

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world (Jn 16:33).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

THE GAMBIA: A worker in this majority-Muslim nation writes: "There is a growing emphasis in the Islamic community to reject and impede Christianity here. Pray against this resistance, which has the potential to become persecution. Pray that believers will have wisdom as they evangelize and that they will remain steadfast in their commitment to Christ." Please pray as well "that God will continue to call Gambian pastors. THEY are the future of the church."

2023 World Watch List: *Jordan (47/50)**

The Middle Eastern nation of Jordan borders Israel and the West Bank to the west and is greatly affected by the ongoing war. Islam, the official religion, is followed by 97% of Jordan's 11.3 million people. Traditional churches (Orthodox, Roman Catholic) are tolerated; the few evangelical churches are more closely monitored. Muslims who turn to Christ, as well as those who encourage them in the faith, face persecution from family and the authorities. A worker who spent many years in this country notes, however, that "while Jordan is a Muslim country, there is little true spiritual hunger. A very small percentage of the population attends local mosques. Financial success and politics are the driving force in most people's lives." He shares the following information and prayer requests:

- Pray that God will create spiritual hunger in the hearts of the Jordanian people.
- Seventy percent of Jordanians are of Palestinian origins, so the current situation in Gaza has created great turmoil in Jordan. Even local Christians seem to be caught up in the anti-Israel sentiment. Pray that God will use this situation to draw the hearts of people to the Prince of Peace and that the body of Christ will act like Jesus' representatives in a difficult situation.
- Pray for the large refugee populations that continue to live in Jordan (Palestinian, Iraqi, and Syrian).
- Pray for the small Evangelical church in Jordan. Pray that it will use its limited freedoms to reach out to the majority Muslim population.

The Five Pillars of Islam: #1 Shahada (Creed)

The first words a baby born into a Muslim family hears is the statement of faith: "There is no God but Allah, and Mohammad is the Messenger of Allah." As the child grows, he learns that sincere repetition of this creed makes him (and indeed any person) a Muslim. On the basis of this creed, he must logically reject Christian theology, since Christians worship three gods (the Trinity misunderstood); consider Jesus the Son of God (God cannot have relations); and reject Mohammad as the last prophet, who has God's final word. **Let's pray** (1) that the Spirit would open their eyes to the Truth; (2) for supernatural revelations of Jesus; and (3) for courage for those who are seeking the true God. The consequences are serious; anyone who rejects this creed is a *kafir*, an infidel, and not part of the community.

For a video prayer concerning the shahada, see <https://www.prayercast.com/shahada-faith.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>