

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



December 8, 2023

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts... (Co 3:15a).*

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

**NIGERIA:** We have prayed for many years for the release of Leah Sharibu, a student, then 14, kidnapped with others by Boko Haram in February 2018 and still held for her faith. Recently new, disturbing rumors have circulated, and her parents ask us to continue to pray for her release. See details at <https://tinyurl.com/leahsha20>, and a video at <https://tinyurl.com/leshvid>. Let's pray for Leah, that God would strengthen her—and for other “Leahs” being held.

**TOGO:** In a rare report, Togo's Minister of Security and Civilian Protection gave a summary of terrorist activity in the north, as jihadists in the Sahel seek to spread into the countries along the Gulf of Guinea. “During this year, 2023, our country experienced one attack by ambush, eleven clashes with armed terrorist groups, nine explosions of improvised explosive devices, and twenty discoveries and neutralization of improvised explosive devices.” Thirty-one people, including 11 civilians, have been killed and 29 injured, and 3 are missing. Please pray for Togo.

- Pray for the efforts of the Togolese government and troops to reinforce security, particularly in the Savanes Region where these attacks occur. The government is working to improve living conditions and job opportunities in the region; many young people join jihadist ranks to escape poverty.
- Pray for workers in this Muslim-dominated region. Pray they would have unprecedented opportunities to reach those who, as they see a different face of Islam, are questioning their faith and seeking hope and peace.
- Pray for those establishing new works in the midst of this tension. Pray for favor in the communities, for land, and for the provision of solid meeting places that cannot be easily burned or torn down.

### 2023 World Watch List: *Comoros (42/50)\**

The Union of the Comoros is made up of three main islands in the Indian Ocean, between Mozambique and Madagascar. Most Comorans are a mix of various peoples—Africans, Persians, Austronesians, Arabs—who settled on the islands over the centuries. Arab merchants brought Islam as early as the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Today, some 98% of Comorans are Sunni Muslims, and Arab is an official language, along with French and Comorian. Comoros was a French colony from 1841 to 1975, but the French respected their Islamic practices. There are a few Roman Catholic churches and fewer Protestant ones, mainly serving foreigners. Strict anti-conversion laws and a ban on sharing a faith other than Islam prevents any open evangelism, and the few Comoran believers risk fines and prison as well as family pressure to return to Islam. Let's pray

- for our brothers and sisters here, that they might find fellowship and opportunities to grow in Christ;
- for the 150,000+ Comorans living abroad (mainly in France), that they would learn of Jesus, find new life in Him, and share him with other Comorans around them and at home;
- for the children in Comoros, all of whom attend Quranic school for at least 2-3 years. Pray that at their tender age they would somehow encounter the God who created them and truly loves them.
- for workers on the islands, that as they serve they would be able to share Jesus.

### 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>