

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

[B]ecause of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved (Eph 2:4-5).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

BURKINA FASO: A church leader reports that despite constant jihadist activities, the Church is growing. Many pastors are working to reach displaced people and are planting churches among them. “One worker opened four churches in three months,” he notes. In the north, workers adopt the clothing of the inhabitants and hold meetings discretely. As people see more evidence of the true nature of their religion, they become more open to the God of peace. Pray that the Spirit would continue to draw disillusioned people to those who can introduce them to Jesus.

COTE D’IVOIRE: Over the past 8 years, the Assemblies of God of Côte d’Ivoire has grown from some 1,200 churches and annexes to over 5,000, according to the Church’s leader. Some of the new works have been planted in the north, where Islam and a mixture of Islam and animism flourishes. The work is slow but growing. Recently church workers in the northwest met for a conference. A Muslim man from a less-reached tribe in the area came especially to request that a church be planted in his village, and has given the land. Let’s pray for the following needs:

- Pray that the Church can quickly provide a “tabernacle” (a steel structure and roof) for this new work, and that a vibrant fellowship of believers would be established, beginning with the man who brought the request.
- Pray for those working in the Muslim-dominated areas, where the physical, economic, and religious climates are challenging. Pray they would find favor among the people, creative strategies to help the communities, and divine opportunities to share Jesus.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would place a burden in the hearts of more workers to serve among these people. The AG sends Bible school students and interns, as well as pastors, to these regions, this leader says; few volunteer to go. However, many who do go are touched by the need and continue to minister there.

WEST AFRICA: Please continue to pray for a team that is translating a series of courses into the Hausa language for use in Bible training programs across West Africa. The team leader reports they have just begun work on the 19th of 38 courses. The Hausa people comprise the largest ethnic group in West Africa, numbering nearly 55 million. For some 500 years Hausa traders have spread Islam throughout West and Central Africa, and they remain strongly resistant to the gospel. Please pray

- for wisdom to produce the most accurate and understandable translation, as the Hausa language differs somewhat from region to region;
- for God’s protection over this team, as they work in an area that is under constant threat of attacks;
- for Hausa believers studying for full-time and lay ministry, and that the Lord would raise up still more to reach and teach their people.

Prayer Resources

The 2023 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most: <https://tinyurl.com/ww123uk>

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>