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Day 28

OCTOBER | 2023 PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY Praise Report

Praise God that many Christians in Pakistan responded with compassion to the recent destruction of church property. Praise God for the prayer meetings that took place all over Pakistan (The Bible, <u>Acts 4:23-25</u>).

Prayer Requests

Bless the government with renewed commitment to appropriately address all the terrorist and extremist groups in the country, particularly considering the Taliban's return to power in neighboring Afghanistan (The Bible, <u>Isaiah 1:26</u>).

In Jesus' powerful name, bind up the spirits of violence, lawlessness, and fear trying to rule this nation. Instead, welcome the Holy Spirit's presence to be powerfully at work in this nation (The Bible, <u>Matthew 12:29</u>).

Call to Salvation

Pray for a mighty wave of salvations to flood this nation, transforming hearts and minds, bringing peace and stability (The Bible, <u>Psalm 51:10-12</u>).

Sources:

WIN <u>Operation World</u> <u>Pakistani authorities arrest more than 100 people in Punjab after church attacks (CNN)</u>

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Pakistan has the world's third-largest Muslim population. Its political and economic systems are greatly impacted by hosting millions of refugees, primarily from Afghanistan, and the presence of many radical Islamists. At least 48 terrorist and extremist groups – including the Taliban, Al Qaeda, and IS – find a home in Pakistan. The notorious blasphemy laws have had devastating consequences for Christian Believers, who experience more violence than almost anywhere else. This year 25 churches were attacked and damaged, and some were burned down entirely after mobs of Muslims attacked following claims that a Qur'an was

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desecrated. Deep and long-standing cultural boundaries between Muslims and Christians prevent many Christians from sharing their faith with Muslims so most Christians are former Hindus or from low castes. Despite obstacles and overcoming fear, the Church continues to grow.

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