

Jumaa Prayer

for the Muslims of Africa and beyond

August 21, 2026

Intercede for the Muslim World!

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done (Ps 105:1).

Today's Prayer Requests: *From Workers*

NIGER: Praise God for answered prayer! Three weeks ago we prayed again for the release of Christian pilot Kevin Rideout, kidnapped by jihadists in Niamey on October 21, 2025. Rideout was liberated on August 13 and is now safely in US custody. Though he ended up in the hands of the Islamic State–Sahel Province, no group has claimed the kidnapping, and no details as to his release have been published. **Please pray** (1) for Rideout as he returns to his wife and four children; (2) that this family would sense the Holy Spirit with them, guiding and encouraging them as they process trauma and readjustment issues; and (3) that the jihadists involved would encounter Jesus and know His love and forgiveness.

NORTH AFRICA: Pray for a group of believers in an Islamic nation—10 citizens and 1 foreigner—who were arrested in 2023 for “insulting Islam” and sentenced in 2025 to prison terms ranging from 3 to 15 years. By law, the court allows one appeal, and their appeals are to be considered “soon.” Let’s pray.

- “Please stand with us in prayer for God’s mercy, strength for the brothers and a just outcome,” says a worker.
- These believers were identified and turned in by a person who appeared to support their activities, but was actually a member of the secret police. Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in the heart of this man, bringing to his mind the faithfulness and testimonies of these believers and drawing him toward the One they serve.
- Pray that the witness of these believers would bring hope and light to fellow prisoners.

In the News: Indonesia

Pray for a worker, a former Muslim from Aceh Province, who was recently sentenced to two years in prison. While Indonesia as a whole is 87% Muslim, 98% of the people in Aceh Province follow Islam, and this province has been granted autonomous status and authority to govern by *sharia* (Islamic law). This worker was leading a small group of believers in another province, on another island, when he was detained for a social media post deemed as blasphemy against the Prophet Mohammad. He was flown back to Aceh in February and sentenced in July. His case is an example of the reach of police powers and increasingly strict blasphemy laws, especially since the implementation of a revised national Criminal Code. While Aceh is the only province given authority to apply *sharia*, *sharia* influences dozens of national laws, and many local governments integrate its principles into their regulations for Muslim citizens.

- Pray that the Lord would give this worker opportunities to reach fellow prisoners who likely have never interacted with a Christian or heard the gospel. Pray that these inmates—and others throughout the province—would gain access to and read God’s Word, available in Acehnese in print, audio, and electronic forms.
- Pray that God would encourage and provide for this worker’s family and congregation in the other province.
- Pray for national and local government authorities, that they would honor the freedom of religion granted in Indonesia’s Constitution. Churches face great difficulties in obtaining permits to build and cannot meet in private residences, demonstrators often disrupt services and church activities, and Christians (and members of any minority religion) face discrimination in the areas of employment and social services.

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>