

Pakistan

- **Leader:** Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif
- **Government:** Republic
- **Population:** 196,744,000 (3,938,000 Christians)
- **Main Religion:** Islam
- **Persecution Level:** Extreme
- **Source of Persecution:** Islamic Oppression, Organized Corruption and Crime

There are multiple groups of Christians experiencing persecution in Pakistan.

Historical Christian communities exist openly, but have to put up with stringent rules and constant monitoring, while Christian converts from Islam suffer the brunt of persecution from both radical Islamic groups and families and neighbors.

Protestant Christian communities are under close scrutiny and suffer frequent attacks, especially when they are active in outreach amongst Muslims. Violent persecution is common.

Christians are targets for murder, bombings, abduction of women, rape, forced marriages and eviction from home and country. Unjust and arbitrary blasphemy laws are used to punish Christians and prevent evangelism.

PLEASE PRAY:

- Pray for both military and terrorist leaders, that they would encounter and heed conviction.
- Pray that Christians being persecuted by their families will be faithful witnesses.
- Pray for Christians in Pakistan, especially those who are evangelizing and risk being charged with blasphemy by friends, family and neighbors.