

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond



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Intercede for the Muslim World!

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? (Ro 10:14–15a).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

AFRICA: Throughout Africa, an estimated 867 people groups are considered unreached by the gospel, with just a few believers and little work among them. Of these, some 416 groups are “unengaged,” with no local witness or work among them. Many if not most of these groups follow Islam. To address the critical need to reach these peoples, a worldwide Pentecostal fellowship has been working to mobilize national church leaders to in turn equip and send those the Lord is calling. This past week two conferences were held with leaders in East and West Africa, and more are scheduled around the continent. Please pray

- that conference participants would take to heart the tremendous need to serve those with little or no access to the gospel, and instill in their members a vision to reach them;
- that the Lord would raise up African workers willing to go and African churches willing to send them;
- that the Holy Spirit would prepare people in every receiving village, town, and city to hear His Word of love.

SENSITIVE COUNTRY: After three years of prayer and preparation, a new team of workers is forming in an strongly Muslim nation in Africa. The team leaders are settling in and beginning to build relationships. Let's pray.

- Because this nation prohibits sharing a non-Muslim faith, making friends and living a life that reflects Jesus is key to reaching seekers, one at a time. Already these workers have been able to share with people who have asked about their faith. Pray for many such divine appointments and for the development of great friendships.
- The few believers in this nation, from various people groups, must meet underground. Sadly, there is an element of distrust between leaders of these clandestine congregations. Pray that the Holy Spirit would lead hearts to repentance and to a desire for unity so that the Church may advance.
- Pray “for cooperation and strategy formation” among several believers from other African nations, from the same Pentecostal denomination, who are living here. “We need to find ways to bring our people together and work as one team.”

In the News: Democratic Republic of the Congo

On April 1, militants from the Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP) killed at least 43 Christians in eastern DR Congo after they refused ISCAP's “generous offer,” most likely a promise of protection if they would agree to submit and pay the *jizyah*, a tax imposed on non-Muslims. At least 2 people were abducted, 44 houses burned down, and thousands displaced. Please pray

- that the Lord would sustain, provide for, and comfort those who have suffered the loss of loved ones and livelihood;
- for pastors and churches in this area as they minister to others; may many find hope and healing in Jesus.

For more information and prayer requests, see <https://tinyurl.com/iscap4126>.

Prayer Resources

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>