

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

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Intercede for the Muslim World!

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain (Ps 127:1a)

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

GUINEA: We praise God for the growing numbers of churches established by the Assemblies of God of Guinea in this Muslim-dominated nation over the past few years. Many need their own place of worship, and a worker asks us to pray that church-building projects that were planned more than a year ago can be accomplished within the next few months. Church leaders in Guinea have purchased property on which to erect “tabernacles”—roofed steel structures—to serve local congregations. However, various factors have prevented these projects from starting, and the congregations risk losing their land if construction does not start soon. Please pray

- that the Lord would protect each piece of property from those who oppose these projects;
- for “wisdom, resources, and direction” for leaders who are putting together several building teams from within Guinea and overseas, and that all preparations would go smoothly;
- for political stability in the country, which recently has seen its government dissolved.

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: This past year seven growing congregations were able to start meeting in their own tabernacle. Four assemblies in areas that are particular Muslim strongholds will also soon benefit from a building. Pray that these may be erected soon, and that these building and the believers would be a great blessing to their respective communities.

*2024 World Watch List: Libya (3/50)**

Since the fall of Libya's longtime leader, Muammar Qadhafi, in 2011, the 7 million people in this North African nation have lived in an environment of anarchy. A recognized provisional Government of National Unity rules in the west, and a Government of National Stability in the east—but there is neither unity nor stability. Islam is the state religion, and any Christian risks persecution, even if they are foreigners from a non-Muslim background. Libyans who leave Islam to follow Jesus face persecution from family and community in the form of kidnapping, abuse, house arrest, and ostracism. Islamic extremists have targeted and killed believers, and security forces arrested Libyan and foreign Christians last March. Let's pray:

- for the few evangelical believers (an estimated 0.16% of the population), that they would have opportunities to meet underground and grow together in the faith, and for greater access to discipleship resources;
- for six Libyans arrested last March for sharing their faith. They and a Pakistani brother are still being held and may face the death penalty. Open Doors reports, “Their fate isn't known yet, at the time of writing, but the arrest is having an effect the persecutors never predicted—more and more people are becoming curious about Christianity for the first time, because of the incident.” May many find their way to Jesus!
- for the tens of thousands of sub-Saharan Africans working in or traversing Libya to reach Europe. Many are abused, trafficked, even sold as slaves. Pray for the Christians among them and their witness to others.
- that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of leaders of the government factions, military groups, and jihadist groups, and reveal Jesus to them.

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>