

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*I [Jesus] have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness (Jn 12:46, ESV).*

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

**BURUNDI:** In this Christian-majority East African nation, some 3.4% of the population is Muslim, mainly Swahili and Arab. Since the Christians generally consider Muslims “unreachable or hostile,” explains a worker, little has been done to reach them, and the few who have accepted Christ are encouraged to separate themselves from their culture. In partnership with church leaders in the nine ecclesiastical districts, this worker is seeking to identify and train those who have a burden to reach Muslims. The goal is to establish cell groups that will minister to seekers in their own context. They ask us to pray

- “for open hearts among believers to share the burden for the unreached around them and beyond;
- “for open doors among the unreached in our communities to share the Good News in meaningful ways;
- “for the establishment and development of ongoing communities of faith that feel the support of the larger body of Christ as they follow Jesus in culturally appropriate ways.”

### *In the News*

Indonesia, in southeast Asia, is the world's largest island nation and home to the world's largest number of Muslims—some 242 million. Evangelical Christians make up about 3% of the population, and often suffer harassment and persecution, especially if they have left Islam. Some recent events highlight the issues churches and believers face as they serve the Lord and share the gospel with others. Let's pray for our brothers and sisters in Indonesia.

- A congregation has been refused permission to build a church—after working for 10 years to fulfill all requirements and gain the necessary local permissions. Muslim groups often influence authorities to block church projects. ***Pray that God would work in the hearts of these authorities to grant favor to this church.***
- A Christian apologist who uses social media to teach was turned in to authorities by an Anti-Blasphemy Community Alliance. He has since fled to Europe—joining several other pastors and apologists who have left to continue their mission from outside the country. ***Pray that the Spirit would fill these pastors with wisdom and use their online ministries to bring many Indonesians to Jesus.***
- Christians face social stigma and harassment, discouraging many seekers from making a commitment to follow Jesus. Workers in one area cite such issues as expensive burials (burial for Muslims is free), “village leaders forbidding access to certain areas for discipling new believers, mosque leaders breaking into worship gatherings and forbidding them from continuing, and landowners blocking roads leading to churches.” ***Pray that these seekers would be convinced that eternal salvation in Jesus far outweighs the earthly costs.***

### *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/KENYA>

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