

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household” (Ac 16:31).

Today’s Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

HORN OF AFRICA: The Horn of Africa, the horn-shaped, easternmost peninsula on the continent, is comprised of Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia; some lists include Sudan and South Sudan. Mohammad himself sent some of his disciples to this region, and Islam dominates to this day. Most of these nations are closed to traditional missionaries, and believers face great persecution. But God’s Spirit is not bound! A worker shares these requests:

- “There are great, but difficult, opportunities to plant churches among Muslims in the countries [nearby] where we do have churches, such as Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, and Tanzania.” *Pray that the Lord would bless these efforts, and that immigrants from the closed nations would find Jesus and have opportunities to share Him with their countrymen.*
- “The greatest need is workers from these churches to go to those Muslim neighbors with the gospel, but often the biggest barrier is fear.” *Pray that the Holy Spirit would replace this fear with His love and compassion!*
- Teams have been able to enter some closed areas to serve the people and establish congregations. *Pray for favor for these workers as they build relationships, offer various services, and share Jesus’ love.*

In the News: Senegal

Last Saturday Senegal’s president called off the February 25 presidential elections, citing disputes about certain candidates. Amid protests, the Parliament on Monday approved an election date of December 15. This strongly Muslim country, westernmost of the Sahel nations, has avoided the coups and instability plaguing so many others and have held regular, peaceful elections, so this development is very concerning. *Pray for peace and for God’s work here.*

The Five Pillars of Islam: #3 Zakat (Charity)

“By no means shall you attain righteousness unless you give of that which you love” (Surah 3:92). The Koran thus obligates Muslims to give *zakat*, a minimum of 2.5% of their net worth, to needy people within the *ummah* (Muslim community). The Muslim World League lists the recipients of these funds as “the poor and needy, struggling Muslim converts, people in debt, soldiers fighting to protect the Muslim community, and those stranded during their travels.” Beyond the minimal *zakat*, people can also give *sadaqa*, a voluntary donation or act of kindness that, according to one hadith, “extinguishes sin as water extinguishes fire.” *Zakat* may be given directly or to an authorized collector or charity that distributes it. Because only Muslims can receive *zakat*, this giving tempts many to convert to Islam. Donations also finance jihadists, who defend and spread Islam. (See <https://www.prayercast.com/zakat-charity.html>)

- Pray that Muslims would see that these actions can never remove their sin or bring them salvation. Pray that they would find salvation in Jesus and give from a heart of love.
- Pray for people (Christians included) who are tempted to embrace Islam for economic benefit. Pray that believers would cling to the Lord and testify of His faithful provision.
- Pray for divine disruption of the flow of funds to jihadist groups.

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>