

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1Co 1:18).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

MOROCCO: According to a worker, thousands of people are still suffering from last September's deadly earthquake near Marrakesh. Some suffer physically and economically, but the most serious issue is the emotional trauma that deeply affects many. The suicide rate has risen as many give in to their hopelessness. Praise God, many leaders in the international churches in the country have been trained to provide trauma counseling. Pray that as they guide people toward emotional healing, they would have divine opportunities to lead them to the One who gives eternal Hope.

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: A worker in a Muslim-majority nation shares several requests:

- Pray that authorities would allow an international fellowship to purchase the building where they are currently renting space, allowing them greater flexibility for activities and ministry.
- Pray that God would open the door for a certain Arabic-speaking pastor from another country to come work with this fellowship and to begin a house church.
- While Christian expatriates in this nation are allowed to meet and worship, citizens are forbidden to join them. Recently, however, two locals attended a meeting, were saved, and are now being disciplined. Pray for their protection, spiritual growth, and witness to others—and that the Spirit would draw others in to hear!

2024 World Watch List: *Afghanistan (10/50)**

Nearly all of the some 40 million people in this Southern Asian nation follow Islam. The Taliban, an extremist group created in 1994, ruled Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001 and took control again in August 2021. Even though no country recognizes its governance, the Taliban rules with an iron fist, imposing strict Islamic law. Women and girls have lost their former rights to jobs and education. Sanctions against the country, the decline of opium exports, and high unemployment have brought economic disaster; more than 90% now live in poverty. Christians are not tolerated and find no support from family, community, or state. House churches have been sought out and closed, and impoverished people are paid to inform on secret believers. Let's pray for Afghanistan.

- Pray for God's protection over the few believers here, and that they would sense Jesus' presence with them.
- When the Taliban retook the nation in 2021, most Christians fled, and those left behind have even less opportunity for fellowship and support. Pray that the Holy Spirit would lead these believers to sources—other people or various media—that can help nurture and encourage them in the faith.
- Pray for the hundreds of thousands of Afghans refugees living in camps in surrounding countries, that they might hear the Good News of Jesus through believers living or serving in the camps.
- Pray that the Spirit would move in the hearts of Taliban leaders and other extremists, revealing the Truth to them through dreams, visions, and divine encounters.

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>