

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! (Ps 113:3, ESV)

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

BENIN: This West African nation borders the Sahel countries of Niger and Burkina Faso. National parks in the north have been closed for several years, as jihadists have set up camps from which to work their way south. Seven soldiers were killed in a park two weeks ago. A pastor asks for prayer for the people and churches in northern Benin:

- “They are kept in the blood of Jesus, but they are living in fear, worried about the movement of soldiers here and there.” Pray they would sense God’s peace that passes understanding and share it with others.
- “Refugees from Burkina Faso and Niger are flooding our churches. Thus, we need prayer and material helps like clothes, building materials and foodstock, etc., and prayers for the bereaved families.”
- Niger’s border remains closed to Benin, which causes severe economic repercussions, especially for those who make their living by trade and transport. Please pray that Christians, Muslims, and animists alike would see God’s provision and acknowledge Him, for His glory. Pray for peace between these two nations.

GUINEA-CONAKRY: Let’s continue to intercede for the teams placing tabernacles for churches in this Muslim nation. The Enemy is not happy to see God’s Church advance! Heavy rains have slowed the shipment of the container of materials. The team worked in rain at the first site, then their borrowed vehicle broke down. They ask for prayer for good weather; that the container would arrive and clear customs quickly; for the safe arrival of more team members from other nations; and that the Lord would encourage them and the church leaders in the face of “minor setbacks.”

2024 World Watch List: *Maldives (18/50)**

Lying to the southwest of India in the Indian Ocean, this tropical country of 1,200 corals islands bases its economy on tourism and fishing. Officially, all 400,000+ citizens follow Sunni Islam, the State religion. Any suspected deviation from Islam is quickly noted and reported to family and authorities. According to *sharia* (Islamic law), anyone leaving Islam loses his citizenship and benefits, and often his family. The few believers keep their faith secret, often to the point where even their spouse and children do not know they are following Jesus. Foreigners working in the country keep a low profile, and the Islamic Council has warned travel agents and employers to be sure that expats they oversee respect and live by Islamic values. Let’s pray for the people of the Maldives.

- Pray that Christ-followers would sense His presence and love, and have divinely appointed opportunities to fellowship with others and to study God’s Word. The New Testament is available in their Dhivehi language.
- Most people live in great fear of the evil eye and spirits; pray that this fear would drive them to seek beyond the “learned men” they consult and find Jesus. Pray they would see Jesus in dreams and visions.
- Pray that whole families would come to Jesus and grow together. Pray for healing in families; the divorce rate in the Maldives is around 85%.
- Pray that the new president, elected last September, would take steps toward allowing religious freedom.

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>