

For the Least Reached

Prayer Guide



*“Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
and the very ends of the earth as Your possession.”*

— Psalm 2:8, New American Standard Bible 1995

Thank you for praying with us!

Welcome to the For the Least Reached March Prayer Guide. This monthly prayer guide forms part of **For the Least Reached: A Year of Prayer**, our one-year prayer initiative.

Each month we unite with the body of Christ in prayer for one least-reached country around the world. Many of the people in these countries have never heard the message of the gospel, or it's difficult for them to learn about Jesus or worship Him.

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Nearly

75%

of all the world's unreached people—a whopping 3.6 billion people—live in the 12 countries that we will pray for this year.

WELCOME TO Bangladesh!



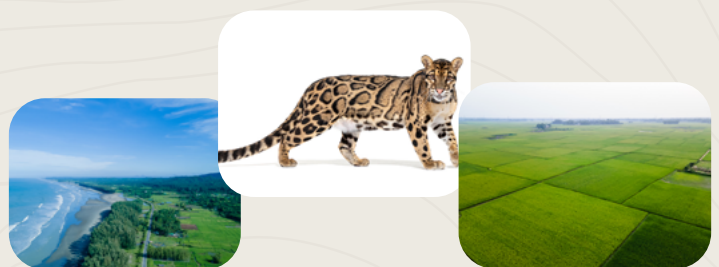
Bangladesh is a small country but has a lot of people. Bangladesh has 2,972 people per square mile. The United States has only 91 people per square mile. Think about a square mile around your home—any guess on how many live in that area? Can you imagine 2,972 people crowded into that space?



From 1947 to its independence in 1971, the land that is now Bangladesh belonged to Pakistan, a country 1100 miles to the west!

Did you know?

- ▶ Bangladesh is home to a beautiful seaside town, Cox's Bazaar, with the longest unbroken sandy beach in the world.
- ▶ Most people do not smile in Bangladesh. This has nothing to do with unfriendliness but rather is related to the fact that a serious face is believed to demonstrate maturity.
- ▶ The endangered clouded leopard lives in southeastern Bangladesh. It is a talented climber and can climb down a vertical tree trunk head first! Its tail, roughly 87% as long as its body, is used for climbing and balance.
- ▶ Bangladesh has the fourth largest Muslim population in the world after Indonesia, Pakistan and India.
- ▶ The main occupation in Bangladesh is farming. This is very challenging due to the frequency and severity of natural disasters, especially flooding.



Praying for Bangladesh

Thank you for joining us as we visit a least-reached country each month. Bangladesh is our new focus.

Sometimes when we have a list of requests, like this guide provides, prayer can seem more like a simple task to check off or another item on your to-do list. But prayer is so much more than that. These requests came from believers in Bangladesh so we can pray specifically for issues and concerns they face. As we take time to pray, we are connecting with our Heavenly Father who has the ability to answer every single request. He clearly has the power—He is omnipotent—to meet needs and change peoples' hearts.

Even though God already knows each of these requests, and billions more—He is omniscient—He wants us to show our dependence on Him by bringing them to Him in prayer. On our own, we can't do anything to answer these requests. Yet, as we pray for each of these requests, we are standing together with our Bangladeshi brothers and sisters in Christ in asking God to be glorified as He moves mightily across their nation.

If praying through these requests seems too routine, or even boring, ask God to show you how important this is.

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Week 1: March 1-7, 2023

"The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

— 2 Peter 3:9, New International Version

Week 1 Requests



Day 1

Pray for the government of Bangladesh, honorable prime minister, cabinet, administration, law and all government departments, so that God may give them wisdom to run the country with honesty and fairness.

Day 2

Pray for the believers of Christ in Bangladesh to be guided by the Spirit of God to share with their neighbors the hope that God has given them.

Day 3

Pray for all the churches' pastors, priests and church leaders in Bangladesh, so that the Holy Spirit may be showered upon them to lead wisely, and for teachable hearts in their people.

Day 4

Pray that Bangladeshi people who do not yet know Jesus would recognize Him for who He is and see their need for Him.

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"
— John 14:6, NIV

Day 5

Religious orthodoxy in Bangladesh evokes harsh treatment toward those who have differing religious beliefs. Pray for Christian service organizations to use wisdom and prudence in sharing the message of Christ's salvation as they do humanitarian work throughout the country.

Day 6

Pray that Christian workers seeking to share Christ in new areas would build good relationships with any Christian community in that place.

Day 7

Many Bangladeshis are hesitant to learn about Jesus, or even to watch a movie about Him—one misconception is that just watching a movie like this would make them a Christian. Ask God to remove the fear of learning about Jesus and open their hearts to hearing His message.

Week 2: March 8-14, 2023



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

— Matthew 11:28, NIV

Week 2 Requests



□ Day 8

Pray for Christian workers and ministry teams in Bangladesh to be men and women of godly character—earnest in prayer, motivated by God’s love, passionate for holiness, and striving for authentic community.

□ Day 9

Using Scripture is great to pray for yourself, your family and friends, not just for people far away. Pray this for every Christian in Bangladesh:

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” – Colossians 3:1-2, NIV

□ Day 10

Pray for Christians in Bangladesh to be Spirit-led, bearing witness to Christ and focused on making disciples of all nations.

□ Day 11

Pray especially for those who are engaged in evangelism in different parts of Bangladesh to be wise and prudent as they encounter people.

□ Day 12

Pray for Bangladeshi believers to seek after God with their whole heart, to spend more time in the Holy Bible reading, meditating and praying, to gain more maturity as believers, to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and to love each other.

□ Day 13

Pray for the Christian aid agencies working in Bangladesh to be able to express the true love of God.

□ Day 14

Many Christians in Bangladesh have been treated harshly, experiencing political, social and religious pressure, due to their faith. Pray for God to transform the hearts of those who are mistreating others.

Week 3: March 15-21, 2023



"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

— John 3:16, NIV

Week 3 Requests



□ Day 15

Many of the evangelism and discipleship activities in Bangladesh take place online using Zoom and Skype. Pray for fruitful ministry and for creativity, wisdom and skills to navigate these times.

□ Day 16

Pray for the Lord's miraculous provision for the ministry and personal needs of Christian workers in Bangladesh.

□ Day 17

Some people in Bangladesh try to bring about change to institutions or society in destructive ways. Ask God to prevent these people from causing further harm and to reveal Himself to them, so they may know He is the one true God who can bring about change for the good of all—through His love, hope and peace.

□ Day 18

Pray for Bangladeshi Christians to strive for higher education in order to seek opportunities to hold high positions in government as God leads, bearing witness and influence for Christ.

□ Day 19

Pray for ministry leaders in Bangladesh to shepherd God's people with integrity of heart and with skillful hands.

□ Day 20


Pray for all the local and national leaders of Bangladesh to work peaceably together for the good of the country and the people.

□ Day 21

The Bible teaches us that we have an enemy (the devil) who wants to keep Christians from trusting God. God wants us to stay close to Him and let Him fight for us. The Christians in Bangladesh need to do this as well, so join me in praying God's word for them.

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith..." —1 Peter 5:8-9, NIV

Week 4: March 22-28, 2023

A fisherman in a wooden boat on blue water, holding a fish and a net. The fisherman is wearing a red and white patterned shawl and a pink shirt. The boat is made of dark wood and has a large pile of white fishing nets inside. The water is a deep blue color.

"Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere Him."

— Psalm 33:8, NIV

Week 4 Requests



Day 22

Please pray for ongoing equipping and training of Bangladeshi pastors throughout the country.

Day 23

Ask that Bangladeshi Christian workers may never lose their first love, that their ministry will flow out of their love for God. Pray that they will never lose heart when God allows them to go through various challenges, like financial difficulties, lack of ministry results, health issues, issues related to their kids, etc. Pray that God may strengthen them to get through these circumstances and to never compromise on their commitment toward Him.

Day 24

Pray that Christian websites would be safe places for people to learn about God and help to advance God's kingdom. Pray for protection of these websites from hackers and from those who don't want the gospel to be shared.

Day 25

There are many local and foreign aid agencies who are working to provide services to refugees in Bangladesh. Pray that Christian service organizations can spread the message of God's love and salvation offered by Jesus to these displaced peoples.

Day 26

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"
— Romans 10:14-15, NIV

Pray that God will raise up pastors and Christians to take His gospel across the nation of Bangladesh.

Day 27

Ask God to bless those who are praying for and giving financially to support Christian ministry in Bangladesh. May He multiply their resources as they faithfully give to His work.

Day 28

Ask that God would help Christians in Bangladesh to effectively model love for God and His Word to young believers and train them in the basics of Christian living.



Week 5 Requests

□ Day 29

During the upcoming Easter holiday, Jesus-centered films will be broadcast on television throughout the country! Pray that many would tune in and discover new life in Christ.

□ Day 30

Pray for Christian leaders to help their people grow a strong faith and desire to join God in the work He's doing in Bangladesh.

□ Day 31

Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Bangladesh each day this month. We believe You will continue Your work there until everyone has heard clearly about Jesus and been invited to follow Him. Someday we'll see how You answered our prayers. May heaven be filled with Bangladeshis who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give you all honor and praise.



Resources

You can see these requests and others in our [Prayer Experience](#), a web based app.

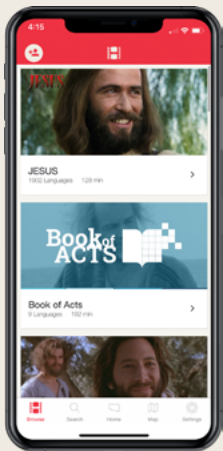
The Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to Bangladesh. <https://joshuaproject.net/countries/BG>

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