

Family Guide

Pakistan



“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



A One-Year Prayer ADVENTURE!

Using this handy family guide, we will travel to a faraway country every month, learn about its people and culture and pray for them. We will focus on a different least-reached country in every guide. There are 12 family guides covering 12 countries this year—one for every month.

Why do we call these countries “least reached”? Many of the people in these countries have never heard about Jesus, or it’s difficult for them to hear about Him. Even though you won’t get on a plane to each country, when you pray, you join our adventure—our mission to make a difference in the lives of the people in each country.

The best part is you’ll always know what to pray for. This family guide gives you a prayer request for every day of the week. Moms, dads and kids everywhere will be praying for the same thing together too. Let’s get started by learning about this month’s country.

WELCOME TO Pakistan!



Pakistan means “the land of the pure.” Some pure sights and smells of Pakistan include jasmine, the edelweiss flower (pronounced “ay-duhl-vys”) and cedar trees.

Pray with us that countless Pakistanis come to know the pure, abundant life of Christ.



Fun Facts About Pakistan



Pakistan's roads are known for the big colorful trucks that travel along them, showing off painted artistic designs and bright colors. Some of these designs have even been made into "truck art" coloring books!



The famous edelweiss flower is found in many mountain ranges of the world, including the Pakistani Himalayas.



The markhor, with its curved, spiraling horns, is the national animal of Pakistan. It is pictured on the special 75th anniversary rupee—the national currency of Pakistan.



The Deodar cedar tree is the national tree of Pakistan and it can live for 1,000 years!



Men in Central Asia often wear a wool hat called a Karakul. In Pakistan, it's called a Jinnah cap because the founding father of Pakistan, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, often wore it.

Ready to pray for the people of Pakistan?

In the Iran Prayer Guide, we learned about six different components or types of prayer. To review, they are:

- Asking
- Thanking
- Praising
- Confessing
- Listening
- Praying Scripture

Each of these prayers comes from the belief that God hears us and that He actually cares enough to listen. He has shown us over and over that He is trustworthy. Not only that, His word assures us that He listens. In Jeremiah 29:12 God tells the Israelites to call on Him and He will listen: “Then you will call My name. You will come to Me and pray to Me. And I will listen to you” (International Children’s Bible).

He’s the same God for us today! He listens to you when you go to Him in prayer. Psalm 66:19 echoes this, “**But God has listened. He has heard my prayer**” (ICB).

Have you taken time lately to think about what that means? The God who created the sun, the stars, the oceans, the sea creatures and the incredibly complex human body, *actually hears us when we pray*. That 8 billion people could be calling on Him at the same time isn’t hard to believe. It’s that He listens to each one. He listens because He cares.

Know that as you join us in praying for each of these requests that the all powerful God is listening to you. He is at work across Pakistan to accomplish His purposes, and we get to have a part in that Kingdom work.

Your Prayer Partner,

Lucinda

Please email me, or have a parent email me, if you have any questions or want to share what you are learning about prayer. I’d love to hear from you! prayer@jesusfilm.org



WEEK 1 REQUESTS



“The Lord is close to everyone who prays to Him, to all who truly pray to Him.”

— Psalm 145:18, ICB



Day 1

Christians who live in Pakistan are praying for the big, important city of Karachi. The business they do there affects all of Pakistan. Pray that God would grow His family of Jesus-followers in Karachi so that they will act like Jesus—who often spent time with and cared for the poor, the sick and the homeless.

Day 2

When someone looks, acts or believes differently from everyone else, he or she can sometimes be treated unkindly or unfairly by others. Pray for Christians in Pakistan who are treated unkindly, and pray that those who are unkind will encounter Jesus and that He will change their hearts. May they be loving toward others instead!

Day 3

Some not-yet-believers have deep questions about Christianity, like: *Is the Bible true? Does God exist? If God does exist, how can we know He is good?* “Apologetics” is a big word that means doing research to answer these types of questions. Pray for apologetic resources to be translated and printed in Urdu, the official language of Pakistan. These would be great tools for answering questions people have about Christianity, God, Jesus and the Bible.

Day 4

Pray for comfort and healing for Pakistanis who are sick or injured. Ask God to provide them with important things like medicine and medical supplies when they need it most.

Day 5

Christian churches in Pakistan continue to help communities rebuild after a devastating flood. They’ve been able to share food and clothing in new areas which has allowed them to share the gospel as well. Ask God to comfort Pakistanis who have suffered great losses, and to give Christians tools to help meet physical and spiritual needs there.

Day 6

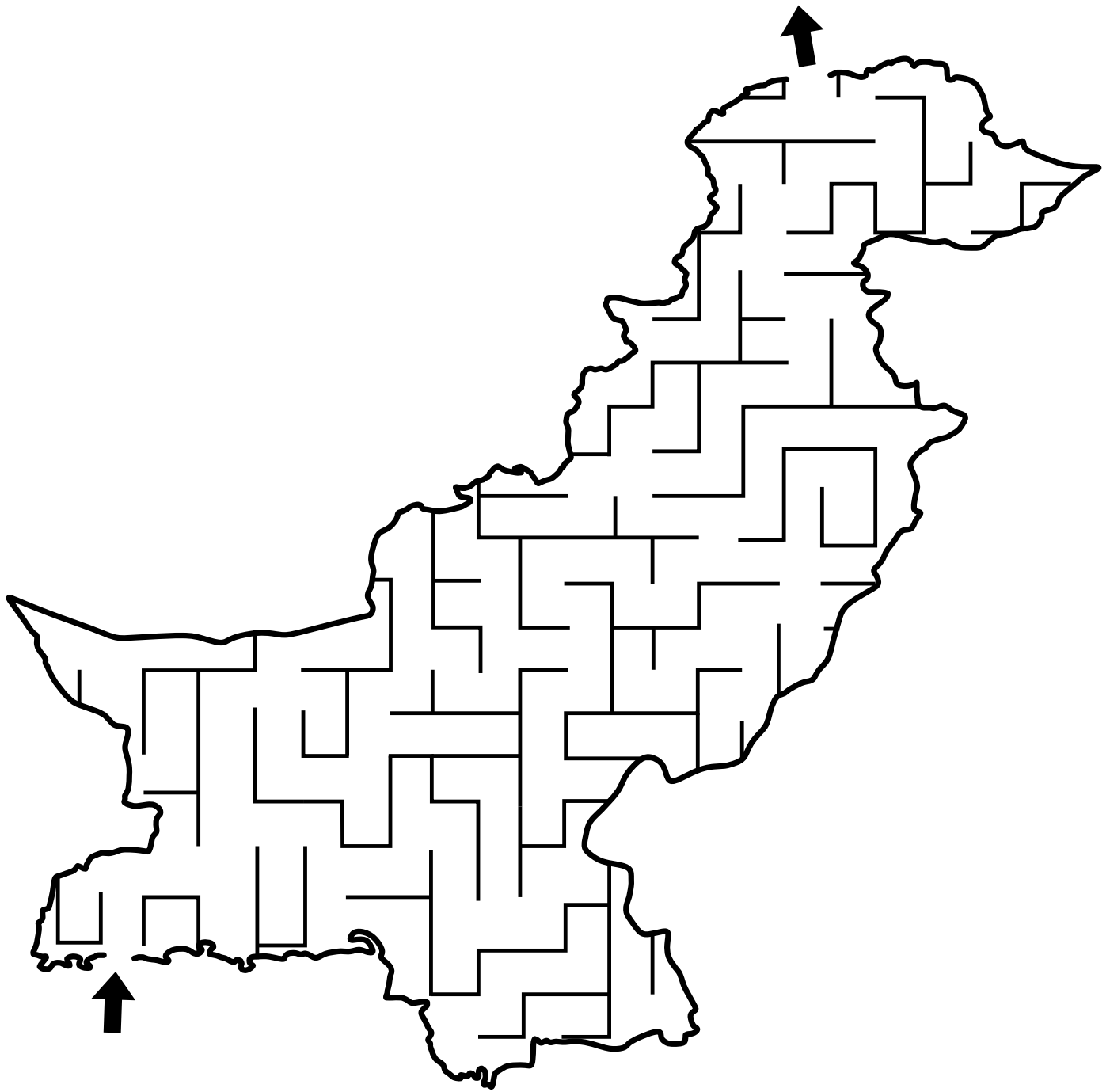
Being a leader is an important job, and leading others can be a lot of hard work. Pray for the safety of Pakistan’s leaders and for God to help them lead in a way that supports peace and well-being for all.

“You should pray for kings and for all who have authority. Pray for the leaders so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives—lives full of worship and respect for God.”
— 1 Timothy 2:2, ICB

Day 7

Let’s say you live next door to someone your age who speaks a different language than you. You would really like to talk to him, but how? By learning what his words mean, one word at a time, and speaking them back you probably could. That’s what translating a language is all about. We work hard to translate the message of Jesus from the Bible for a movie. It’s hard work and takes time. Many groups in Pakistan speak different languages. Pray for more Christians who can help translate so unreached people can have God’s words in their heart language.

Week 1 Activity: Pakistan Maze



WEEK 2 REQUESTS



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

– 1 Samuel 2:2, ICB



Day 8

Pakistan is the fifth-most populated country in the world. That means there are only four countries in the whole world that have more people than Pakistan. Pakistan has a whopping 850 people groups! Each group can have its own traditions, foods, dances, languages, games, music and art. Ask God to send many of His workers to this country to show all 850 people groups the love of Jesus.

Day 9

There aren't very many churches or Christians in Pakistan, but the few believers who live there have faith that many Pakistanis would accept Jesus if only they knew about Him. May God send more workers to join these believers in getting the message out to those who don't yet know about Jesus.

Day 10

Islamabad is the capital city of Pakistan. It sits up against the mountainous part of the country where many people groups live. Pray for the country's leaders—many of whom live in Islamabad—to lead all its people well, including people groups who live in the mountains, and to encourage peace and friendship among all.

Day 11

Some Christians in Pakistan want their neighbors to know how much Jesus loves them. They want to invite them to watch short films and videos about who Jesus is. Ask God to bless the movie showings by providing all that is needed and to prompt many neighbors to come.

Day 12

If a Christian wants a group of people to hear and understand the gospel message, it really helps for them to know the culture of the group—things like their interests, traditions and values. These cultural things are important to people. Pray that Christians can use their knowledge of Pakistani culture to help explain the gospel message well and in a way that's easy to understand.

Day 13

“He (Jesus) said to them, ‘There are a great many people to harvest. But there are only a few workers to harvest them. God owns the harvest. Pray to God that He will send more workers to help gather His harvest.’”— Luke 10:2, ICB

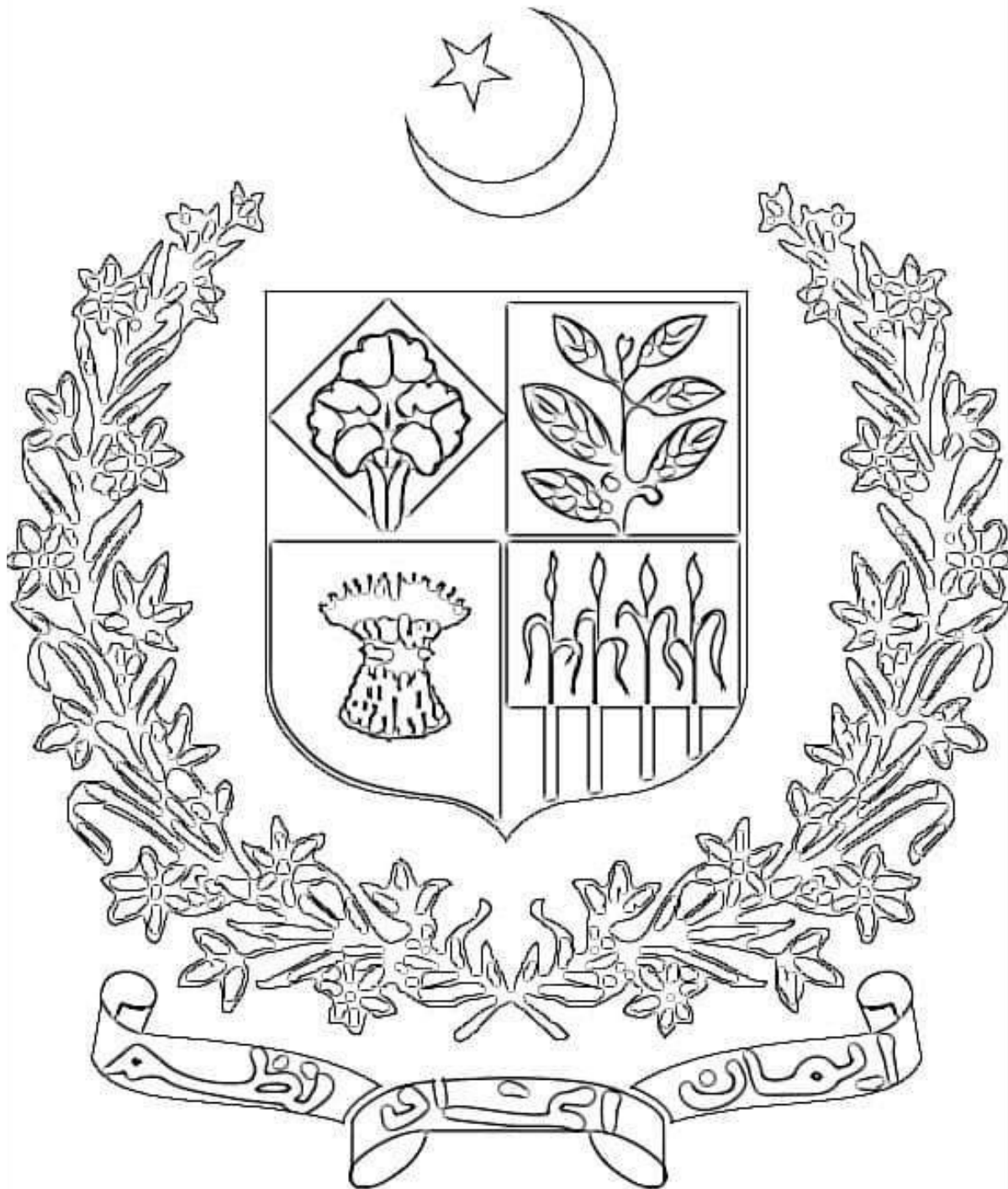
In this Bible verse, Jesus says there are many people to harvest. He means that there are many people ready right now to say “yes” to His invitation to receive Him into their hearts! More Christians and Christian workers are needed who will take the message of Jesus to those who are ready to know Him in Pakistan.

Day 14

Did you know that having parents who follow Jesus does not make you a Jesus-follower too? Jesus invites each person to decide for themselves if they will choose to follow Him. Following Jesus means trusting Him to forgive your sins, obeying His Word and representing Him to others well. So, have you decided to follow Jesus? Be sure to tell your mom or dad. And don't forget to pray that each Pakistani will decide to follow Him too.

Week 2 Activity: Coloring Page

Pakistan State Emblem



WEEK 3 REQUESTS



“Patience and encouragement come from God. And I pray that God will help you all agree with each other the way Christ Jesus wants. Then you will all be joined together, and you will give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

— Romans 15:5-6, ICB



□ Day 15

God loves every human being He ever made. He loves them so much that He gave His son Jesus to die on the cross. That’s a lot of love! No matter what a person does, God’s love stays the same. People have a hard time loving like that. In fact, it’s impossible. That’s why we need the Holy Spirit, who lives inside us, to love others through us. When people are mean to us, when they lie about us, when they harm us or our loved ones, we can still love them back. Jesus, love others through us even when we are treated unfairly.

□ Day 16

Even in villages far away from cities, some villagers have TV sets. Those who do may be able to watch pastors teaching lessons from the Bible, or sharing with people how to invite Jesus into their hearts. They might be able to watch movies about Jesus—in a language they understand! Pray that many villagers would hear and accept the words of Jesus on TV and grow in their faith.

□ Day 17

The Pakistani city of Lahore makes lots of carpets and rugs for other countries to buy, and also grows fruits and vegetables to feed people. However, sometimes when there is a drought (meaning it doesn’t rain for a long time) or when the land floods from too much rain, people in cities like Lahore cannot easily grow food. Pray for these farmers, their land and the fruits and vegetables that grow there. May God stop the rain when it’s too much and bring rain when it’s desperately needed.

□ Day 18

Let’s pray that people in Pakistan who don’t yet know Jesus will hear about Him, get to know Him and follow Him soon.

“All people everywhere, follow Me and be saved. I am God. There is no other God.”
— Isaiah 45:22, ICB

□ Day 19

Have you ever seen a toolbox? Most toolboxes have a hammer, screwdrivers, a wrench and a few other things. Christian workers have toolboxes too. Their toolboxes might have things like a Bible, movies about Jesus and the Bible, books that answer Bible questions, worship music, a list of partners and helpers, and maybe even a heart-language Bible for others who speak a different language along with some other things. All are “tools” Christian workers can use to help them reach people who don’t yet know Jesus. Pray that God will equip Christian workers to have all the tools they need in their toolbox to tell everyone in Pakistan about Jesus.

□ Day 20

It pleases and honors God when the members of His family get along and work together. But the devil sometimes gets in the middle and causes trouble between Christians. Pray Christians would seek God’s way to work out any conflicts. If they do that, then they can get back to pleasing and honoring God by getting along and working together. Everybody wins except for the devil!

□ Day 21

God wants some of His followers to serve Him as full-time Christian workers. That usually means a worker gives up their job so they can give all of their time to the special work God wants them to do. It also means God provides the money they need to live through churches and generous Christians. Pray that these churches and generous Christians will give money faithfully so Pakistani Christian workers can do God’s work.

Week 3 Activity: Pakistan Word Find

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WEEK 4 REQUESTS



“We pray that the Lord will make your love grow more and more for each other and for all people. We pray that you will love others as we love you and that your hearts will be made strong. ...”

— 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13, ICB



Day 22

Different groups of people in God’s family often work together as partners because they want the whole world to hear the message of Jesus. Just like different people have special experiences, talents and backgrounds, different groups of Christians can have special strengths that they can use to help grow and encourage God’s family in unique ways. Together, they can have a greater impact on the world around them. Pray that God will bring more Christian groups together as partners in Pakistan so that more Pakistanis can hear the gospel.

Day 23

Earthquakes, flooding and landslides happen often in Pakistan, damaging or washing away homes and crops like fruits and vegetables. People tend to get injured and sometimes die. Pray that Christians will share the love of Jesus by helping their suffering neighbors.

Day 24

Some Pakistani Christian pastors have been trained to form groups that can meet in different neighborhoods and grow into new churches. Pray that the pastors will coach the groups with wisdom from the Holy Spirit. May Jesus followers multiply in the neighborhoods of Pakistan.

Day 25

Christians and other minority groups in Pakistan are sometimes trapped in a form of slavery and unfair treatment they cannot easily get out of. Pray that pastors and believers plant churches in areas where this happens. Churches can sometimes help these families find a way out of slavery and help them stay out.

Day 26

Have you ever dug a big hole in the ground and found rocks mixed in with the dirt? In some parts of the world, iron, copper, diamonds, salt and other things are dug (mined) out of the ground. Of course, it takes big equipment and a much deeper hole than we can dig. There are places in Pakistan where miners dig metals and minerals from the ground. Ask God to bring the love of Jesus to the miners of Pakistan.

Day 27

Even after we tell Jesus that we want to accept His gift of forgiveness and follow Him with our lives, we might disobey Him. His Word tells us that we should confess our sins to God, which just means telling God what we did wrong. Let’s pray that we, and Christians in Pakistan, will quickly tell God when we realize we did something wrong.

“But if we confess our sins, He will forgive our sins. We can trust God. He does what is right. He will make us clean from all the wrongs we have done.”

— 1 John 1:9, ICB

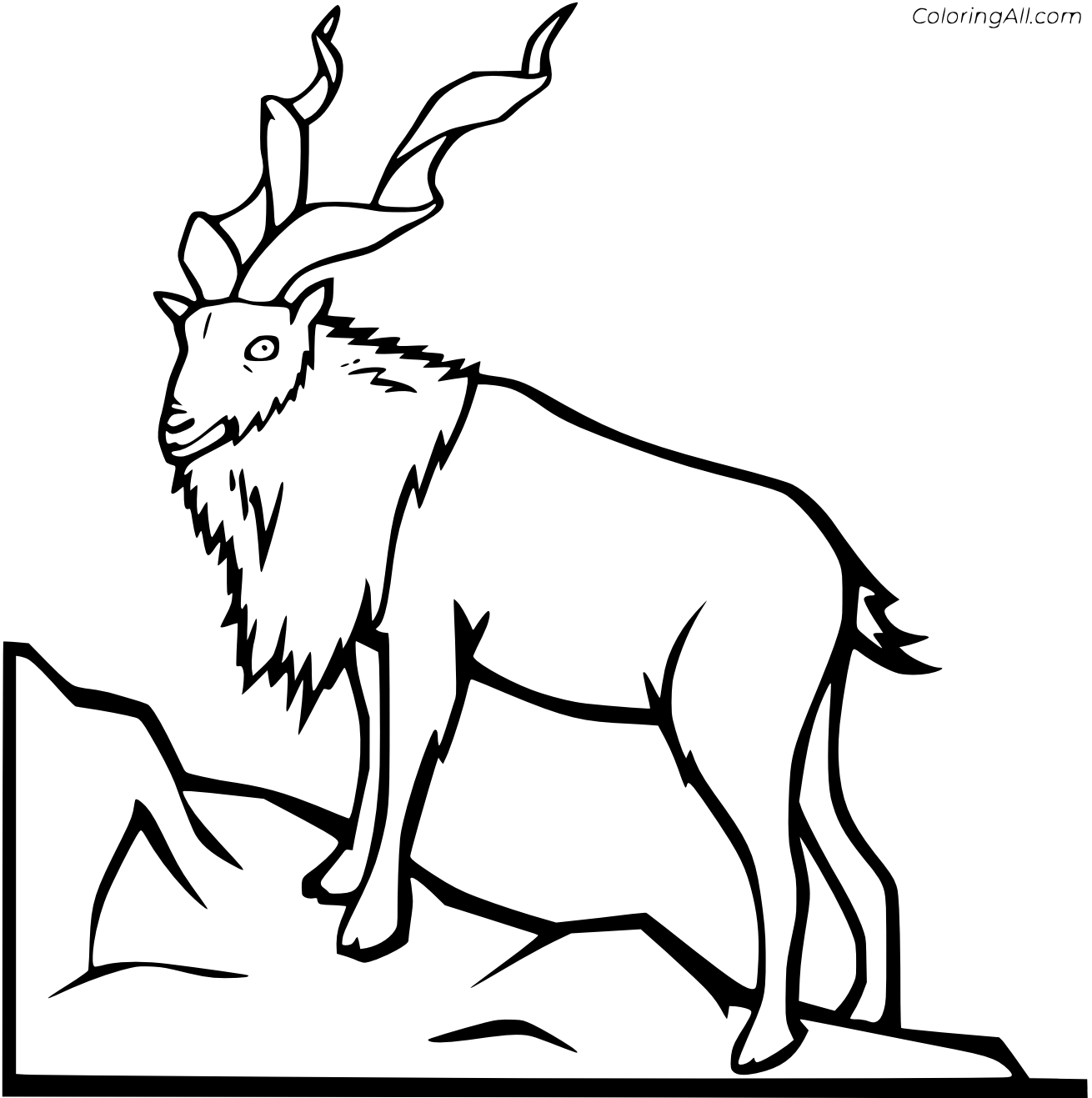
Day 28

There are a few schools that train Pakistani believers to become pastors. After training, they can lead Christian churches, form new churches and help the people grow a stronger faith. Pray for these pastors, that God would give them the courage to take the message of Jesus to their neighbors, even if the neighbors are unkind. May the pastors’ kindness and goodness shine for Jesus and convince their neighbors that Jesus is Lord over all.

Week 4 Activity: Coloring Page

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ColoringAll.com



WEEK 5 REQUESTS



☐ Day 29

When Christian groups work together as partners to do a job, they can get more done. Pray for those working together to be good listeners, patient and respectful, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide them. They all want Pakistanis to come to know the one true God through His Son Jesus.

☐ Day 30

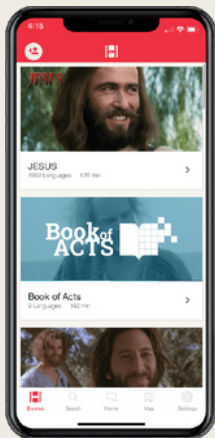
For one reason or another, people are sometimes mistreated just for being different in some way. This makes their lives hard and often there's nowhere for them to turn for help. Yet in a certain area of Pakistan God has enabled Christians to help. While they cannot change the mistreatment that continues, they can offer kindness and compassion. Ask God to provide ways to meet more of their practical needs, and pray that the mistreatment stops.

☐ Day 31

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 has 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

- ▶ Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to information about Pakistan.
joshuaproject.net/countries/PK
- ▶ Prayercast has great prayer videos.
prayercast.com/pakistan
- ▶ A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the *JESUS* film in their heart language. We have the film in over 2,000 languages on our website.
jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english
- ▶ We also have multiple other films and short films available.
jesusfilm.org/watch
- ▶ For more Jesus Film Project prayer resources—including access to each month’s family prayer guide—visit the prayer page on the Jesus Film Project website.
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