

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

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Intercede for the Muslim World!

There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God (1Sa 2:2).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: Although the Constitution of this African nation respects freedom of worship, the Islamic jihadists who have increasing influence in the country do not. In many areas, churches are no longer free to hold open-air evangelistic campaigns, as in the past, and are using new strategies to discretely share the gospel. "The best method is through invitations or social work," explains a worker. "We invite people, often to our homes for a meal, and during the conversation we present the gospel, either through direct preaching, questions and answers, showing a film in the room, playing Christian music, etc. People love it, and we can invite teachers, soldiers, neighbors, friends, and others." Workers are sent as needed to follow up with seekers. ***Pray that the Lord would bless these efforts, open hearts to respond to His Word, and provide more trained workers to disciple new believers.***

SYRIA: The 2025 World Watch List ranked the nation of Syria as the 18th most dangerous country for Christians. In the ranking for 2026, Syria rose to number 6. During Syria's civil war (2011–2024), most of the 1.5 million Syrians who claimed Christianity fled. By the time that regime fell, on December 8, 2024, some 300,000 remained. The new government, *Hayat Tahrir al-Sham* (HST), moved quickly to assure bishops of churches and other minorities that their rights would be respected, and many Christian Syrians abroad expressed the hope of returning home. However, as the HST functions as the transitional government, Christians have found themselves targeted or caught in the crossfire as certain minority sects are attacked, and a power vacuum in many areas has given the Islamic State an opportunity to regroup. (For more information and prayer requests, see <https://tinyurl.com/syr2025>.)

- Pray that the Lord would encourage and protect His people. Christian children face more verbal abuse at school, clergy face open disrespect, and Christian businesses have lost clientele.
- Pray that more disillusioned people would seek Jesus. One pastor notes, "After all the violence in the country, some non-Christians are now more open to hear about Christianity, because they see that Christianity brings peace, and we hope that God will touch their hearts."
- Pray for leaders at all levels of government, that the Holy Spirit would reveal to them the Way to true peace.

In the News: Iran

Continue to pray for God's intervention in Iran, where economic and political chaos continues, with people around the nation calling loudly for an end to the Ayatollah Khamenei's regime. Limited Internet access and reporting has made it impossible to know the death toll so far, which may be as high as 36,000 people, most killed by Iran's Revolutionary Guard and by foreign mercenary forces unleashed on the protesters. Tensions concerning escalation into a regional war add to the uncertainty Iranian people are living with. ***Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide true believers to true seekers, so they can introduce these seekers to the One who gives the love, peace, and assurance they cannot find in this world.***

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>