



# PRAYER GUIDE

**AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS**

*December 21, 2025 - January 18, 2026*

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# HOW AND WHY TO USE THIS GUIDE



This 30-day prayer guide follows the host cities and participating countries of the Africa Cup of Nations, taking place in Morocco.

This guide is simple: simply follow each day in prayer using the requests for direction.

Be sure and scan the QR code to follow the WhatsApp channel and keep praying.



## About the Africa Cup

The Africa Cup of Nations is an international football (soccer) tournament that takes place on the African continent every two years. The last tournament held in 2024 took place in Ivory Coast with the hosts lifting the trophy for their third Cup of Nations championship.



**The greatest problem in the world is lostness and the only solution is the gospel.  
What is the gospel?**

*The gospel is the good news that the only true God, the just and gracious Creator of the universe, has looked upon hopelessly sinful men and women and sent His Son Jesus, God in the flesh, to bear God's wrath against sin through His own substitutionary death on the cross and to show His power over sin and death in resurrection from the grave so that everyone who turns from their sin and their own desires and trusts in Jesus alone as Savior and Lord will be reconciled to God forever.*

# TOURNAMENT HOST COUNTRY



Morocco, located in North Africa along the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea, is a nation rich in history.

Known for its ancient cities like Fez and Marrakesh, Morocco has been a cultural crossroads for centuries. Today, over 99% of its population identifies as Muslim, with only a small minority of Christians, most of whom face legal and social restrictions. Access to the gospel is limited, and public expressions of Christian faith are often suppressed.

Despite these challenges, the need for the hope and truth of Jesus Christ remains great in this influential country bridging Africa and Europe.

*\*Morocco claims Western Sahara, a disputed territory since 1975. Both regions are over 99% Muslim and Gospel access is limited.*

# TOURNAMENT HOST CITIES



## *Did you know?*

Morocco's bustling cities—Casablanca, Rabat, Marrakesh—are filled with millions who have little to no access to gospel-preaching churches. While urban centers shape culture and influence entire regions, they remain spiritually unreached. Without healthy, disciple-making congregations, efforts to share the gospel lack staying power. Planting healthy churches in these cities is vital for lasting transformation. **Pray** — because Morocco's cities desperately need the hope only Christ can bring. **Pray** for efforts to plant and strengthen churches that bring hope and transformation where the gospel is rarely heard.





## Day 1: Casablanca

**Pray** for Casablanca, Morocco's economic hub with deep colonial roots and Islamic heritage (over 99% Muslim, few Christians). Amid rapid modernization and cultural shifts, **ask God** to open hearts to Christ and let His light shine in a city seeking identity and hope.



## Day 2: Agadir

**Pray** for Agadir—rebuilt after the 1960 quake, now a growing port and AFCON host—amid rapid change. **Ask God** to bless leaders, protect communities, and open hearts to Christ in a city within a nation overwhelmingly Muslim with few Christians, strengthening local believers to shine His hope.



## Day 3: Tangier

**Pray** for Tangier—Morocco's historic gateway between Africa and Europe, now a modern hub facing social and economic challenges. With over 99% Muslim and few Christians, **ask God** to strengthen believers, open hearts to Christ, and let His light shine in a city seeking hope and identity.



## Day 4: Fez

**Pray** for Fez—Morocco's spiritual and cultural heart, home to the world's oldest university and deep Islamic heritage. With over 99% Muslim and few Christians, **ask God** to strengthen believers, open hearts to Christ, and let His light bring hope and truth to this historic city.



## Day 5: Marrakesh

Morocco has a deep love for football, a sport that brings cultures together and turns strangers into friends. These moments create natural bridges for the gospel. As Marrakech plays host, **pray** that the joy of the tournament will open doors for believers to share their faith openly and graciously with their neighbors.



## Day 6: Rabat

**Pray** for Rabat—Morocco’s capital and cultural center, rooted in Islamic tradition yet facing modern challenges. With over 99% Muslim, **ask God** to strengthen believers, open hearts to Christ, and let His truth bring hope and peace to this influential city.



## Day 7: Mali

What was once a peaceful place is now marked by fear, violence, and deep uncertainty. Many are fleeing from their homes; resources are scarce and daily life is hard. **Pray** for the church to stay hopeful and courageous and for God to bring protections, peace, and real solutions to these overwhelming needs.



## Day 8: Algeria

**Pray** for believers in this North African region to stand firm in faith amid pressure and persecution. **Ask God** to protect church gatherings, strengthen leaders, and open doors for the gospel. **Pray** that many hearts will be drawn to Christ, that seekers will find the truth, and that God’s kingdom will grow.



## Day 9: Cameroon

Instability within and around Cameroon is causing many people to move to the large cities of Yaoundé and Douala. **Pray** for the believers in these cities to have eyes to see those who have recently arrived. **Pray** for the opportunities to minister to them and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



## Day 10: DR Congo

The Congolese are a strong and resilient people. They have suffered much and have the enduring physical and emotional scars. Please **pray** for true heart transformation producing sincere repentance and forgiveness. **Pray** for honesty with self-calling out and turning from sin. **Pray** for pastors to be trained to study and teach the truths of the Bible.



## Day 11: Côte d'Ivoire

**Pray** that God would spark a reformation among Ivorian churches through a passion for the faithful preaching of His Word, a mindset shift from breadth (quantity) to depth (quality), and fortitude to stand against the false teachings of prosperity movements, so that His Church might radiate His glory in even the darkest corners of West Africa.



## Day 12: Senegal

Senegal's Lions of *Teranga* (hospitality) were champions just four years ago. In the AFCON2021 final with Egypt, decided on penalty kicks, Senegal fans were accused of unsportsmanlike conduct. **Pray** that traveling fans will encounter the Gospel in Morocco, and that they would learn about true *Teranga*. **Pray** some will place their faith in the Lion of Judah.



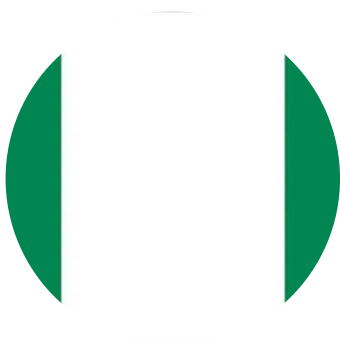
## Day 13: Tunisia

In one North African city, brothers and sisters are experiencing significant legal and family persecution. Despite the hardships, God is adding to the number of believers rapidly! **Pray** for His church to be strengthened and encouraged as they persevere and for His light to continue to shine brightly in the darkness!



## Day 14: Egypt

They may play the game on a dusty village field or in a bona fide city club. Egyptian boys love football. Whether Muslim or Coptic, many have little to no knowledge of the Savior's redemptive love and grace. **Pray** that they will hear His story and receive it into their lives.



## Day 15: Nigeria

**Pray** for Nigerian Christians to reject the false prosperity gospel, hold firm to the true gospel, and embrace the Great Commission.





## Day 16: Burkina Faso

Soccer brings tremendous joy to the Burkinabé. What they need more is peace from the terrorist activity. Terrorist have scarred the lives of more than 2,000,000 people. Please **pray** that the scars would be healed by stories from Gods' Word, and salvation would come from a *new hope* in Christ.



## Day 17: Comoros

**Pray** for Comoros as rising costs, energy shortages, and poverty strain daily life. **Ask God** to bring provision, strengthen believers in a nation that is 98% Muslim, and open hearts to the gospel so Christ's light shines amid hardship and spiritual need.



## Day 18: South Africa

**Pray** that the over 3 million evangelical Christians across South Africa would awaken to their God-given role in the Great Commission—stirred with renewed obedience, unity, and boldness. **Ask** God to empower believers as His sent ones, filled with the Spirit's courage to proclaim the gospel, love the nations, and advance His mission with joy.



## Day 19: Uganda

**Pray** for teachers at a Baptist seminary in the southeast of Uganda. **Pray** also for the missionaries in the villages of the Northeast, the efforts to reach refugees in the Northwest, and for those engaging churches in the capital city of the South. **Pray** for wisdom and strength as they work towards the ministry God has given them.



## Day 20: Benin

Multiple unreached people groups are scattered across the north of Benin. These people need the Gospel, and we **praise** God for Benin believers who are carrying the Gospel there. **Pray** for more laborers to make disciples and plant churches across the northern areas of Benin.



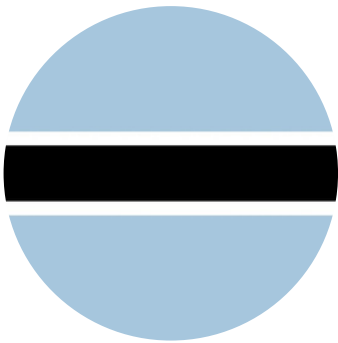
## Day 21: Zambia

**Pray** for our churches in Zambia to take ownership of the missionary call. There is a huge potential of what Zambian believers can do if they unite in this effort. God is moving and short-term trips are happening, but we are still waiting for international borders to be crossed and churches to mobilize.



## Day 22: Equatorial Guinea

**Pray** for Equatorial Guinea as corruption and poverty persist despite oil wealth, and political power remains concentrated under decades-long rule. **Ask God** to bring justice, integrity, and peace, strengthen churches, and open hearts to the gospel so Christ's hope transforms lives and leaders.



## Day 23: Botswana

Botswana is a land filled with amazing beauty with elephants, lions, and zebras galore and boast majestic sunsets filling the night skies. **Pray** for the equally beautiful people who fill this vast country, to know that Jesus is the way, truth, and life and that they would see how creation declares His glory and proclaims the work of His hands.



## Day 24: Sudan

**Pray** for Sudan as famine spreads in Kordofan and Darfur, leaving millions displaced and starving amid relentless conflict. **Ask God** to protect civilians, open paths for the Gospel and humanitarian aid, as well as bring peace to a nation torn by violence.



## Day 25: Mozambique

**Pray** for Mozambique amid political unrest, poverty, and violence in the north. With about 67% Christian and 18% Muslim, churches face rapid growth but lack trained leaders. **Ask God** to strengthen healthy, biblically grounded churches, equip pastors, and bring peace and hope through Christ to communities torn by instability and spiritual need.



## Day 26: Gabon

**Pray** for Gabon as it faces political transition and economic uncertainty after the 2023 coup and 2025 elections. **Ask God** to guide leaders toward justice, heal divisions, and open hearts to the gospel so that true hope and transformation come through Christ.



## Day 27: Angola

**Pray** for Angola amid severe drought and hunger affecting millions, political tensions, and economic uncertainty. **Ask God** to bring relief, strengthen churches, and for the Gospel to transform the nation through Christ in this time of hardship.



## Day 28: Zimbabwe

In some communities, women are forced to sell their bodies to provide for their families. These places face not only material poverty but deep spiritual brokenness. **Ask God** for wisdom for the local churches and missionaries to provide physical help without creating dependency and for the hope of the Gospel to break generational chains and bring new identity in Christ.



## Day 29: Tanzania

**Pray** for peace and justice in Tanzania after a contentious election season. **Pray** for the indigenous church- that the Lord would prepare them for growing theological influence and that they would take ownership of the missionary task. **Pray** for leaders to love the Word and teach it well.



## Day 30: Morocco

**Pray** for Morocco, where Christians face persecution under strict laws and societal pressure. Amid economic challenges and recovery from recent disasters, and with over 99% Muslim and very few believers, ask God to protect His church, strengthen faith, and open hearts to the gospel so Christ's hope transforms this nation.

# GROUP STAGE

The group stage is a round-robin tournament. The four teams in each group play each opponent in their group once. The two teams with the most points (win equal 3 points, ties are 1 point, no points for loss) per group advance to the knockout stage.

## Group A // Casablanca

*Morocco (host)*

*Mali*

*Zambia*

*Comoros*



*Mohammed V Stadium, Casablanca*

## Group B // Marrakesh & Agadir

*Egypt*

*South Africa*

*Angola*

*Zimbabwe*



*Adrar Stadium, Agadir*

## Group C // Fez & Rabat

*Nigeria*

*Tunisia*

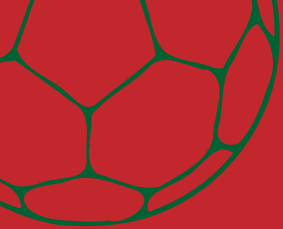
*Uganda*

*Tanzania*



*Fez Stadium, Fez*



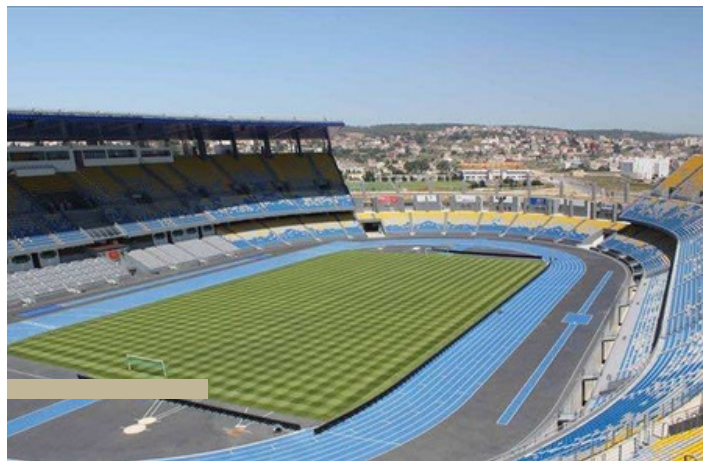


# GROUP STAGE

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## Group D // Tangier & Rabat

*Senegal*  
*DR Congo*  
*Benin*  
*Botswana*



*Ibn Batouta Stadium, Tangier*

## Group E // Rabat & Casablanca

*Algeria*  
*Burkina Faso*  
*Equatorial Guinea*  
*Sudan*



*Prince Moulay Abdellah Stadium, Rabat*

## Group F // Marrakesh & Agadir

*Ivory Coast*  
*Cameroon*  
*Gabon*  
*Mozambique*



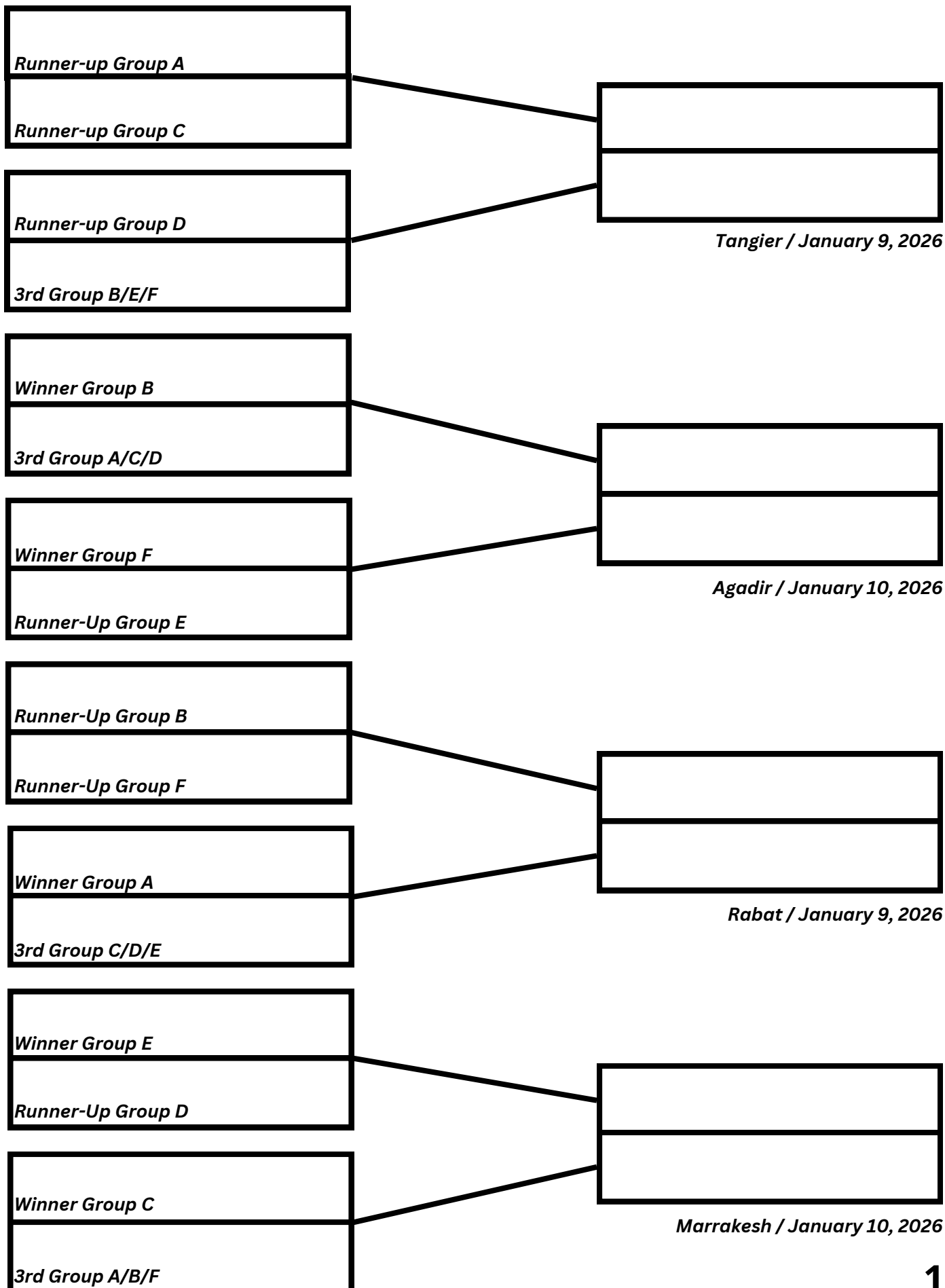
*Marrakesh Stadium, Marrakesh*

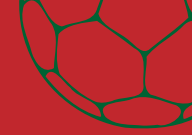


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## **Round of 16**

## **Quarter-Finals**





# Semi-Finals

# Final


Tangier / January 14, 2026


Rabat / January 18, 2026


Rabat / January 14, 2026

# Third Place


Casablanca / January 17, 2026

**THANK YOU FOR PRAYING!**

