

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

I [Jesus] have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness (Jn 12:46).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

BENIN: Jihadists have been moving into various villages in the north, imposing Islamic rules, demanding a tax to ensure protection, and recruiting young people. Pray that Jesus would reveal himself to them, encourage and strengthen the churches and believers, and use His people to bring neighbors and jihadists alike to himself.

In the News: Germany

In the land of Martin Luther, today just under 50% of the 83.3 million people claim to be Christians; perhaps 2% are evangelical/Pentecostal believers. Some 42% of Germans follow no religion. As Germans leave faith behind, Muslims—some there for decades, others new immigrants—are practicing and propagating Islam. Muslims now make up more than 6% of Germany's population, and in some cities 80% of the students in the local schools are Muslims. A recent study notes the pressures that "Christian" children feel to conform and even convert to Islam (<https://tinyurl.com/gerislam>). Let's pray

- that every child in Germany, whether from a Christian, Muslim, or irreligious family, would have an opportunity to hear a clear message about Jesus and to make the choice to follow Him;
- that Muslim immigrants from closed nations, some disillusioned by Islam and seeking alternatives in a free nation, would not simply reject religion, but meet true believers who can point them to eternal life;
- that God would use Pentecostal believers in Germany to intercede for and reach out to Muslims there. Many of these believers are immigrants from Africa and can relate to these migrants' situation and even religion.

*2024 World Watch List: Saudi Arabia (13/50)**

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is the birthplace of Islam, and every able Muslim is to take part in the *Hajj* pilgrimage to the city of Mecca at least once during his or her life. According to its embassy website, "The Holy Qur'an is the constitution of the Kingdom and Shari'ah (Islamic law) is the basis of the Saudi legal system." Some 90% of the 37 million inhabitants are Arabs. Saudi citizens cannot leave Islam, so those who chose to follow Jesus do so in secret. The many migrants, mainly from low-income nations in Asia and Africa, are vulnerable to abuse, and Muslims among them who turn to Christ face persecution from those of their own country and from Saudis. Witnessing to Muslims is illegal, and even expatriate Christians meet under great restrictions. Let's pray for the people of Saudi Arabia.

- Pray for our brothers and sisters, citizens and foreigners, that they might find fellowship, have opportunities to learn God's Word and grow in their faith, and sense the sustaining presence and joy of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for wisdom and protection for workers who seek to share the Good News with Saudis, through direct contact or through various media, and for opportunities to follow up seekers to ground them in their faith.
- Pray that the Spirit would use government leaders. The Crown Prince seeks to implement a more moderate form of Islam, and greater laxity allows people to consider other options. Atheism is particularly attractive to many; up to 5% admit to being atheists. Pray that many (including these leaders!) would consider Jesus.

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>