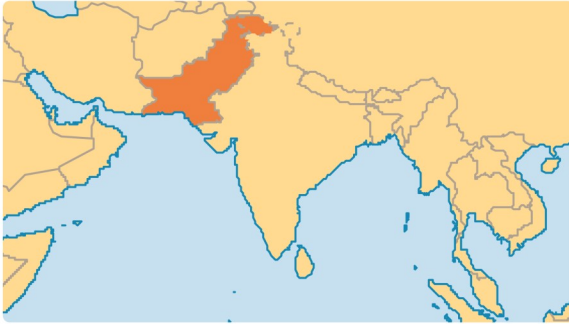


# PRAY FOR: PAKISTAN



[Locator Map >](#)



[Main Map >](#)

## PAKISTAN

[Monthly Prayer Calendar](#) [September 25](#)

Pakistan's government normally alternates between inefficient, corrupt political parties and authoritarian military dictatorships. Power and wealth are concentrated in too few hands. This hinders economic and social development. Pakistan's economic prospects are grim as it faces inflation, high unemployment, increasing dependence on IMF bailouts, and constant emigration, in addition to widespread corruption. The country faces pressure from Islamist forces, and from troubles with India over the Kashmir region. Pray that the Lord would free Pakistan from spirits of lawlessness and violence that harm the nation. Pray for government that will move the nation forward.

## PAKISTAN

[Monthly Prayer Calendar](#) [September 26](#)

Fundamentalist Islam (driven by many different factors) impacts the whole nation. There are dozens of Islamic terrorist organizations operating in Pakistan. Political parties appease radical Muslims, which empowers Islamism ever further. It causes violence against religious minorities. Hundreds are murdered every year in terrorism-linked violence. Social and economic progress is difficult for non-Muslims (and non-Sunni Muslims). Women who live under fundamentalist Muslim values have very few freedoms or rights. Education is minimal, and domestic abuse is widespread. Pray that the true nature of this type of Islam might become clear for all to see, so that it might lose its power.

## PAKISTAN

[Monthly Prayer Calendar](#) [September 27](#)

Religious minorities face discrimination and persecution in many forms. Christians, Hindus, and minority Muslim groups (Shi'a, Ahmaddiya) suffer the most. The famous "blasphemy law" allows the death penalty on anyone who insults Mohammed, and life in prison for anyone who damages a Quran. Extremists use this law to falsely accuse innocent people. They stir up religious frenzy so the crowd enforces the punishment. Enemies of Christ vandalize or destroy churches. They beat, murder, abduct, rape, or force conversion on Christians and other minorities. Even amidst such persecution, Pakistani Christians love their nation and want it to prosper. Pray that believers might always be ready to share about Jesus, and to repay violence with love.

## PAKISTAN

[Monthly Prayer Calendar](#) [September 28](#)

The Church continues to grow, despite many obstacles. Poverty, illiteracy, and lack of teaching opened the door to corruption,

immorality, and low spiritual standards among Christians. Some Christians live devoted lives, committed to God, but the majority have a weak, immature faith. Common problems in churches include leadership struggles, greed, court cases, substance abuse, and divisions. Ask God to raise up humble, committed spiritual leaders with passion to serve the Church. Pray for more students in Bible and leadership training, wise and godly leaders, and adequate financial resources for Christian work.

## MORE INFORMATION

1. Get all of this content and daily notifications in our free mobile app. [Download here](#) >
2. Sign up for a [daily e-mail](#) that gets you the featured prayer point of the day straight to your inbox.
3. This content is a curated selection of points from our book, Operation World. Find out more about it and all the rest of [Our Publications](#) >

Content taken or adapted from Operation World, 7th Edition (2010) and Pray for the World (2015). Both books are published by InterVarsity Press. All rights reserved.

## KEY STATS

<b>Continent:</b>	Asia
<b>Capital:</b>	Islamabad
<b>Population:</b>	245,209,815
<b>% Urban:</b>	37.4 %
<b>Population Under 15 Yrs:</b>	35.1 %
<b>Official Language:</b>	English is the official government language, Urdu is the national language and becoming widely understood by most Pakistanis
<b>Languages:</b>	77
<b>Literacy Rate:</b>	58 %
<b>Life Expectancy:</b>	66.1 yrs (183/236)
<b>HDI Ranking:</b>	161 / 189
<b>% Christian:</b>	2.5 %
<b>% Evangelical:</b>	0.6 %
<b>Largest Religion:</b>	Muslim
<b>% Largest Religion:</b>	95.8 %
<b>People Groups:</b>	835
<b>Least Reached People Groups:</b>	828
<b>% Unevangelized:</b>	53 %
<b>Persecution Ranking:</b>	7 / 50