

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (Jn 3:16)..*

### Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

**NIGER:** Some 96% of the people in this Sahelian nation follow Islam. Since 2015, Niger has been a hotspot of jihadist activity, as four major Islamist groups seek to gain power. In July 2023 a military junta took control of the government. Niger has been and remains a secular state and allows freedom of religion. While large open-air events are restricted for security reasons, churches and ministries can operate openly. However, Muslims who turn to Jesus face persecution from other quarters. Let's pray for these brothers and sisters, and for those who oppose the gospel.

- **Pray for those persecuted by family.** A church leader says, "We continue to preach the gospel publicly and to witness individually. Some accept the gospel, but persecution comes quickly and they abandon the faith." May the Lord help them to stand firm and to show His love, and use them to bring family members to faith in Him.
- **Pray for local authorities,** that they would show favor to God's work. In some places, explains this leader, traditional chiefs or mayors oppose the purchase of land for churches or other activities.
- **Pray for national authorities.** Pray that those in power would continue to uphold the right of people to worship the True God, not bending to any popular demands to oppress them. Pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal Jesus to these leaders.
- **Pray for the salvation of jihadists.** In some areas, jihadists impose bans on churches and on the spread of the gospel. Pray that they would have a personal encounter with the One who created and loves them.

**TOGO:** Workers are trying to establish a much-needed health center in a community in a strongly Muslim area, but local authorities are refusing to allow them to obtain land. ***Please pray that the Lord would move in their hearts to provide the land, and use this project as a great testimony of God's love and faithfulness.***

### *Pray for Muslims at Christmastime*

Christmastime is here: a celebration of the earthly birth of Jesus, our Savior and Lord—and a stumbling block to many. Islam recognizes Jesus as a great prophet, but not as God Incarnate come to offer restoration and eternal life to fallen Man. According to Islam, Christians believe that Jesus is God's physical son, born of a relationship with a woman—an abominable thought! As much of the world focuses on Jesus this coming week, let's pray

- that the Holy Spirit would use dreams and supernatural encounters with Jesus to show Muslims the Truth of who He is;
- for God-arranged opportunities for believers to share the Christmas story, in its simplicity and majesty, with Muslim seekers, and for divine wisdom to respond to their questions;
- that, even in areas where Christmas is not acknowledged, people would observe through various media this celebration and sense a desire to know more about this Jesus who means so much to so many.

### *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>