

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Mt 5:10).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

PAKISTAN: A worker asks us to pray for a church-planting effort led by a Pakistani couple and their daughter. “The father is doing open-air campaigns and door-to-door evangelism. Their daughter has started a Sunday school. They need the assistance of the Holy Spirit for this mission in this Islamic milieu.”

SENEGAL: Campaigning for legislative elections begins next week in this Muslim-majority nation. A worker writes: “Pray with us for peace and tranquility. Pray for the government, that the Lord, from whom power comes, will sustain them during these times, and that the results will be transparent. May the Holy Spirit give them wisdom in every decision they make.” Pray that these authorities would continue to allow freedom to do God’s work here.

Pray for the Persecuted Church

November 3 is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, According to research by Christian NGO Open Doors, in 2023, more than 365 million Christians worldwide—1 in 7—faced persecution and severe discrimination; in Africa 1 in 5 face persecution. In 31 of the 50 nations considered the most dangerous for Jesus-followers, Islam is the main driver of this persecution. Over the next month we will pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering for their faith—and for the salvation of their oppressors.

NIGERIA: More than 80% of Christians killed for their faith in 2023 were killed in Nigeria. Twelve states in northern Nigeria are ruled by *sharia* (Islamic law), and terrorist groups are moving into the central and southern Christian-majority areas. The Fulani Ethnic Militia in particular targets Christians, killing or abducting them for ransom or for slavery. Sadly, many reporters and governments downplay the religious aspect, calling the attackers “bandits” and the conflict an ethnic clash, ignoring that the propagation of Islam is the goal of this group and multiple others operating in Nigeria. Only our mighty God can break through the darkness that blinds these people, whom He loves. Let’s pray

- for God’s divine protection over believers, churches, and workers in Nigeria, and that their lives would be a vibrant witness to those around them;
- for spiritual and emotional healing for the thousands who have been affected by killing, kidnapping, abuse, and loss of livelihood;
- that God in His mercy would reveal himself to terrorists and lead them into His light.

SOMALIA: Pray for a believer who was recently attacked for the third time by Muslim relatives for his faith and for holding Bible studies and prayer meetings. In the first attack, in May, his house was destroyed and he moved his family away. In an attack in July, he and his wife and three children were all beaten. During this latest incident, he told one of the attackers, “You can beat me up more if you want, but I can tell you that Isa has saved me. Whether I die or not, I live to serve him.” *Pray that this believer’s courage and upright life would touch his relatives and that they would turn to Jesus.* Somalia is ranked #2 of the 50 nations where Christian face the most persecution.

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 wmen: <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>