

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

May 22, 2026

Intercede for the Muslim World!

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast (Eph 2:8-9).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

SENEGAL: Pray for a spiritual breakthrough among the Wolof, Senegal's majority people group. The 6.2 million Wolof are staunchly Muslim, and few have responded to the gospel despite more than 60 years of work among them.

- Pray that the recently completed Wolof Bible would be heard and read in its audio, digital, and printed forms. Translation began in 1963, and for some 25 years a respected Wolof linguist, Mamadou Diop, worked intently on the project. Three days after completing this work, in 2021, this brother passed away. Last December, Muslim scholars and Christians alike attended a theater presentation giving homage to Diop, and the printing of the Wolof Bible was announced. This work, points out one report, "is considered a national cultural treasure, recognized beyond Christian communities for its linguistic, poetic, and cultural value." Pray that many Muslims would take a closer look and find within its pages the message of eternal life in Jesus!
- On Thursday, May 28, families will celebrate *Tabaski* (their name for *Eid el-Adha*), a holiday commemorating Ibrahim's (Abraham's) willingness to sacrifice his son Ishmael. They purchase the most perfect sheep they can afford and slaughter it in the morning, keeping one third and sharing the rest with extended family and friends and with the poor. People dress in their finest to travel and visit family, and children receive gifts. Pray for opportunities for believers to tell their Muslim friends about the gift of the Lamb of God, who was slain and rose again to restore them to their Father.

YEMEN: There has been a fresh crackdown on Christians in this Muslim nation, with threats against them circulating through leaflets and on social media. Believers here keep their faith secret, and any meetings are held underground, but more than 50 have been arrested since the beginning of 2026. Once discovered, Christians may simply disappear for months, and likely be tortured before their whereabouts become known or they are released. Please pray

- for strength and encouragement for Pastor J and some 25 others arrested in February, and for their families as they wait for news about and for the release of their loved ones;
- that these believers would show Jesus to their captors. One worker began memorizing as much Scripture as he could so he could be a "walking Bible" when he was arrested. He is now in prison; pray God would use Him!
- that the Lord would encourage those whose spiritual leaders have been taken, and strengthen them to continue the work of reaching others.

Pray for Muslims Participating in the Hajj

Nearly 900,000 Muslims from around the world have already arrived in Saudi Arabia to participate in the *Hajj*, a three-day pilgrimage to Mecca, Islam's holy city, which begins Monday, May 25. Pray that, in their quest to know God, pilgrims would encounter Jesus in dreams and visions. Pray that, even there at seat of Islam, the Holy Spirit would lead them to those who can guide them to 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>