

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

All the ends of the earth will ... turn to the LORD; ... the families of the nations will bow down before him (Ps 22:27).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

BURKINA FASO: In this country in the Sahel, a worker notes, “the devil is at work, but God is working still more! More churches are opening than are closing.” He shares two encouraging testimonies. In one town, local Muslims became disillusioned with the extremist Islam they are seeing, and members sought out local churches and gave their lives to Jesus. The mosque is now closed! In a town in the far north, an influential Muslim was saved and asked if he could bring his family to church. He came on Sunday with his wives, children, and other relatives—72 people in all! They are now part of this growing church. But they and many believers continue to face opposition. **Let's pray**

- for God's protection over the believers who must meet in their homes. In some areas, pastors must care for congregations that are scattered, and meet at odd times, as it is unsafe to meet in the church on Sundays.
- for wisdom for these cell groups. Sometimes other people want to join them, but members are afraid to welcome them, not knowing their intentions. Pray they would have discernment, and opportunities to introduce these people to Jesus.

GUINEA-CONAKRY: **Praise God** that the first of 12 tabernacles (steel frames and roofs) was erected this past week to serve a church in this Muslim-majority nation. A team arrives soon to erect another four. Various issues have hampered this work; **pray** that any plan of the Enemy to stop this project would be thwarted, and that the national workers and visiting team members would be a blessing to one another as they work to set up these church buildings.

MALI: In the midst of difficulties and instability, two Bible institutes continue training workers to serve and advance God's kingdom in Mali. More workers are needed to spread the Good News, help seekers, and ground believers in the faith as Christians face growing persecution. **Please pray**

- for the 41 students, married and single, enrolled in the two schools. Pray that God will grant them health, resources, peace, and protection as they prepare themselves for ministry.
- for the various infrastructure needs at each school:
 - In the French-language school, housing facilities are inadequate, dorm rooms are seeping water due to the rains, and various furnishings need to be replaced. Pray that the churches of Mali would provide the school with ongoing support.
 - In the Bambara-language school, much of the corn planted to support and feed students has been destroyed by flooding; pray the Lord would meet the need for food. The school is also working on a building to lodge professors, and needs to put in a well this year.
- “that the Spirit would guide teachers so that they may have a positive impact on the lives and ministries of the students.”
- for the directors of the schools, who sacrifice much to serve the schools as well as their churches. One of them must travel a good distance and needs a reliable means of transportation and protection on the road.

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>