Jumaa Prayer
for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

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Intercede for the Muslim World!
Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always (1Ch 16:11).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

BURKINA FASO: A church leader shares several prayer requests concerning a city and area in central Burkina Faso, a Sahelian nation where Islamic extremists now control at least 40% of the land:

- Many Assemblies of God (and other) churches in the area had to close due to jihadist activity. The situation is calmer, but many churches lack the resources to reopen. Pray that the Lord would provide the needed materials and personnel to relaunch these works.
- The Bible school in the area has had to meet in a safer location over the past few years, but is now is planning to return to its campus. Pray for the resources needed to make the needed repairs so the campus can reopen.
- Pray for pastors and workers who have lost their livelihoods. May their stories of miraculous provision bring glory to God and draw many to Him.

Over the past few years, many Muslims fled jihadists in the north and found refuge in this area. Through the love and witness of believers, many found their Savior as well! Some are returning home; pray that they will stand firm in the faith and share the Good News with others in their villages.

*2024 World Watch List: Syria (12/50)**

The city of Damascus, Syria's capital, has been inhabited since the third millennium B.C. Here a newly converted Paul preached the gospel. Here the first Islamic caliphate was established in the year 661. Over the years, Muslim rulers subjugated, drove out, and dominated the Christian majority. Today 89% of Syria's 23 million people are Muslims, while the estimated number of Christians ranges from 2.8 to 5.4% of the population. Most of these belong to traditional churches; the few evangelical believers (estimated at 0.17%), are foreigners or converts from Islam. Christians in general are targets of Islamic extremists, and those who have left Islam and/or are part of non-traditional (evangelical, Pentecostal) churches face oppression from the government and from family. Let's pray for Syria.

- Civil war here is now in its 14th year, and Syrians are war-weary. Most Christians have fled, but some have stayed to minister to their countrymen. Pray God would use His people to bring many into the Kingdom.
- The earthquake that rocked Turkey and northern Syria in February 2023 left some 3.5 million people in Syria alone destitute and traumatized. Pray for strength and resources for churches and believers who continue to care for victims, and that through their witness many would find Jesus and the total healing and life He gives.
- Pray for the leaders and the various actors in the political/religious civil war, that the Holy Spirit would move in their lives and hearts, reveal Jesus to them, and draw them back to the Father.

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.icommittopray.com/

To help you answer Muslims' questions about God's Word: http://muslimsask.com/, http://answeringislam.org/, and https://jesustomuslims.org