

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

July 31, 2026

Intercede for the Muslim World!

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you (Ps 5:11).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

NIGER/SAHEL: A praise report and prayer requests concerning those held captive by jihadist groups:

- Since March 2025 we have been praying for a pastor who, along with others, was kidnapped from a bus in Niger. We praise God that he has been released in good physical condition. Continue to pray for the Lord's healing touch on him and that he would be surrounded by a loving community and wise counselors as he deals with the emotional effects of this traumatic ordeal.
- Continue to pray for the liberation of Kevin Rideout, a Christian pilot kidnapped near his home in the capital city in October 2025 and likely being held in Mali.
- Across the Sahel, more than 200 people—both locals and foreigners, Muslims and Christians—are estimated to be held captive by jihadist groups, with Niger and Mali accounting for 70% of these cases. Pray for the safe release of the abductees. Pray especially that the Holy Spirit would be near to each of them and that He would reveal Jesus to those who do not yet know Him.

SOMALILAND: The Republic of Somaliland is a partially recognized state abutting northern Somalia. Islam has reigned there since the 7th century, and converting to any other religion is prohibited. The few Christ-followers meet in secret. On July 5, M., a recent convert to Christ, was confronted by his relatives concerning his absence from the mosque and reports of Christian songs coming from his home. M. did not respond to the charges, and, after sharing a meal with his relatives, returned home. That night he became violently ill and died of poisoning on July 7. M. was a member of an underground fellowship, opened his home to them, and encouraged those in his community to be kind to Christians. Let's pray that the Lord would be glorified through the life and death of this servant.

- Pray that M.'s wife and five young children would experience God's faithful comfort, protection, and provision and that they would cling to their Savior.
- Pray for the underground church, that this incident would serve to strengthen their devotion to Christ and their desire to make Him known.
- Pray for courage and wisdom for believers concerning sharing their faith. In the hospital, M. confided to a church leader, "I regret not openly confessing my faith in *Issa* [Jesus] as my personal Savior. If I die, I rejoice because I have believed in *Issa*."

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>