

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

Be exalted in your strength, Lord; we will sing and praise your might (Ps 21:13).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

THE GAMBIA: We have been praying for the developing ministry of a small team working in the northern part of this small, Muslim-majority nation. As they experiment with gardening techniques, quietly disciple seekers, build relationships in their “home” village, and visit existing small congregations in other villages, they have gained favor in the area. The Lord is now opening doors to accomplish a three-pronged project: to provide a tabernacle (a steel shelter for meetings), well, and community garden in every fourth village. Praise God, a chief who has jurisdiction over some 50 villages has already given two hectares of land, and two other lots have been obtained. Let's pray for this work.

- Pray for continued favor and for land in the villages.
- Pray for trained pastors for new churches in this rural area. About 12 more workers will graduate from their Bible training courses in the coming week; pray that more would answer God's call to full-time service.
- Pray for financial and human resources to accomplish these projects.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare hearts in each targeted village to embrace the gospel, despite the risk of persecution from family and community. Pray that entire families would find the Lord together.

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: A worker asks us to pray for efforts to reach people in a neighboring, strongly Muslim nation. Workers have established congregations on their side of the porous border, giving seekers opportunities to make contact with believers. There are also plans to begin a Bible school in their language. Please pray

- “for more churches to be planted along the border and for anointed workers to serve in and through these churches;
- “for more participation with the translation team so that a larger number of [textbooks] can be translated;
- “for the launch of a Bible school among people from this region and religious and cultural background.”

2025 World Watch List

Open Door's World Watch List for 2025 has just been released. This carefully researched list ranks the 50 nations where Christians were most persecuted for their faith in 2024, and provides information and prayer requests concerning each country. You can access the list at <https://tinyurl.com/2025wwl>. Here are some highlights that underscore the critical need for intercession for Muslims—in Africa and beyond.

- 20 of the 50 nations listed are on the African continent; in 18 of them, Islam is the main cause of persecution.
- In 39 of the 50 nations, Islam is the main religion and/or main driver of persecution.
- Of the 4,476 Christians known to be martyred in 2024, at least 4,192 (93%) were killed in sub-Saharan Africa. Some 3,100 were killed in Nigeria alone.

Prayer Resources

The 2025 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most: <https://tinyurl.com/2025wwl>

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>