

PAKISTAN WAYS TO PRAY



While the majority of the population are Sunni Muslims, there is also a large minority of Shia Muslims along with small numbers of Christians and Hindus. Life for the Christian minority is hard, perhaps most acutely seen when the nation's notorious blasphemy laws are used to settle personal scores.

There are over sixty languages spoken in this ethnically diverse country. It is reckoned that 504 of the nation's 512 distinct groups remain unreached by the gospel.

ONE

The government claims to be committed to the rights of all minorities on an equal footing with the Muslim majority.

Pray that Christians would be treated equally in all areas of life, and that discrimination against minorities would reduce.

TWO

There have been attacks on numerous churches, such as at Bethel Memorial Methodist Church in Quetta, in December 2017. Eleven people were killed.

Pray that the Lord would protect Christians as they gather for worship and that the government would take their security seriously.

FIVE

A children's home has been established to provide shelter, food, protection and education for young ones from vulnerable backgrounds.

Pray that those who watch over them would care for them like loving parents and for provision to ensure this work's long-term security.

THREE

Pakistani Christians, though only about 1.5% of the population, comprise more than 80% of the country's sewage and street cleaning workforce. As such, they have a higher risk of work-related injuries or death.

Pray for prejudice against Christians to be removed and improved work safety for all, including God's people.

SIX

We are grateful that God has enabled the establishment of small churches among the bonded labourers in brick factories.

Pray that these fellowships would grow in grace, in the knowledge that the Son of God has set them free from slavery to sin, and in the hope of His perfect justice.

FOUR

Bonded labour is a widespread issue, centred predominantly in agriculture and brick-making. Those ensnared in this system have little hope of freedom.

Lift up our partners who reach out to such people and provide education for some of the children. Pray that the cycle of indebtedness would be broken.

SEVEN

Rural evangelists in Sindh province learn a gospel story each month and then fan out to many villages, reaching hundreds of people.

Pray that the Spirit would bless their labours, keep them safe and increase their number. Pray for the church to grow, and for a powerful movement of God to take hold of rural Pakistan.



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