

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

Therefore he [Jesus] is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them (He 7:25).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

MOZAMBIQUE: After some months of relative calm, fresh attacks by the local Islamic extremist group Al-Shabaab have caused more than 112,000 to flee their homes in the northern Cabo Delgado province since December 22. Al-Shabaab is not related to the Somalian group with the same name, but is affiliated with the Islamic State–Mozambique Province. This group especially prides itself on targeting Christians; a propaganda poster brags about the ramifications of these attacks: “Great economic losses. Global Crusader companies stopping work. Large wave of displacement of Christians from their villages.” Please pray

- for the tens of thousands of people who have fled their homes, some many times since attacks began in 2017;
- that the Lord would encourage and strengthen church leaders and believers, so that, even as they cope with their own losses, they would be a vibrant testimony of hope and point others to Jesus;
- that the Holy Spirit would intervene in the lives of jihadists, revealing Christ to them.

NORTH AFRICA: Nearly a dozen believers arrested for their faith last year in a North African nation are currently facing court trials. A workers asks us to pray

- “that the believers would stand strong, bold, and gracious in their court trials;
- “for unity among the fellow believers to stand together;
- “for gracious spirits when there is disagreement as to how to proceed.”

The Five Pillars of Islam: #4 Sawm (Fasting)

The fourth pillar of Islam is fasting, and beginning March 10 Muslims around the world will observe Ramadan, their month of fasting. During Ramadan, from dawn to dark, Muslims abstain from all food and drink, even water. As they sense their own hunger and weakness, they strive to focus more on Allah, seek forgiveness, and identify more with those in need. Many read through the Koran and give extra alms, believing that their efforts during this month will bring extra blessing from Allah. After the sun sets and evening prayers are recited, they gather with family or in the mosque for the *iftar* meal. They satisfy their physical hunger—but the gnawing spiritual hunger remains. Let's pray

- that as Muslims reflect on Allah, the Holy Spirit would reveal to them the True God;
- that many would experience a growing sense of dissatisfaction in the rituals, have the courage to question their own beliefs, and seek the way of salvation;
- that Christ-followers would have divine opportunities to share with Muslim neighbors.

For a short prayer video on this subject, see <https://www.prayercast.com/sawm-fasting.html>.

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>