

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

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Intercede for the Muslim World!

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him (Ro 15:11).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

MALI: Last Saturday, April 25, coordinated attacks took place near Mali's capital city and in several other major cities around the country. For the first time, the Islamic terrorist group JNIM and the separatist Azawad Liberation Front (FLA) joined forces to perpetrate these attacks. Mali's minister of defense was killed when a suicide vehicle rammed his home, and a major northern town was taken by the FLA. A worker reports that in a central city, the Pentecostal church there canceled weekend events and instructed members to worship in their homes. An upcoming pastors gathering in the capital city has been postponed. This Sahelian nation has suffered from both separatist conflict in the north since 2012 and is increasingly plagued by JNIM and other terrorist groups. This worker asks us to pray

- “for victory over the forces of evil that seek to destroy the country;
- “that the churches and their activities would not be hindered;”
- for God's provision, as the cost of living has become very high;
- “for the security of our [two] Bible schools.”

In the News: Vienna, Austria

On September 12, 1683, Austria defeated the besieging Ottoman Empire in the Battle of Vienna, preventing Islam from entering their city and country. But Islam has since entered through quiet immigration, and today, nearly 350 years later, some 800,000 Muslims live in Austria, about 40% of them in Vienna. “Mohammad” is now the most common first name in the city. Muslims make up more than 40% of students in Vienna's public schools, and more than 50% in six of the city's districts. This past August, a regional court in Vienna ruled that *sharia* (Islamic law) can be applied in private litigation as long as the final decision does not go against Austrian values. Let's pray for Austria.

- Pray for true believers in this largely secular nation, that they would grow in their relationship with Jesus and share Him with the non-religious persons, nominal Catholics, and Muslims around them.
- Pray for government leaders as they face the socio-political challenges and changes that the growing influence of Islam brings. May the Holy Spirit help them to make wise decisions and policies.
- Pray that Muslim immigrants would come into contact with followers of Jesus whose lives will draw them toward Him and who can answer their questions.

Pray for Discernment and Protection for Workers

An evangelist is killed by Muslims posing as fellow Christians. Churchgoers are assaulted by terrorists disguised as a visiting church delegation. These are not isolated incidents; Islam encourages such deception in cases where a Muslim fears persecution—or to further the cause of Islam through subduing or killing those who oppose Allah. ***Please pray for pastors and workers among Muslims, that the Holy Spirit would give them wisdom to discern any such deception among those they are reaching, teaching, and even taking into their homes. Pray that God would thwart any malicious plans of a deceiver, and in His mercy reveal Jesus to such a person, for his salvation.***

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>