

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

May 30, 2025

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death (Ro 8:1-2).*

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

**BENIN:** A pastor asks us to pray for the people and churches in his region: "The security situation is becoming increasingly alarming in northern Benin. A church deacon [in a village] was killed in the field on May 15. This village needs your prayers because the threat is so great. In the same region, the people in two villages had to flee to another town. The pastors of the local churches and their congregations have also fled. Please support them in your prayers."

**SENSITIVE COUNTRY:** Pray for God's healing touch on the founder and director of an international organization that provides humanitarian, educational, and spiritual aid to the unreached and needy in several sensitive nations. He has a life-threatening illness and is struggling with the treatment.

This organization recently held a conference for those involved in its ministries. A leader notes : "God is working powerfully in places closed to the gospel.... [S]everal people who came to our annual meeting were Muslim-background believers from these closed countries, serving their own communities." Pray for these workers, that they would be encouraged and see much fruit in their respective nations.

**TAJIKISTAN:** In this Muslim-majority nation, the law forbids teaching children any religion apart from Islam and bans them from attending church. Recently a worker was charged heavy fines and must appear in court for bringing Christian materials for children into the country. Please pray (1) that this worker would be pardoned and that these materials would find their way into the right hands; (2) for Christian parents, that they may model Christ for their children and guide them wisely into faith, and (3) that the Holy Spirit, who knows no boundaries, would speak to each child and lead him or her to Jesus.

### *In the News*

**PAKISTAN:** On May 19, Pakistan's parliament passed the Child Marriage Restraint Bill. This bill stipulates that no child—defined as a person under 18—can marry, and no authority can perform such a marriage, under penalty of imprisonment and fines. This bill, once signed into law, will apply only to the federal capital area, Islamabad, but is a move to "progressively eradicate child marriage." Under *sharia* (Islamic law), the age of marriage is 16, but every year an estimated 1,000 non-Muslim girls, some as young as 10, are kidnapped. Their ages are falsified and they are coerced to convert to Islam and to testify that they married voluntarily. Please pray

- that Pakistan's president will sign this bill into law, and that more such bills will follow;
- for God's protection over Christian and other non-Muslim girls;
- that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of those who perpetrate this activity and of the judges who rule in favor of the "husband" when cases are presented to them.

### *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://answeringislam.org/>, and <https://jesustomuslims.org>