

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

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## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us... (2Co 5:17-20a).*

As we enter this new year, we praise God that He has made us a new creation, reconciling us to himself through Jesus! His desire is for *all* to know this forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with Him—and He has given us the task of taking this message to all who will hear. As we intercede for Muslims throughout 2025, may the Holy Spirit guide us in our prayers for and our witness to them, through words and actions that draw them to His redeeming love.

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

**TOGO:** Some 60 Bible school students are planting churches in various parts of Togo during this academic year, a required part of their training program. Several are working in Muslim-dominated areas in the north. Please pray

- that God would help these workers-in-training to establish good relationships within these communities and provide them with key “people of peace,” e.i., those who are favorable and helpful to the work;
- that each of these new works, in Islamic and animistic areas alike, would take root and grow as people hear and respond to the message of God’s love and salvation;
- that the Holy Spirit would encourage and strengthen these workers and their families; many face spiritual, financial, and other challenges as they move to and serve in unfamiliar and often resistant places.

## 2024 World Watch List: Malaysia (49/50)\*

Malaysia, in Southeast Asia, is an island nation of 34.6 million people. Sunni Islam is the state religion and is followed by nearly all Malays, who comprise about half of the population. Chinese, Indians, and dozens of indigenous groups also live here and follow Buddhism, Hinduism, and ethnic religions. Some 9% of the people claim to be Christians, most being Roman Catholics; an estimated 3.5% are evangelical believers. Churches (especially evangelical ones) and Christian NGOs are watched to ensure they are not witnessing to Muslims. Muslims who choose to follow Jesus risk losing their families, being sent to a “reeducation camp,” even disappearing. Let’s pray for Malaysia.

- Pray that the Spirit would give believers courage and wisdom to discretely share their faith with Malays.
- Pray concerning the “Mufti Bill.” This proposed bill would grant more authority to *muftis* (Muslim legal experts) and their *fatwas* (rulings). The bill would make any *fatwa* legally binding without passing through Parliament. It is intended to apply only to Muslims, but many fear it will affect all minority religious groups.
- Pray that Malay seekers would have access to God’s Word and opportunities to meet with believers. Pray that their hunger for truth would help them overcome their fear, and that the Lord would protect them.

## 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>