

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*And having disarmed the [spiritual] powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross (Col 2.15).*

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

**BENIN:** A pastor in a southern city notes that “Muslim leaders are proselytizing and converting churchgoers easily because of the drastic downfall of the world economy, austerity measures, joblessness among the youth, etc. Muslim leaders promise them heaven and earth.” Benin is also considered the cradle of Voodoo, with some intellectuals calling for a return to tradition and government leaders promoting “Voudon Days” in January to promote tourism. Most of Benin’s Muslims—as well as many Christians—integrate elements of this animistic religion into their own practices. Please pray

- that pastors and believers, particularly young people, would stand firm, trusting God to meet their needs and showing His love as both fetish priests and Muslim marabouts seek to intimidate and curse them;
- for strength, encouragement, and provision for those working to reach Muslims/animists;
- that the Holy Spirit would draw to Jesus Muslims/animists who are bound both by fear of spirits and by impossible duties to please Allah. Pray that they will see God’s power manifested in miracles, deliverance, and spiritual encounters, and come to know the love, peace, and joy He offers.

**VARIOUS NATIONS:** Workers serving among Muslims are vulnerable to attacks of the Enemy, who wants to keep his subjects bound and deceived. Recently several workers have asked for prayer on behalf of colleagues who have come under intense, life-altering spiritual attack:

- Pray for a student pastor, the only believer in his family. According to a fellow student, he was doing a six-week ministry internship when he was “attacked” and abandoned his work. When students went to pray for him, he refused to hear the name of Jesus and said he preferred to seek help at the mosque. On a later visit he did allow them to pray for him, but remains resistant to the Lord. He is staying with his family, who are happy to have him back. Pray that the Lord would deliver and restore this young man and use him mightily to reach his family and community.
- A worker in Africa asks us to pray for a colleague serving in a Muslim country in another part of the world. This man had become discouraged and depressed, and recently attempted to take his own life. May the Spirit of God replace his despair with a profound assurance of His love.
- Pray for a couple who, after several years of ministry, have separated, as one spouse has rejected the Lord in favor of the world. Pray that the Holy Spirit would mercifully pursue this person, and comfort and encourage the other, who continues to serve the Lord faithfully.

### *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>