

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble (Ps 46:1).*

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

**LIBERIA:** A worker asks us to pray for a young lady, a convert from Islam, who urgently needs God's intervention. "A," the only believer in her family, has begun sharing Jesus with her mother and younger siblings. A.'s mother is in very poor health, her father is gone, and the burden falls on her to care for them, with few resources. The worker says, "Now her Muslim uncle, realizing that she has become a Christian, is trying to force A. to get married to a wealthy Muslim who is old enough to be her father, under the pretense of helping her. But A. has resolved never to get married to this old man... She wrote me asking for prayer because she doesn't know how to carry on. She doesn't want to go out of the way to make life easy." The pressure on A. is great, as this marriage would "solve" many problems, and if she refuses, says her uncle, she will be begging on the streets. ***Pray that the Lord would intervene to release A. from this situation, and that her faith would remain strong. Pray for the salvation of her family and for provision.***

### *In the News*

**AFGHANISTAN:** When the Taliban lost control of the government in 2001, Afghan women began to enjoy new freedoms: education, professional careers and government positions, solo travel, and overall support for their rights and safety. Since the Taliban re-assumed government control in 2021, women and girls have seen this freedom disappear. In August 2024, the Taliban enacted the "virtue and vice law" and recently called for stricter enforcement through its morality police. Girls cannot attend school beyond sixth grade. Women have been removed from government and public jobs and can appear in public only in a full-body hijab and with a related male escort. A woman's voice cannot be overheard in public, or even emanating from her home. This strict surveillance makes them more inaccessible—but God can reach them! Let's pray.

- Pray that the Spirit would put in the hearts of these oppressed women a great hunger for a God who can give them the unconditional love they crave and cannot find in their religion.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would give the few believers there—both foreign and local—creative strategies and divine appointments to meet with women to share the love and freedom Jesus offers.
- Pray for the growth of small, secret groups of believers. During the first Taliban rule (1996-2001), many Afghans fled. Some met Jesus abroad, have returned, and are sharing their faith despite the great risk.

### ***Pray for Muslims during Lailat al Miraj***

*Lailat al Miraj* commemorates the miraculous Night Journey of the Prophet Mohammad, in which angels took him from Mecca to Jerusalem. From there he ascended through the seven levels of Paradise and met with Allah, who instructed Mohammad and his followers to pray five times a day. On this day, many Muslims perform special prayers in the mosque or at home, recite the story of the Night Journey to their children, and enjoy a meal together. ***Pray that, as these Muslims reflect on the duty of prayer and on the nature of Allah, the Spirit would place in their hearts a desire for meaningful communication with a loving God they can truly know.***

### ***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>