

# Jumaa Prayer

*for the Muslims of Africa and beyond*

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## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled (Mt 5:6).*

### Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

**NORTHERN GHANA:** Ghana shares 600 km (about 375 miles) of border with Burkina Faso, where jihadists, mainly associated with the Islamic group JNIM, are active. Militants regularly cross the porous border into Ghana, particularly in the northeast, not to attack, but to find safe haven, recruit new fighters, and get supplies. The ongoing conflict between two ethnic groups, both claiming chieftaincy rights, as well as high unemployment “provide fertile ground for jihadist groups seeking new areas for recruitment or influence,” warn security experts. Let's pray.

- Pray that jihadists would encounter Jesus, through dreams or visions or other supernatural manifestations. Pray that they would see God's love in believers as they interact with people in villages and towns.
- Pray for God's protection over young people in this area, where nearly 70% of youth are unemployed or have unstable jobs. The economic security and adventure offered by jihadist recruiters can be very tempting. Pray especially for Christian young people, that they would take the firm decision to trust in and live for Jesus only.
- Pray for the 17,000+ people from Burkina Faso and other Sahelian nations, mostly Muslims, who have sought refuge in camps in Ghana. Pray that the Christians among these refugees would share their faith with boldness. Pray for Ghanaian believers as they offer physical and spiritual help to these new neighbors.

**IRAN:** Iran is now in its third week of demonstrations, which have spread throughout the nation and have claimed thousands of lives as the Islamic regime cracks down on protesters. Please pray for the following requests gleaned from church leaders there:

- “Pray that these protests will lead to radical, systemic change.”
- “Pray that the turmoil of these days will create greater spiritual hunger.”
- “Pray for network and house church leaders as they shepherd the hearts of believers.” Pray that these leaders would guide their flocks in accordance with God's Word and in the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Pray that many would have opportunities to receive sound Bible training.
- “Pray that the revival continues.” Iran has been noted as having the fastest-growing church in the world, as disillusioned people seek peace and answers outside of Islam. Most worship quietly in small family units, with limited interaction due to the need for secrecy. A worker notes: “Unfortunately, because of the lack of connectivity to the greater body of Christ, discouragement due to isolation and false doctrine are prevalent.”

### *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>