

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. ... And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Acts 2:17a, 21).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

CHAD: Please pray for the family, church, and students of a pastor who passed away shortly after returning home from his studies at an extension center of West Africa Advanced School of Theology. As well as leading a church, this pastor taught in three Bible training programs, discipling and equipping more workers for this Muslim-majority nation. Pray the Lord would comfort his family and raise up others to continue his ministry, for His glory.

MOROCCO: On September 8, a devastating earthquake southwest of Marrakesh caused the deaths of nearly 3,000 people and injured thousands more. A worker in the area shares the ongoing efforts of the international church there. Please pray for these needs, and praise God for the work He is doing in the hearts of many.

- Church leaders and members are receiving training in trauma counseling to better serve those who have been bereaved. Pray that those they counsel will sense God's love and care for them and find healing and new life.
- Pray for wisdom as these workers help people work through other issues as well. Many have lost not only family members, but their home and livelihood as well. Some face sexual abuse, and orphaned children are vulnerable to kidnapping.
- Praise God that workers have been able to go into villages they could not access before, bringing needed help. This crisis is also serving to bring Arabs and Berbers together. Pray the Lord would continue to use this situation to open the hearts of people, that they would come to love Him and one another.

2023 World Watch List: *Türkiye (41/50)**

Türkiye links southeastern Europe and southwest Asia, and arose as a modern nation at the fall of the Muslim Ottoman Empire (1299–1923). Islam and nationalism reign in Türkiye, and while changing religions is legal, strong discrimination against non-Muslims makes it difficult for anyone to leave Islam. Suspicion and distrust of Christians, fueled by government rhetoric, makes outreach nearly impossible. Those who respond to Jesus' call to follow Him face family pressures, including divorce and disinheritance, and women especially risk sexual abuse. Foreign Christians may be forced to leave even if married to a Turkish citizen. Christian asylum seekers from other nations likewise face abuse. Let's pray for the following requests:

- An estimated 170,000 Christians living in Türkiye belong to historic Orthodox churches. Pray that nominal Christians may seek a personal relationship with Jesus and become effective witnesses for him.
- Pray that the Spirit would soften the hearts of government leaders toward Christ-followers.
- Pray for wisdom and protection for believers and God-given opportunities to minister to seekers.
- Pray that many would encounter Jesus in dreams and visions and that they might be discipled.

Prayer Resources

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

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