

# PRAYER FOCUS

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## PAKISTAN

### “A BIBLE IN MY LANGUAGE!”

One of our Bible recipients shared his testimony:

“I am Jabeer (not my real name). I live in Balochistan. Our town is known for the presence of hardcore Islamic leaders in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Although I am Muslim, I have Christian friends. We were neighbors in the community and sometimes we sit and socialize together. I always felt an emptiness, and I was curious about Christianity. I wanted to know more about their beliefs, especially the holy book they read, which has been translated into almost every language.

A group of Christians often visited our area. I found them very kind, humble, and friendly. One time they distributed Bibles in our community. It was in the Pashto language so most of the people in our town could understand it.

I have been longing to get this book for years. Finally, this holy book was in my hands. But I doubted this scripture because I heard that it is no longer the original version due to so many translations. I kept it on a shelf and didn't read a single word after I received it.

After a week, I decided to read the Bible. It made me feel a deep sense of peace and joy, which I could not explain



*Pashto Bibles recently distributed in Pakistan.*

in words, as I read about the teachings and good deeds of Hazrat Essa (Jesus) and His disciples. I believed every word in that Holy Book. I am amazed! I can testify that what is written in this book is true, and I found my peace and way of life because of this beautiful gift – a Bible in my language!

Thank you for making this precious Book available for us. All my doubts were removed after reading the truth of God's Word. I have given my heart and life to Jesus, our everlasting God. I will tell others about the good news this

beautiful Book brings.”

Praise God for the lives being changed in Pakistan through the living Word. God's Word is true. Isaiah 55:11 says, 'so is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.'

A few years ago, an Islamist political party in Pakistan requested that the country's Supreme Court declare specific Bible passages "blasphemous." If the court refuses, the party has said it will demand that the Bible be banned in the country. Thank God, the case did not progress. Experts said that the likelihood of an outright Bible ban is small, but the fact that it was discussed should cause Christians to be alarmed and earnestly pray for this matter.

Please continue to pray as our Country Team makes ways to place these precious books in the hands of our brothers and sisters in Pakistan.



**“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)**

# Prayer Calendar December 2022

**1 (THU) PAKISTAN** Pray that the current political instability will not escalate into violence.

**2 (FRI) PAKISTAN** Pray for families devastated by the recent floods; to get the necessary assistance to start rebuilding their lives.

**3/4 (SAT/SUN) LAOS** Pray for the Consultation meeting with 18 Bru pastors and leaders. May their eyes be opened as the vision for the harvest is shared with them.

**5 (MON) LAOS** Pray for the Lao government as crucial decisions are made to lead the nation out of economic crisis and drug problems.

**6 (TUE) NORTH KOREA** Pray for the welfare and safety of North Koreans as hunger, disease, and poverty still ravage the country.

**7 (WED) NORTH KOREA** North Korean defectors revealed how children are exploited through forced labor. Pray for God's protection upon these children.

**8 (THU) SRI LANKA** Pray for our SowH coordinator as he connects with other churches and share about our discipleship program.

**9 (FRI) SRI LANKA** A survey by Save the Children reported that the collapse in family incomes had affected children's psychological health in 30 percent of Sri Lankan families. Pray for God's healing and protection of these children.

**10/11 (SAT/SUN) KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES**  
Pray for Karen youth leaders to stay focused on reaching the youth along the Thai-Myanmar borders.

**12 (MON) KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES** Pray as the Karen

English New Testament is being prepared for printing next year.

**13 (TUE) KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES** Pray that our Karen discipleship trainees who desire water baptism be allowed by their parents.

**14 (WED) CHINA** Some people have committed suicide due to the severe Covid restrictions imposed by the government. Many of the victims are young people. Pray that people will have special encounter with God in their desperate moments.

**15 (THU) NE INDIA** Pray for the Himalayan Evangelical Church Alliance to be able to serve and strengthen struggling churches along the Himalayan borders.

**16 (FRI) NE INDIA** Many Muslims became Christians during the pandemic. Pray for strength upon those converts who were driven out of their communities because of their new faith.

**17/18 (SAT/SUN) BHUTAN** Pray as local evangelists are trained and equipped to reach districts without church fellowship.

**19 (MON) BHUTAN** Pray for God's comfort upon pastors imprisoned because of their faith. May they become faithful witnesses of the Gospel while in prison.

**20 (TUE) BANGLADESH** Pray for peace and safety among the Christian Bawm communities. The military suspects that they are harboring Muslim terrorists and have threatened drastic action against them.

**21 (WED) CAMBODIA** Pray for God's favor upon our Functional English Center as the government is set to relocate them to a new site.

**22 (THU) CAMBODIA** Pray for the emerging Christian young people of Cambodia to be used by God to affect the society with Christian values.

**23 (FRI) VIETNAM** Persecution against believers in the Central

Highlands continues, with the government accusing Christian groups of using religion to oppose the State. Pray that the church will find ways to connect with the government to dispel these incorrect and unfair accusations.

**24/25 (SAT/SUN) VIETNAM** The government has imposed stricter regulations on social media platforms. Pray for wisdom and protection upon churches that use this as a tool for their ministry.

**26 (MON) AFGHANISTAN** Pray that girls and women can be educated and improve themselves despite the Taliban's suppression of their right to education.

**27 (TUE) MYANMAR** Pray for the restoration of democracy; and for God's peace, justice, and righteousness to reign in Myanmar.

**28 (WED) MYANMAR** Pray for God's mercy and comfort upon the people who have experienced untold suffering because of the war.

**29 (THU) MYANMAR** The Burmese army attacked concertgoers during the Kachin Independence Organization's (KIO) anniversary celebration in October, killing at least 80 people and injuring hundreds more. Pray for comfort upon the families and those who were injured.

**30 (FRI) NEPAL** Pray that the government will recognize the significant contributions of Christians for the country's well-being.

**31 (SAT) NEPAL** Over 80% of Nepalese are Hindu. Pray for them to have a personal encounter with Jesus.

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