

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



December 29, 2023

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life (1Jn 5:11b-12).*

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

**SPAIN:** A worker shares prayer requests concerning reaching some of the many Arab speakers who have settled in this nation:

- Pray for an international team planning to open a center in the next few weeks to minister to Muslims in a certain town. They already have a building and hope to begin with Spanish classes and children's activities. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give them creative ideas that will attract people, help meet their social needs, and open doors to share Jesus.
- Pray for this worker as she builds relationships with the Muslim mothers she meets daily as they collect their children from school. As they begin to accept her into their circle, pray that they will open their hearts to hear about the Lord.

### *In the News: Nigeria*

From the evening of December 23 through Christmas Day, hundreds of terrorists carried out coordinated attacks on at least 20 villages in Plateau State in central Nigeria. Several pastors, their family members, and church members were among the 160 killed in this majority-Christian area. More than 300 were injured and hundreds of homes destroyed. Pray that the Lord would comfort the grieving, heal the wounded, and provide for those who have lost their homes. Pray that His Holy Spirit would draw these victims close, assuring them of the love of the Father in the midst of pain and helping them to forgive their enemies. Pray also for Nigeria's leaders and local authorities, that they would respond more effectively to this ongoing crisis and seek to protect all Nigerian citizens.

### *2023 World Watch List: Oman (47/50)\**

The easternmost nation on the Arabian Peninsula, Oman is a small but diverse country. Omani Arabs, the largest of the 35 people groups, were among the first peoples to accept Islam. They follow Ibadism, an early branch of Islam, as do the Swahili Arabs living there. The nomadic Harasi herders, the Mahra farmers, and other Arab groups follow Sunni Islam, often mixed with traditional animistic practices. The Luwathiya, generally wealthy city dwellers with roots in Iran, follow Shia Islam. Nearly half of Oman's 4.6 million people are immigrants, mainly workers from Southern Asia; nearly all Christians in Oman are foreigners. Omani law is based on *sharia* (Islamic law) and thus punishes anyone, citizen or foreigner, for such crimes as "undermining Islam" or "advocating other religions." Let's pray

- that Jesus would reveal himself to Omanis in dreams and visions;
- for opportunities for foreign believers to show God's love in their workplaces through actions and words;
- that the Lord would protect His followers in Oman, who face persecution from family and community.

See more prayer requests at <https://www.pray-ap.info/oman.html>.

### *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>