

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him (2 Sa 22:31).*

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

**COTE D'IVOIRE:** Please pray for open doors and workers in two regions of Cote d'Ivoire:

- Pray for a spiritual breakthrough in neighborhoods dominated by a certain ethnic group in a central city. While there are many churches in and around the city, report local pastors, these Muslim/animist inhabitants refuse any attempt to begin a work among them, and destroyed the one church that had been there. Pray that the Lord would reveal himself to people in this community so the gospel might be welcomed.
- Continue to pray for the establishment of a team to reach the large Lebanese community in the capital city. Mission leaders report, "We found that there has been an intercessory prayer group in the area for four years praying for Lebanese and Arabs to come to salvation." Pray that God would raise up workers, especially those who speak French and/or Arabic, and that He would lead them to key people in the city who can help launch and develop a church among this largely unreached group.

### *In the News: Senegal*

*Praise God for answered prayer!* Elections in Senegal this past Sunday went smoothly, as did the concessions to the winner, an opposition leader. Pray that the new president would grant favor to churches and believers in this Muslim-dominated nation, and continue to allow freedom to share the Good News and to establish churches, schools, kids clubs, and other means of outreach and service to bless the people of Senegal.

### **2024 World Watch List: Pakistan (7/50)\***

A 13-year-old girl is kidnapped and forced to convert to Islam and marry an older man. A young man repels attempts to convert him to Islam and is falsely accused of blasphemy and jailed. These and many other recent cases are typical of the persecution Christian believers face at the hands of neighbors, authorities, and radical Muslims in the Islamic nation of Pakistan. Those who leave Islam to follow Jesus are especially oppressed by their families and communities. Strict laws against blaspheming any aspect of Islam are used against all minorities; Christians—less than 2% of the population—are the group most victimized by the (usually contrived) allegations. Churches are closely monitored, particularly those suspected of reaching out to Muslims. Let's pray for Pakistan.

- Pray that believers would be encouraged and emboldened by the Spirit to live out their faith in a society that demeans them. Christians, often called *chura* ("filthy") are given the lowest, most dangerous jobs.
- Pray for the children, that they would learn of Jesus' love and follow Him. About 40% of Pakistan's 244 million people is under 15. Many are subjected to forced labor. Children from Christian homes are often shunned at school and forced to learn the Koran. Muslim children have little opportunity to hear the gospel.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up more workers and provide them with ministry platforms that allow them to serve the unreached. Pakistan has some 850 people groups, of which only 6 are considered reached.

### **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>