

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1Co 1:18).*

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

**DR CONGO:** A pastor in a city in eastern DRC asks us to pray for his church, which from Wednesday to Friday (today) has been hosting a training seminar concerning reaching Muslims. Muslims are a minority in DRC, but their numbers and influence are growing. This city has the second-highest concentration in the nation, with 15% of its people following Islam. Pray that during this seminar the Holy Spirit would instill in these church members a burden to reach their Muslim neighbors with love and with a greater understanding of their beliefs and needs.

**THE GAMBIA:** Last week we prayed for a small group of believers in a village in Gambia who currently have no pastor. This past Sunday, workers had the opportunity to accompany a pastor/interpreter to visit these believers. A worker reports, "The man that interpreted is the one who first brought the gospel to that village. He introduced us to them and is working to interpret for us for the next couple months, but he has his own church on the other side of the river so he can't do it long term." Praise God for this answer to prayer! Please continue to pray

- for an interpreter who can serve regularly;
- for wisdom and favor as workers build relationships with these brothers and sisters and disciple them;
- for the spiritual growth of each member, and that their witness in the community would draw others to Jesus. Most of the people in the village follow Islam mixed with animistic practices.

### 2024 World Watch List: *Somalia (2/50)\**

The nation of Somalia, on the Horn of Africa, juts into the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden and lies just below the Arabian Peninsula. Traders introduced Islam there in the 800s, and today it is Somalia's official religion. The number of Christians is estimated at only a few hundred, in a country of some 18 million. They risk great persecution—loss of family, status, and even their lives—if their faith becomes known or even suspected, and must meet, worship, or study God's Word in secret. The Somalia-based Al-Shabaab, an al-Qaida-linked extremist group, controls the southern and much of the central parts of the nation. This group seeks to unite all Somalis under Islamic rule, and aggressively hunts Christians, especially leaders, not only in Somalia, but in Kenya and surrounding countries. Let's pray

- for the believers here, that the Lord would protect and encourage them, give them opportunities for fellowship, and grant them wisdom and boldness as they live out their faith before others;
- for the estimated 2 million Somalis living outside their country, many in free nations, that they might hear the gospel, follow Jesus, and influence their families and compatriots;
- for Somali's government as they fight to regain control of territory from al-Shabaab. Pray that the Spirit would move in the hearts of government leaders, soldiers, and the jihadis themselves, to draw them to Jesus.

### Prayer Resources

\*The 2024 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most: <http://tinyurl.com/2024wwl>

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>