

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done (1Ch 16:8).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

BENIN: Pray for a new church-planting initiative of the Assemblies of God of Benin. In this coastal West African nation, some 28% follow Islam, and attacks in the north are becoming more frequent as jihadists extend their reach from the Sahel toward the coast. A worker explains, "The vision is a church in every village by 2034. There are around 3,445 villages yet to reach. The National Evangelism Department is working to plant 15 to 20 churches this year." At least four of these will be in the Muslim-dominated north. Let's pray for this initiative.

- "Pray that each family in the Benin AG would have a burden for the lost and give to see them come to salvation." Every family is to donate something toward planting these churches.
- Pray that God would give favor and open doors to establish a work in each village.
- "Pray that the national church-planting team would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to meet these goals."
- Pray for the Lord's protection over those working in dangerous, resistant areas. Pray that the Spirit would lead them to key people who will help them to reach the communities.

In the News: The Sahel

The recently-published Global Terrorism Index 2025 reveals sobering facts about the propagation of Islam through force on the African continent, now the epicenter of global terrorism. Statistics for 2024 show that

- the Sahel area of Africa—the land belt running just below the Sahara Desert—accounted for 51% of all terrorist-related deaths worldwide;
- for the second year running, Burkina Faso tops the list of nations most impacted by terrorism;
- of the 20 most deadly attacks in 2024, 17 occurred in Africa, with the deadliest in Niger and 9 in Burkina.

At the same time, Africa is increasingly an epicenter of Pentecostal Christianity. The Church is growing in many of the Sahelian nations—and the Enemy is raging. Let's intercede for God's people and for the salvation of Muslims.

- Pray that church leaders and believers would experience a fresh baptism in the Holy Spirit and rely on Him daily to help them stand firm against threats and opposition and to speak God's truth boldly.
- Jihadist groups support themselves by demanding that communities pay them for protection, and often impose severe restrictions on churches and believers. Pray that God would give His people wisdom, so that their responses would honor Jesus and show His love to those who seek to subjugate them.
- Pray that jihadists would have revelations of Jesus in dreams and visions, and that the Spirit would lead them to believers who can explain the way of salvation.

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/>

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://answerislam.org/>, and <https://jesustomuslims.org>