

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

July 4, 2025

Intercede for the Muslim World!

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth (Ps 145:18).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

THE SAHEL: *Jama'at Nusrat al Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM)*, an al-Qaida-linked jihadist coalition, has become the strongest militant force in West Africa. Formed in 2017 in northern Mali, JNIM's 6,000 operatives now spread from western Mali to northern Benin. To date they have slain some 6,000 civilians – both Muslim and Christian – most for disobeying JNIM injunctions. JNIM seeks to set itself up in rural communities as a parallel government, exacting taxes for protection, imposing its dress and behavior, replacing secular education with Salafist Islamic teaching, and recruiting fighters. But the Lord also has His Church, His people, scattered throughout these communities. Please pray

- for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on believers, empowering them to stand firm, to love their neighbors and enemies alike, and to shine as beacons of hope in the midst of oppression;
- for God's mercy on JNIM fighters, that they would see revelations of Jesus and seek His love and Truth;
- for divine intervention to halt JNIM's efforts to advance southward to the Atlantic Coast.

NIGERIA: Please pray for the people of Nigeria, particularly in the north and central regions, who live and work in a climate of instability and tension as terrorist attacks continue. On June 13-14, jihadists attacked a central, predominately Christian village, burning homes and market buildings where some 500 already displaced people were sleeping. They left an estimated 200 dead, and reportedly destroyed a year's worth of staple crops. *Pray for families who have lost loved ones and goods. Pray that those who live in the hope of Jesus would be able to share this eternal hope with Muslims and others among them who desperately need it.*

In the News

IRAN: A major news outlet reports, "Iranian authorities are pivoting from a ceasefire with Israel to intensify an internal security crackdown across the country with mass arrests, executions and military deployments . . . according to officials and activists." Evangelical Christians, most of whom left Islam to follow Jesus, have long been considered "enemies of the state" and their house churches "Zionist propaganda organizations." The heightened crackdown on even suspected "dissident" voices puts them in still greater danger. Let's pray for these brothers and sisters.

- Pray for God's protection over the house churches, leaders, and members as they worship and seek Him.
- Pray for believers, especially in the north, who are taking in refugees from other areas, that they would have opportunities to share with them Jesus' love and offer of salvation.
- Pray for believers who are leaving the cities to seek safety in their natal villages, that they may have open doors of witness to family and friends there.

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>