

# Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

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## Intercede for the Muslim World!

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened (Mt 7:7-8).”*

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

**SENSITIVE COUNTRY:** Pray for a new team of workers being established in this strongly Muslim nation in Africa. The team leaders will be arriving this coming week. Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide each step they take, that every interaction they have would be positive, and that He would lead them to people of peace—local people who are willing to help them as they settle and prepare for other team members to join them.

**NIGER/NIGERIA:** Hundreds of Nigerians who have fled terrorist attacks and insecurity in their home states have sought refuge in and around Niger’s capital city, Niamey. There, authorities in the surrounding villages and urban neighborhoods have reacted with hostility and evicted them from their informal settlements. The refugees have now settled in Niamey’s largest cemetery, most sleeping in the open among the tombstones, with no access to food aid. One refugee explains, “[S]ince the graveyard belongs to no one, we are able to stay here. The only relief we get is when a stranger decides to pity us.” Please pray

- that the Lord would sustain these people, most of whom are Muslims, in miraculous ways, and that they might recognize that there is a God who truly loves and values them;
- that the Spirit would strengthen believers among these refugees and use them to introduce seekers to this God;
- that God would touch local believers and churches to reach out to these displaced and despised people with material help and the eternal message of salvation in Jesus.

## 2026 World Watch List

Open Door’s 2026 World Watch List was recently released. This carefully researched list ranks the 50 nations where Christians were most persecuted for their faith in 2025, and provides information and prayer requests concerning each country. You can access the list at <https://tinyurl.com/2026wwl>. Following are some highlights that underscore the critical need to intercede for our brothers and sisters and for the salvation of Muslims—in Africa and beyond.

- As in the 2025 ranking, 20 of the 50 nations listed are on the African continent; in 18 of them, Islam is the main cause of persecution.
- 14 of these nations lie in sub-Saharan Africa—and these 14 nations are home to “one of every 8 Christians on planet Earth.” Through terrorism, it seems that the Enemy is seeking to destroy the Church where she has strongly taken root and is growing exponentially.
- In 38 of the 50 nations, Islam is the main religion and/or main driver of persecution.
- Of the 4,849 Christians known to be martyred during the 2025 reporting period, 3,490 were killed in Nigeria alone. Ninety-three percent of the deaths occurred in the Sahel region of Africa.

## Prayer Resources

The 2026 World Watch List, ranking the 50 nations where believers suffer most: <https://tinyurl.com/2026wwl>

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>