

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



April 5, 2024

## Intercede for the Muslim World!

...may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great" (Ps 70:4)!

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

**SENSITIVE COUNTRY:** Please pray for a team that is being formed to serve in a Muslim-majority African nation.

- A leader reports that nearly all who have responded to the call to join this team are women—and the current opportunities concern women and thus require women to meet their needs. ***Pray that the team members and leader would soon be finalized and for their training and preparation over the coming months.***
- For some time now, the Spirit has been moving among the second-largest people group here, particularly among the women. They need encouragement and discipleship teaching and resources. ***Pray that the Lord would keep these ladies close to Him, protect them, and give them opportunities to share His love.***
- Women here who become pregnant out of wedlock (usually as a result of rape) are jailed for several years. When they and their child are released, they often have nowhere to go. ***Pray for God's provision for them.***

### *Pray for Muslims during Laylat al-Qadr*

This coming week Muslims observe the most special night of Ramadan, *Laylat al-Qadr*; the Night of Power, commemorating the moment Muhammad received the first verses of the Quran from the angel Gabriel. The Quran claims that worshiping Allah during this night counts as worship for a thousand months and brings particular mercy, blessing, and forgiveness. Many will stay at the mosque late into the night to pray and worship on the 27<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan to receive the extra blessing. But Allah has chosen to conceal which of the last 10 nights of Ramadan this Night of Power actually occurs, so the worshiper can never be assured his acts of devotion will count. ***Please pray that the Lord would reveal himself to those seeking to know God and His assurance of salvation and eternal life.***

### *2024 World Watch List: Iran (9/50)\**

In the Islamic Republic of Iran, leaving Islam is illegal, and Muslims who do so risk arrest, long prison sentences, beatings, loss of employment and inheritance, and the dissolution of their marriage. Despite the risks, many disillusioned Iranians are turning to Jesus; many analysts believe the evangelical church is growing faster in Iran than anywhere else. Let's pray that many more will join the family of God.

- ***Pray for the protection of believers;*** 2023 saw an uptick in the number of Christians arrested and imprisoned. Those found distributing Bibles, joining a house church, associating with Muslims, or worshiping or reading the Bible in Farsi, the national language, are considered threats to national security and targeted
- Iranians recently celebrated Persian New Year, marking the new life that spring brings. Believers in and outside Iran made a concerted effort to share the New Life Jesus offers with their families, friends, and tourists. ***Pray that the Spirit would move in the hearts of those who heard and who accepted Bibles.***
- ***Pray for those who lead house churches,*** that they may wisely teach the people proper doctrine and lead them to experience the baptism in the Holy Spirit, essential for their spiritual growth and witness.

### *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>