

Jumaa Prayer
for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

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## **Intercede for the Muslim World!**

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy (Ps 116:1).

## Today's Prayer Requests: From Students, Alumni, and Workers

**NIGERIA:** From May 15 to 17, terrorists (likely Muslim Fulani herdsmen) struck multiple villages in the largely Christian Plateau State, killing more than 100 people and burning down hundreds of homes. On May 23 and 24, more than 30 villages were attacked in a nearby areas. Thousands of people have sought refuge with relatives and friends, in churches, mosques, or in the refugee camps that have sprung up. According to a worker, "the churches are sending things out to them, and everyone is praying." Please pray for the following:

- For peace in the region. The newly elected governor is from the area; pray that he would take effective action.
- For those who have lost family members and friends, that they would find comfort and healing. Pray for divine provision for those who have lost homes and farmland. Some Fulani settlements were also attacked and suffered great losses. Pray that many people, whatever their tribe or religion, would see the love of God expressed through His people and find eternal life in Jesus.
- For the churches; some Assemblies of God churches were destroyed and dozens of members of a large Baptist church killed. For more details, see <a href="https://tinyurl.com/manlga23">https://tinyurl.com/manlga23</a>.

**SENEGAL:** An alumnus writes, "Senegal needs your prayers. Many disgruntled people have risen up, burning, destroying, vandalizing, and intimidating the population." From June 1-3, supporters of an opposition leader rioted after the leader was sentenced to two years in prison for "corrupting youth." At least 16 were killed and some 350 wounded in clashes in Dakar and other towns. Many businesses and schools remain closed. An opposition party has called for demonstrations on Friday. Please pray (1) for peace and stability in this Muslim-majority nation, and that the Lord would thwart any plans of violence; (2) "that people turn to Jesus as they seek answers and peace" (from a worker in the country); (3) for a spiritual breakthrough among the Wolof, the majority tribe.

## 2023 World Watch List: Algeria (19/50)\*

The Church has been present in this North African nation since the second century AD. Most of the people, polytheistic Berbers, became Christians, at least in name. Arabs introduced Islam in the seventh century. Although Islam is now the state religion, Algeria still has one of the largest Christian communities in the Muslim world, made up mainly of Berbers, who are marginalized by the Arabic-speaking Algerian majority. Most Christians are former Muslims and face great pressure from their families to renounce Jesus. Increasingly, as radical Islam grows, they face pressure from state officials as well. At least 16 of the 50 churches belonging to the Protestant Church of Algeria had already been sealed shut; a new anti-church campaign earlier this year closed many more, leaving only 8 open, and those are under threat. Still, the Lord is drawing many to himself through dreams, visions, and miracles. Let's pray

- that the Spirit would encourage and strengthen believers and that they may meet together in safety;
- that many would receive the Good News and grow in their faith through edifying Christian teachings offered online and on satellite TV;
- that the government would allow churches to reopen and issue permits for church building and renovation.

## **Prayer Resources**

\*The 2023 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/wwl23uk">https://tinyurl.com/wwl23uk</a>

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: <a href="https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/">https://reachingmuslimpeoples.com/</a>

Say Hello, prayer requests and resources on ministry to Muslim women: https://sayhelloinfo.com/

For a weekly prayer topic about an aspect of Islam: <a href="https://prayingformuslims.com/">https://prayingformuslims.com/</a>

For suggestions on starting a prayer group: <a href="https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/">https://www.waast.org/pray-with-us/pray-for-the-unreached/</a>

For news updates concerning persecuted Christians: <a href="http://morningstarnews.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://worldwatchmonitor.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.releaseinternational.org/">http://www.releaseinternational.org/</a>

For prayer requests from around the world: <a href="https://www.icommittopray.com/">https://www.icommittopray.com/</a>

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word: <a href="http://muslimsask.com/">http://answeringislam.org/</a>, and <a href="https://jesustomuslims.org">https://jesustomuslims.org</a>