

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe... (Ps 107:2).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

NIGER: Praise God that in this Muslim land, churches are largely free to worship and minister, and have a positive impact in the communities. One Assemblies of God primary/high school now runs some 1,200 students, most from Muslim homes. Two AG Bible schools and a layworkers school are preparing more workers for ministry—but many more are needed! The director of one Bible school asks us to *pray* (1) “that the Church would commit itself fully to discipleship training to further the Kingdom; (2) for revival in the AG-Niger; (3) for the commitment of our Bible school teachers to effective training, and (4) that the Lord would continue to provide quality teachers for our schools.”

SENEGAL: This Muslim-majority nation is preparing for its presidential election, to be held on March 24, nearly a month after it was originally scheduled. On February 3, the current president suddenly called off the election, triggering protests that caused the death of at least three people, as many accused the two-term leader of trying to cling to power. Last week the government set the new date, with a second round of voting to be held if necessary on April 1. Nineteen candidates are campaigning—one from behind bars. *Pray for peace as voters go to the polls*, particularly during this month of Ramadan, a time when people are under great stress due to the rigors of fasting. One worker writes, “There has been some violence between parties. It’s close to our neighborhood—prayers are needed.”

2024 World Watch List: *Nigeria (6/50)**

The West African nation of Nigeria retains its ranking as #6 on the list of the 50 nations where Christians face the most persecution. It also remains the most dangerous country in terms of violence against believers. While the home-grown Boko Haram Islamist group has splintered and controls less territory, the Islamic State–West Africa Province, Muslim Fulani herdsmen, and opportunistic bandits continue to terrorize towns and villages. Criminals and extremist groups alike find kidnapping an effective means of gaining money or servants, fighters, even wives and sex slaves. Though it is illegal to pay a ransom, the lack of effective government intervention leads many people to pay when possible. Over the past three weeks alone, dozens of people were kidnapped from Christian homes in Kaduna State; at least 200, mostly women and girls, were snatched as they gathered firewood in Borno State; some 280 young schoolchildren in Kaduna State were abducted as they began the school day; and two days later 15 children were taken from their beds at their boarding school. Let’s pray for these victims and for the people of Nigeria.

- Pray for God’s hand of protection over these women and children, and for their release and safe return home.
- Pray for the families and communities of these victims, that true believers would cling to Jesus, see His faithfulness and miraculous answers to their prayers, and bring others to faith in Him.
- Some of the kidnapped are Muslims, and they are also used and abused. Pray that as they see the true face of Islam, they would seek to know the true God, and that Jesus followers among them might lead them to Jesus.
- Pray for the national and local government authorities, that they would hear the pleas of citizens and act wisely and effectively to counter the terrorism.

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>