# Bangladesh

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# Day 3

OCTOBER | 2023 PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

## **Praise Report**

Praise the Lord for Christian Believers who are involved in missions in Bangladesh, and are training churches to be missional and take responsibility for evangelism and church planting (The Bible, <u>Matthew 28:19</u>).

### **Prayer Requests**

Pray for the protection of those who are vulnerable and marginalized. Pray for women and children, the desperately poor. May the Church rise to bless those and protect those who need it most (The Bible, Psalm 12:5).

Pray for Christians who would like to be more involved with Christian ministry, but who need jobs that will provide financially for their families. Pray for the right jobs that pay well and allow flexibility with time and capacity (The Bible, <u>Luke 12:7</u>).

#### Call to Salvation

Pray for those who are sick, those who are unemployed and have no hope for their future, that they will turn to the Lord at this time and be saved (The Bible, <u>Isaiah 45:22</u>).

Sources:

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#### MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Bangladesh is the world's leading textile and beef supplier. Geographically, it lies in the delta region formed by the confluence of the Ganges and the Brahmaputra river systems. Once predominantly Hindu, Bangladesh now hosts the fourth-largest Muslim population in the world. During the Independence Partition from the British Empire in 1947, Bangladesh was birthed as East Pakistan. In 1971, aided by India, Bangladesh was partitioned from Pakistan. Today, it is densely populated, and institutional corruption threatens its economic growth. Ranked 30 in the Open Doors Persecution List in 2023, Bangladeshi Christians face

difficulties in the community and in conducting their personal lives. The rise of extreme Islamic groups and "government-approved" disappearances continue to terrorize the 938,000 Christians in Bangladesh.

CHIEF OF STATE

President Abdul Hamid

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Sheikh Hasina

POPULATION

166.3 million

CHRISTIANS

0.4%

**EVANGLICAL CHRISTIANS** 

Unknown

DOMINANT RELIGION

Islam

PERSECUTION RANKING

30

REFUGEES

232,485

LIFE EXPECTANCY

70.94 yrs

LITERACY RATE

56.8%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

31.5%