

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 June 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

Pakistan!



From the shores of the Arabian Sea to the heights of the Himalayas, from arid deserts to the fertile farmland in between, the vast country and people of Pakistan are our prayer focus this month. Pakistan means “the land of the pure.” Let’s pray that countless Pakistanis know the pure, abundant life that He offers.



Did you know?

- ▶ A very popular breakfast in Pakistan is Halwa Puri. Puri is a fried flatbread and halwa is a sweet paste made of sesame seeds, sugar syrup, and egg whites.
- ▶ Shalwar Kameez is the national dress for Pakistan. It’s a colorful shirt and pants worn by both men and women.
- ▶ Urdu is Pakistan’s official language, though only a small proportion of the population speak it. Children learn Urdu in school along with their regional language.
- ▶ The national drink of Pakistan is a sugarcane juice called “roh.” The juice is sold by roadside vendors throughout the country.
- ▶ Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Laureate, is Pakistani. Malala created the Malala Fund, which helps young girls have a chance to learn and receive an education in school, as well as pursue their dreams.



Praying for Pakistan

John 3:16 says “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” (New International Version). This includes me, you, each of your family members and each person in Pakistan. We want everyone to know about His love. That’s why it’s important to make time each day to pray the prayers in this packet for the people of Pakistan.

Do you have a Bible? Is it in the form of a book or is it on your phone or tablet? Whichever one you use, please turn to Psalm 136. The book of Psalms is one of the longest books in the Bible—150 chapters. I’ll write just the first five verses of Psalm 136 (NIV) here:

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods.
His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
His love endures forever.
to Him who alone does great wonders,
His love endures forever.
who by His understanding made the heavens,
His love endures forever.”

Two things stand out to me:

1. Every verse includes: **“His love endures forever.”** If you read the full chapter, that’s a total of 26 times the writer of this psalm says: “His love endures forever.” Repeating something is a sure way to help you, and me, remember something. Do you think God wants you to know that “His love endures forever”? Who can you tell about this wonderful truth? We can certainly pray that every Pakistani will understand the truth that God’s love continues forever and that Jesus died so they could have new life.

2. Look at the first line in each verse (2-5) above. **“God of gods,” “Lord of lords,” “who alone does great wonders,”** and **“made the heavens.”** The psalm continues with lines that speak of God’s ultimate power. Remember the word Omnipotent from March’s prayer guide? Our all-powerful God is strong enough to break through the darkness that keeps many people in Pakistan from hearing about His love. Let’s pray for God’s breakthrough to happen.

Thank you for praying with us.

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Week 1: June 1-7, 2023

"The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

— Psalm 145:18, New International Version



Week 1 Prayers

- Day 1** According to the Joshua Project website, there are 835 ethnic people groups in Pakistan, and 828 have still not been reached with the message of the gospel. Committed Christians have begun to pray for these unreached groups, one group per week. Much praying and work needs to be done! Ask for more prayer warriors to pray for Pakistan.

- Day 2** Leaders across every spectrum of society play key roles and make influential decisions. Pray they will seek the Lord's wisdom and be fair to every segment of Pakistani society.

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." — 1 Timothy 2:1-2, NIV

- Day 3** Karachi (along with nearby Hyderabad) is the largest city and financial and industrial capital of Pakistan, also serving as the major port and transportation hub for Pakistan. Ask God to build His church here in a way that blesses the poorer areas of the country.

- Day 4** Pray for apologetic resources to be translated and printed in Urdu, the official language of Pakistan. These would be great tools for answering common questions about Christianity for those who are seeking truth.

- Day 5** Christian ministries in Pakistan can face a lot of "red tape" which often includes excess expenses and delays. This can limit their options and resources. Pray against any unfair treatment and ask for favor with authorities and institutions, so that the gospel can go forth.

- Day 6** Pray for comfort and healing for the sick and injured in Pakistan.

- Day 7** Recovery efforts in Pakistan continue from the devastation caused by last year's monsoon rains and flooding. Communities are still rebuilding. Christian churches have been able to share food and clothing in new areas, and this has opened the door to share the gospel as well. Ask God to continue comforting those in Pakistan who have suffered great losses and to equip Christians to help meet physical and spiritual needs.

Week 2: June 8-14, 2023

*“There is no one holy like the Lord;
there is no one besides You;
there is no Rock like our God.”*

— 1 Samuel 2:2, NIV



Week 2 Prayers

- Day 8** Pakistan is the world's fifth most populated country and has more than 200 million people of 835 ethnic groups. We need many more Christians workers, especially local believers who have a background in the majority religion.
- Day 9** Please pray for more partnerships between individuals, churches and Christian organizations for the plentiful harvest in this nation, and that they would faithfully express a spirit of unity as they serve the Lord together.
- Day 10** Set a phone alarm for 10:02 and pray for God to raise up more workers to take the gospel across Pakistan.

"He (Jesus) told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.'"
– Luke 10:2, NIV
- Day 11** Pray that God would raise up leadership, in all segments of society, to encourage peace and tolerance for all ethnic groups in Pakistan.
- Day 12** Even when people speak the same language, it is often still necessary to produce separate gospel materials that address relevant cultural and age differences. Ask God to lead trainers of millennials in how to produce culturally-relevant materials for Pakistan.
- Day 13** Some people groups in Pakistan are considered predominantly Christian because of a generations-long legacy of church presence. However, even among these Christian communities, some individuals don't have a deep understanding of the gospel and may be unable to read God's Word for themselves. Pray that each person would have the opportunity to hear the gospel clearly and become lifetime disciples of Jesus who love and walk with Him in ways that are life changing and bring a transformative impact to their communities.
- Day 14** Christians in Pakistan hope to reach their neighborhoods for Jesus this year using a strategy of showing short films and videos. Ask God to provide the equipment, supplies and workers needed for outreaches of this kind.

Week 3: June 15-21, 2023

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

— Romans 15:5-6, NIV



Week 3 Prayers

- Day 15** Some Pakistanis disagree with the basic beliefs of Christianity, which can lead them to publicly accuse Christians of blasphemy. This can have a devastating impact on the lives of the accused. Please ask the Lord to clearly lead and empower Christians by His Spirit so they can introduce these accusers, who are at times their family and friends, to the truth of the gospel.
- Day 16** Many people groups in Pakistan do not have access to the Bible in their heart language, or they are not able to read it. Some Christian groups are working together to distribute Bibles. They hope to also introduce digital resources to help bring greater understanding of the Word of God and address common questions. Pray for God's wisdom to bring these ideas together to help new readers of the Bible understand it. Pray also for open doors for many to receive and understand God's Word in their heart language.
- Day 17** Ask God to provide for the financial needs of Pakistani believers who are serving as full-time Christian workers.
- Day 18** The Punjab region of Pakistan is the biggest agricultural region. Wheat, cotton and mangoes are the most common crops. Pray for subsistence farmers who are most strongly affected by drought, flooding and indebtedness throughout this region.
- Day 19** Pray that the devil would not "get a foothold"—that is "get a foot in the door"—in the lives of Pakistanis and their churches, influencing situations in a way that causes division between believers, ministries or churches in Pakistan. Pray that differences would be worked out in ways that honor God.
- Day 20** Pray that people all across Pakistan will hear the gospel and turn to the Lord for salvation.

"Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other." — Isaiah 45:22, NIV
- Day 21** Satellite TV ministries broadcast sermons and other gospel-centered content to remote people groups in Pakistan and throughout Central Asia. Pray that the gospel shared through these media outlets would expose many remote communities to the good news of new life in Jesus.

Week 4: June 22–28, 2023

“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May He strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all His holy ones.”

— 1 Thessalonians 3:12–13, NIV



Week 4 Prayers

- Day 22** Ask the Lord to arrange new opportunities for various ministries in Pakistan to connect with one another, learn from each other and work together, so that more Pakistanis can hear the hope of the gospel.
- Day 23** Natural disasters like earthquakes, flooding and landslides afflict Pakistan on a regular basis. Please pray for wisdom and the needed resources, so that Christians can minister to their neighbors in timely, life-changing ways.
- Day 24** Christian and Hindu minorities in Pakistan often face cycles of indebtedness that essentially become a form of debt slavery, entrapping family members to work in agricultural communities or in brick factories. Pray for efforts to plant the church in these communities, to help lift these families out of debt and provide work and methods of growing income that break this cycle.
- Day 25** Pray for Pakistani pastors who have been trained to use gospel media resources in the Urdu language to share the gospel and build multiplying church communities. Ask God to help with the coaching of these pastors and for multiplication of the small groups they create that can impact neighborhoods around Pakistan.
- Day 26** May Pakistani Christians be quick to seek forgiveness when the Holy Spirit convicts them of sin, just as we would ask God to help us do. May they also realize that God sees them as He sees Jesus: righteous and pure.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” – 1 John 1:9, NIV
- Day 27** Pray for the availability of more Bible schools and seminaries to help young believers in Pakistan know the Word of God well and prepare them to plant, grow and lead churches there. Many Pakistani pastors are bi-vocational, which means they serve in ministry and hold another job. They can sometimes be treated harshly or unkindly if they attempt to tell Pakistanis who follow the majority religion about Jesus. Ask God to help new and seasoned Pakistani pastors serve Him through these many challenges.
- Day 28** The city of Quetta and surrounding area are centers for mining, gas and mineral development. The economy of this border region lags behind most of the rest of the country, and many ethnic minority groups struggle to find their place among the larger more prominent peoples. Ask God to draw the church to focus on strategies that will bring the love of Christ into this region.



Week 5: June 29-30, 2023

Week 5 Prayers

Day 29

Pray for great cooperation and synergy between various groups of Christian workers who are focused on people groups that follow the majority religion. Ask that many will hear the gospel and respond to accept Christ.

Day 30

Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Pakistan 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 Pakistani people 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.

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

Prayercast has great prayer videos: <https://www.prayercast.com/pakistan.html>

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