

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

December 26, 2025

Intercede for the Muslim World!

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (La 3:22-23).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

BENIN: A worker, recently retired from pastoral ministry, remains active in evangelism and intercession, particularly for Muslims and other unreached peoples in and beyond Benin. As well as hosting a prayer group in his home, he has provided two houses in different cities for local church members and believers to come pray, individually and collectively. ***Pray that the Lord would bless this prayer ministry and use it to mobilize many to reach out to Muslim neighbors, and for resources to complete the construction of one of the houses to serve more intercessors.***

This worker notes that pastors and home missionaries in northern Benin are struggling as fear of terrorist attacks prevents many members from attending church meetings and activities.

- Pray that the Lord would calm these fears, fill His people with peace, and lead them in wisdom as they live with this daily threat.
- Pray that God would encourage and provide for struggling church leaders. May their testimonies of God's faithfulness serve to strengthen Christians and be a great witness to Muslim seekers.

NIGERIA: One month ago, we prayed for the victims of several kidnappings in Nigeria, where Islamic groups use ransom money to fund their activities. ***We praise God*** that all students and staff kidnapped from the Catholic school on November 21 have been released and reunited with their families. Fifty escaped soon after the kidnapping, and another 100 were freed on December 8. The last 130 were released on December 21, and officials say that all the victims have been accounted for. The Muslim girls taken from their boarding school on November 17 have also been freed, as well as the 35 worshipers taken from a church meeting on November 19. In all these cases, the conditions of the release of the victims has not been disclosed. Please continue to pray

- for these victims and their families, especially that they would find complete healing and life in Jesus;
- for the release of those who remain in captivity, including 11 members of a Pentecostal church and dozens of villagers taken in another state;
- that the Holy Spirit would intervene in the lives of jihadists, bringing conviction and the hope of Jesus.

Pray for the safety of schoolchildren in northern Nigeria. After the spate of kidnappings in November, many schools were ordered to close. Some have reopened, but the threat persists, and children cannot study in peace.

In the News

As the world welcomes 2026, several major cities, most notably Paris, have either canceled or scaled back mass New Year's Eve events, citing growing insecurity. The elevated risk of attacks on crowds during such events, as well the December 14 Bondi Beach (Australia) mass shooting and the arrests of terrorists plotting holiday attacks in Germany and the US, factor into these decisions. Churches worldwide, especially in Muslim-majority areas, also face threats of attack as believers meet. ***Pray that God in His mercy would watch over all New Year's events.***

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://www.facebook.com/SayHelloInfo>

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 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://www.releaseinternational.org/>, <https://www.persecution.org/>, and <https://www.persecution.com/>

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>