

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you... (Rev 15:4).*

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

**MALI:** The people of this Sahelian nation entered 2024 in uncertainty and fear, due to the ongoing activities both of Islamist terrorist groups and the armed forces fighting these groups, and the resurgence of separatists who seek to create an Islamic state in the north. As of December 31, all UN peacekeepers have left the country after more than 10 years, handing bases and equipment over to Mali's army. For two years now, soldiers belonging to the Russian mercenary Wagner Group have been working with the army to fight jihadists. Unfortunately, in many cases innocent citizens—forced by terrorists to dress like Muslims—are mistaken for the enemy and killed. More than 440,000 people are currently displaced. But—several thousand believers in Mali have entered 2024 in the hope of Jesus and the certainty of eternal life! A leader in the Mali Assemblies of God shares several prayer requests:

- “Pray that this change [of personnel involved in the ongoing war against jihadists] would work in favor of the Church.” For the most part, churches have been able to meet in peace; pray this would continue.
- Pray for an upcoming meeting of AG pastors, for their safety as they travel, and “that the Holy Spirit would impart new strength to this pastoral body to meet the challenges of these times.”
- Pray for the 12 couples studying in the Bible school, and that the Lord would call more pastors and workers.
- Despite the conflicts, the number of AG churches has grown over the past few years, to more than 100. However, only three remain open in the northern part of the country. May the Lord use these faithful people in great ways to share His hope, love, and life.

See images and more prayer requests for Mali in this short video: <https://www.prayercast.com/mali.html>

**TOGO:** Due to terrorist threats and attacks, bandits, and herder-farmer disputes, many pastors and members of churches along the northern border, both from Togo and from Burkina Faso, have moved to a more secure city in Togo's Savanes Region, reports a Togo Assemblies of God church leader. Some have lost their homes and small farms, and their churches are closed for the time being. Please pray

- that the Lord would encourage these pastors and members, strengthen their faith, and meet their various needs, and that their testimony of His faithfulness would draw others to Him;
- for wisdom for the national-church leaders and for the local churches in the affected region as they determine how best to help these displaced pastors and members;
- for God's gracious intervention in the lives of those who oppose His people, that they might come to know Jesus and His salvation.

### 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>