jesus. Pray they would grow in faith and be a witness to their families.
- During a recent conference, several adults and 7 children received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Pray they would continue to walk in His power and be effective witnesses.
- Pray for the 20+ Bible school students currently preparing for ministry. Since its inception in 2017, this school has registered 82 students, and many have planted churches in various parts of the nation.
- Pray for God's healing touch on the couple leading this church and school as they battle some health issues.

2024 World Watch List: Ethiopia (32/50)* <https://tinyurl.com/ethi24>

Religion is central in the lives of the 130 million people of Ethiopia. Its emperor declared Christianity the state religion in the 4th century, and Islam was brought during Mohammed's lifetime. Today Ethiopia is officially a secular nation, but about half the population belongs to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (EOC), and about 35% follow Islam. Some 20% are members of evangelical/Pentecostal churches. Religious fervor has often mixed with politics, resulting at times in conflict and even civil war between religious as well as ethnic groups. Even in the "Christian" sector, those who leave the EOC for an evangelical church face persecution. Those who leave Islam to follow Jesus risk more violent consequences. But God is moving through His people! A worker shares the following prayer requests:

- Pray for outreaches among Somalis and other Muslim groups. In one such initiative, a former Muslim is training and sending others out to talk to interested seekers when they gather for prayer—and at more than 20 mosques, small groups are hearing the Word!
- In the northeast, people in a strongly Muslim indigenous group have been coming to the Lord, and Sudanese refugees coming into the northwest are being reached. Pray for their continued growth and discipleship.
- Pray for the students and instructors in a school that prepares young men and women to reach Muslims. This Ethiopian church initiative, now in its fourth year, provides a year of training, then sends out these workers.
- Pray for an Ethiopian worker and his family who are being sent to join a team working in a Middle Eastern nation. "The goal is to send [them] for at least a 2-year commitment, to learn language, learn worker culture, and serve as a positive role model for a new generation of [Ethiopian 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 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>