

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*Through him [Jesus] everyone who believes is set free from every sin... (Ac 13:39a).*

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

**THE GAMBIA:** A few months ago a team asked us to pray for God's direction in establishing relationships and determining a platform for ministry in the Muslim village where they have settled. They began gardening and raising cashews, to the great interest of their neighbors. "We are pursuing the cashews and gardens for relationships and church planting," says the team leader. "Our vision is coming together: every four villages, a well, a garden, and a church, until there is a church within walking distance of every [person]. We are in the process of planting our first church. Today [Tuesday] we are visiting another village to make contacts there. As we make our way up the river, we pray for open doors and hopefully pockets or families who are believers." Please pray

- that the Spirit would guide these workers to key "people of peace" who are open to helping them built rapport—and eventually a work—in each community they visit;
- for greater proficiency as the team members study and use the local language;
- for great favor as they serve the people through agriculture, wells, and others means as the Lord leads.

### *In the News: Uganda*

Although less than 15% of Uganda's population follows Islam, terrorist activity targeting believers has been increasing. On March 8, in an eastern town, a church member who had been preaching on the street despite warnings from Islamists, was kidnapped and found dead the next day. A note in Arabic left with the body read, "We had warned you not to convert our Muslim brothers and sisters.... This has finally cost your life." Pray that the martyrdom of this man and other Ugandan believers would strengthen the Church and lead to the salvation of many Muslims!

### *2024 World Watch List: Yemen (5/50)\**

The Republic of Yemen is the southernmost nation on the Arabian Peninsula. Nearly all of its estimated 35 million people follow Islam, the official religion. Most of the few evangelical believers are former Muslims, and they face excommunication, arrest, even death for their faith. For 10 years, civil war has raged between the rebel Shia Houthis, armed by Iran, and the Sunni government. In the north, Houthis especially target Christians and reward those who spy on and turn in believers, while Al-Qaida persecutes them in the south. The recent Houthi attacks on ships in the Red Sea is adding to the economic devastation in Yemen. As shipping is disrupted, supplies are scarce and prices rise, and Christians are last in line to receive any aid. Let's pray for Yemen.

- Pray that the Lord would protect and encourage our brothers and sisters here and grant them opportunities to meet (usually in secret) and to study His Word and grow in grace.
- Christians are often falsely perceived as political agents of the West. Pray that their lives and discreet witness would convince others that Jesus offers to *all* people a place in His heavenly kingdom.
- Pray for the salvation of many Yemenis who have immigrated to nations where they can freely hear the gospel, and that they would seize opportunities to share this Good News with their countrymen.

### *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>