

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

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Intercede for the Muslim World!

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. (Ps 31.24).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

BENIN: This past week, 70 soldiers were killed in attacks on two military posts in Benin's northeastern-most region. JNIM, an al-Qaida-linked terrorist group, claimed responsibility for the coordinated assaults. Let's pray

- for the families of those who lost their lives, that they be comforted and provided for;
- for the Assemblies of God and other churches in this Muslim-dominated area, that the Lord would protect them and use the pastors and members to bring hope to people living in fear;
- that God would thwart the southward advance of jihadists from the Sahel nations, and reveal Jesus to them.

In the News: Afghanistan

Pray that the Lord would make a way for Christian humanitarian non-government organizations (NGOs) and ministries to reopen in Afghanistan. Most have been shut down under the Taliban government. All NGOs must register, and strict rules apply "to prevent the operations of NGOs deemed critical or undesirable" to the Taliban's Islamic tenets. NGOs are sometimes accused of espionage, and face pressure to divert much of the aid to Taliban members and supporters. Please pray

- that the Holy Spirit would show Christian workers creative ways to access needy people;
- that the Lord would lead Christian workers to a sympathetic "person (or people) of peace" in Afghanistan who can help them to legally establish their ministries;
- that true believers working in the UN and other secular organizations there would find opportunities to build relationships and share God's hope with fellow workers and seekers they meet.

2025 World Watch List : Yemen (3/50)*

Yemen lies on the Arabian Peninsula, south of Saudi Arabia. Virtually all its 34 million citizens are Muslims. Civil war has left Yemen a divided nation, with an internationally recognized government, a separatist Transitional Council, and the rebel Houthis all vying for power—and all hostile to non-Muslims. Al-Qaida and Islamic State militants control certain zones. The handful of Yemeni Christians must meet in secret, hide any Bibles or Christian literature, and take precautions as they access Christian websites. If their faith is discovered, believers face the loss of their spouse and children, their status in the community, and possibly their lives. Some Yemenis, disillusioned with Islam, are chatting with secret believers online. Let's pray

- that Jesus would reveal himself to Yemenis in dreams and visions, and the Spirit would lead them to believers, in person or online, who can answer their questions and lead them to salvation.
- for provisions for Christians in this impoverished land; most aid is distributed by and to Muslims.
- for Houthi leaders and fighters, that they would find eternal life in Jesus. These rebels, a Zaidi Shia minority sect, have gained great political and military power over the years and aim to rule all of Yemen.

Prayer Resources

*The 2025 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most: <https://tinyurl.com/2025wwl>

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/KENYA>

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>