

For the Least Reached

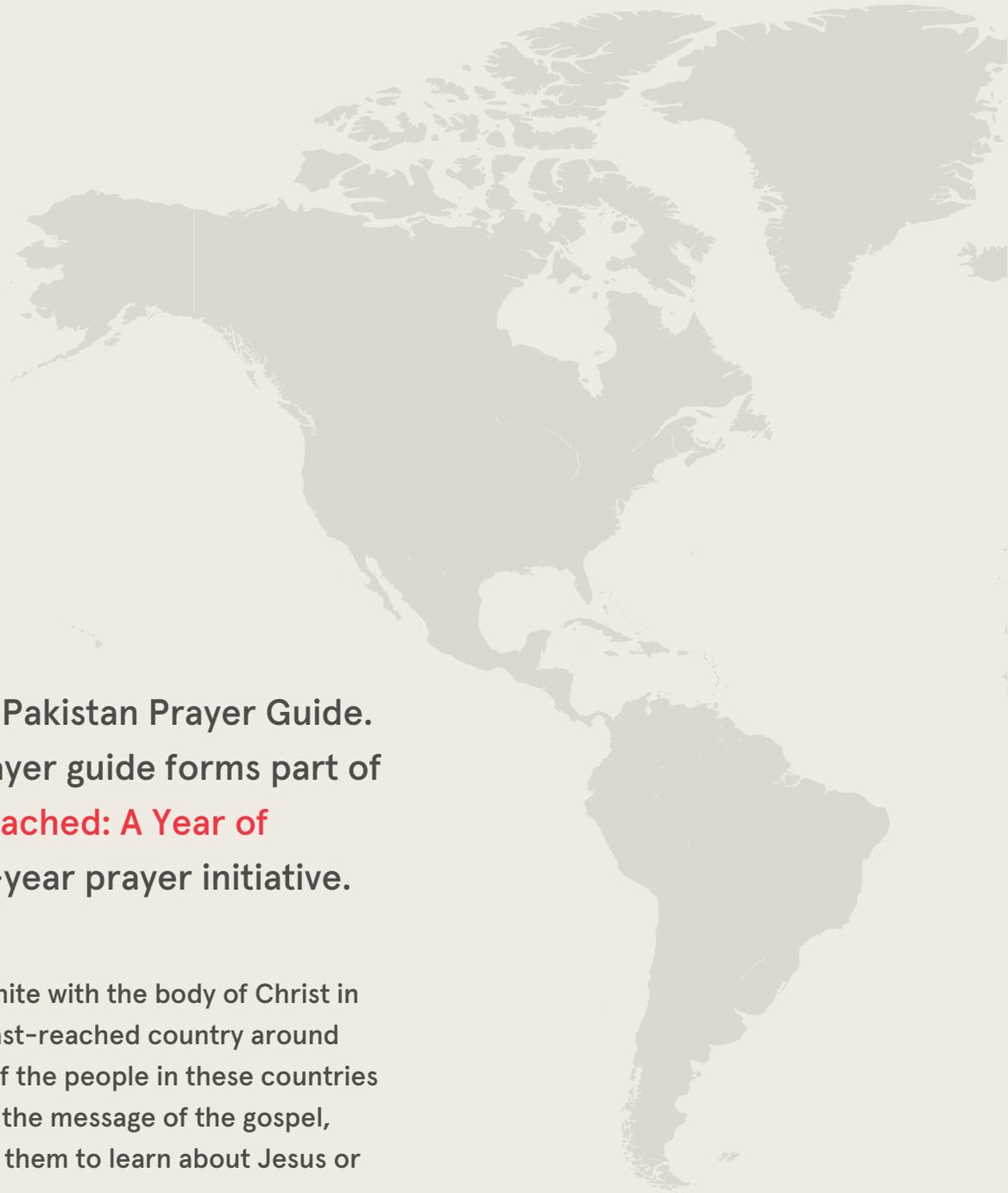
Prayer Guide



“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 Pakistan 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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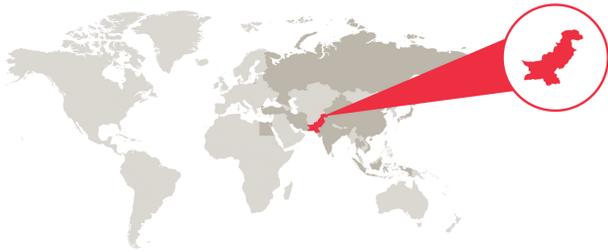
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Nearly

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!



Pakistan means “the land of the pure.” Pray with us that countless Pakistanis come to know the pure, abundant life of Christ.



Did you know?

- ▶ Pakistan is known for its colorful, intricate truck art. The designs on these mobile canvases have even been made into coloring books!
- ▶ The famous alpine flower called edelweiss is found in many mountain ranges, including the Himalayas, which run through Pakistan.
- ▶ The markhor is the national animal of Pakistan and is featured on the rupee note commemorating the country's 75th anniversary.
- ▶ The Deodar cedar (*Cedrus deodara*) is the national tree of Pakistan.
- ▶ Men in Central Asia often wear a wool hat called a karakul. In Pakistan, it's called a jinnah cap, and it's named after the founding father of Pakistan, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, who often wore this type of cap.



Praying for 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 assumes 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, but His word assures us He listens. In Jeremiah 29:12 God tells the Israelites to call on Him and He will listen. “Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you” (New International Version). 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 surely listened and has heard my prayer” (NIV).

Have you taken time lately to ponder 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. It isn’t hard to believe that 8 billion people could be calling on Him at the same time. 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 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.

Thank you for praying with us.

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

— Psalm 145:18, NIV

Week 1 Requests



- Day 1** According to the Joshua Project website, there are 850 people groups in Pakistan, and 844 have still not heard the message of the gospel. Committed Christians are praying for these unreached groups, one group per week. This nation still needs much prayer and work! Ask God for more prayer warriors to pray for Pakistan.

- Day 2** Karachi is the largest city in Pakistan. Along with nearby Hyderabad, they serve as the nation's financial and industrial capital, and as its major port and transportation hub. Ask God to build His church here in a way that blesses the poorer areas of the country.

- Day 3** Pray that Christian translators will be able to translate and print more apologetic resources in Urdu, the official language of Pakistan. These helpful tools answer common questions about Christianity for those who are seeking truth.

- Day 4** Christian ministries in Pakistan can face a lot of obstacles, including excess expenses and delays. This can limit their options and resources. Pray for these ministries to have favor with authorities and institutions so that the gospel can go forth.

- 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 opened doors 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 with physical and spiritual needs there.

- Day 6** 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 7** Pray for comfort and healing for the sick and injured in Pakistan.

Week 2



*"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 Requests



Day 8

Pakistan is the world's fifth-most populated country and has more than 200 million people of 850 ethnic groups. More Christians workers are needed, especially local believers who have background knowledge of the majority religion.

Day 9

Please pray for individuals, churches and Christian organizations to partner together for the plentiful harvest of new believers in this nation, and that they would faithfully serve the Lord together in unity.

Day 10

Even when people speak the same language, it is often still necessary to produce different gospel materials that address relevant cultural and age differences. Ask God to lead those who are training millennials in producing culturally-relevant materials for Pakistan.

Day 11

Some Christians in Pakistan hope to reach their neighborhoods for Jesus using a strategy of showing short films and videos. Ask God to provide the equipment, supplies and workers needed for outreaches of this kind.

Day 12

Some people groups in Pakistan are considered mostly 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 a lifetime disciple of Jesus. May they love and walk with Him in ways that are life-changing and transformative to their communities.

Day 13

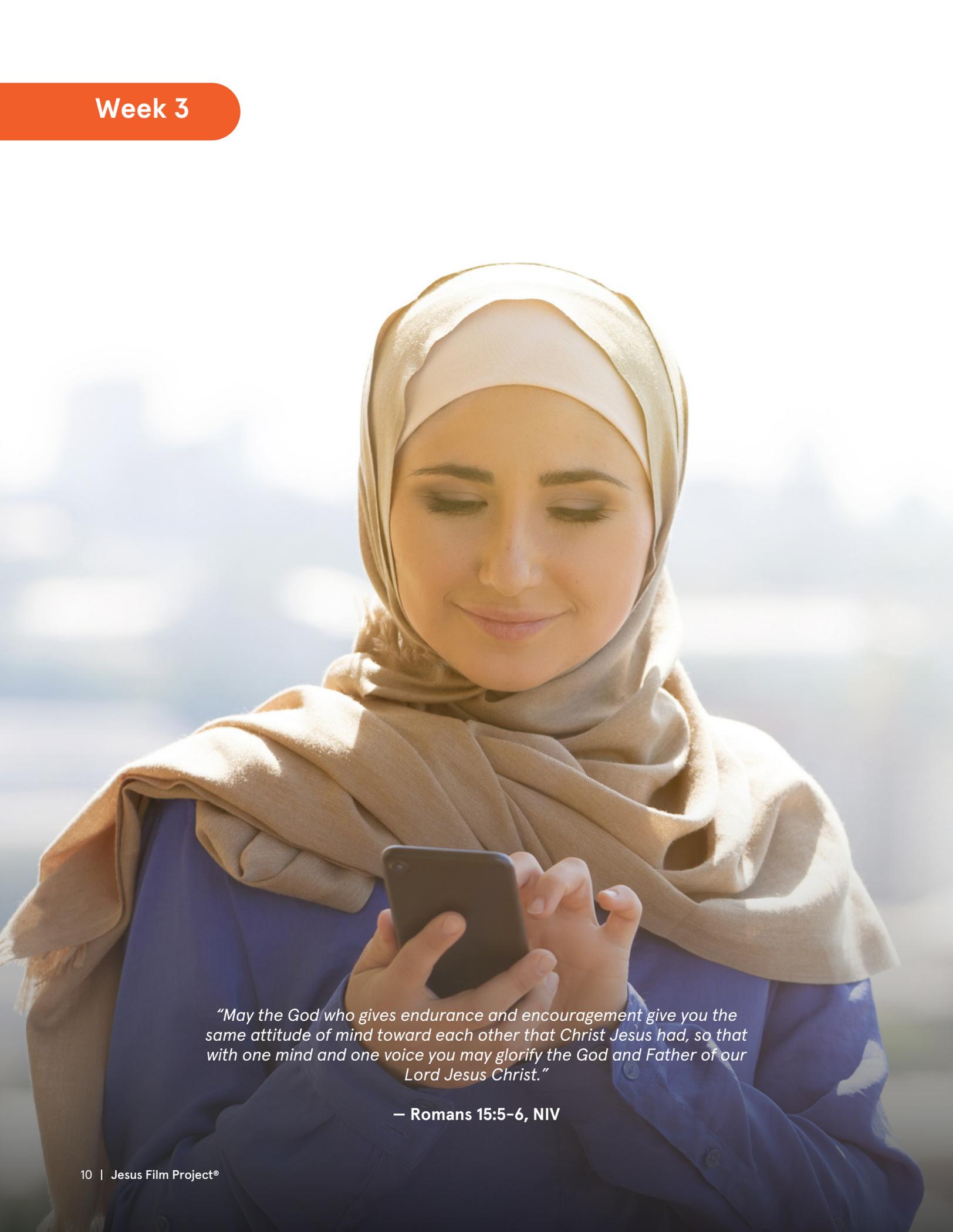
Luke 10:2 (NIV) says: *"He (Jesus) told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.'"*

In honor of Jesus' words in Luke 10:2, set an alarm for 10:02 for the rest of the month. Ask God to inspire more believers to take the gospel across Pakistan.

Day 14

Pray that God would raise up leadership, in all segments of society, to encourage peace and tolerance for all ethnic groups in Pakistan.

Week 3



“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 Requests



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

Pray that the devil would not “get a foothold” (take advantage of disagreements) and cause division between believers, ministries or churches in Pakistan, and that Christians would work out their differences in ways that honor God.

Day 17

The Punjab region is the biggest agricultural region in Pakistan. Wheat, cotton and mangoes are the most common crops there. Pray for subsistence farmers who are most affected by drought, flooding and indebtedness throughout this region.

Day 18

Ask God to provide for the financial needs of Pakistani believers who are serving as full-time Christian workers.

Day 19

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 and they hope to also introduce digital resources to help bring greater understanding of the Word of God and address common questions. Pray for God to grant wisdom to these groups so they can bring these ideas together and help new readers of the Bible understand it. Pray also for open doors so many can receive and understand God’s Word in their heart language.

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

Many ministries broadcast sermons and other gospel-centered content via satellite TV to remote regions in Pakistan. Pray for God to use these broadcasts to draw many remote people groups to the good news of new life in Jesus.

Week 4



"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 Requests



- 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** Many Christian and Hindu minorities in Pakistan often face cycles of debt that can entrap people or their loved ones in a form of slavery in agricultural communities or brick factories. Pray for efforts to plant churches in these communities, to help lift these families out of debt and provide work and methods of earning income to break this cycle.
- Day 24** Pakistan regularly experiences natural disasters like earthquakes, floods and landslides. Please pray for God to equip Christians in the region with needed resources to help them minister to their neighbors in timely, life-changing ways.
- 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 provide coaching for these pastors and for the multiplication of the small groups they create to impact neighborhoods around Pakistan.
- Day 26** 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 other jobs. They can sometimes be treated harshly or unkindly if they attempt to share the gospel with Pakistanis who follow the majority religion. Ask God to help new and seasoned Pakistani pastors serve Him through these many challenges.
- Day 27** 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 28** Pray for the economy in a town known for being the center for mining gas and minerals. The economy of this region lags behind most of the country and many ethnic minority groups from there struggle to find their place among the more prominent people groups. Ask God to help motivate and inspire the church to have compassion on them, and focus on strategies that will bring the love of Christ into this region.

Week 5 Requests



□ 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

There has been a lot of violence and persecution in a certain area, which has traumatized many. Yet God has opened the doors for Christians to help here in many ways. Pray that believers can open a center to serve these people and help them heal mentally, spiritually and physically. The goal is to offer counseling, as well as meet the community's physical needs. Please pray that God will provide what is needed so this hope becomes reality.

□ 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 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 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 over 2,000 languages available on our website. jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english
- ▶ We also have multiple other films and short videos 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: jesusfilm.org/pray



The Jesus Film Project app is completely free and available on iOS and Android devices. Get the app now and start watching and sharing a huge library of Jesus-centered films.



Each month we will focus on a different least-reached country. 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. 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.

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