

PROVIDENCE CHURCH Prayer for the Nations

Pakistan

General Information

- Population: 180 million.
- With a population exceeding 180 million people, it is the sixth most populous country in the world.
- Pakistan is also a nuclear power as well as a declared nuclear weapons state, being the only nation in the Muslim world, and the second in South Asia, to have that status.
- Pakistan has a 2.03% population growth rate and is the highest among the SAARC countries and gives an annual increase of 3.6 million. The population is projected to reach 210.13 million by 2020 and to double by 2045.

Challenges

- Pakistan is an ethnically and linguistically diverse country which poses interesting challenges and complexities.
- Life expectancy at birth was 65.4 years for females and 63.6 years for males in 2010.
- Approximately 19% of the population and 30% of children under five are malnourished.
- About 20% of the population lives below the international poverty line of US\$1.25 a day.
- Sectarian violence among Muslim denominations has increased in recent times with over 400 targeted deaths of Shias in the year 2012 alone.

Pray

- Many Christians are trapped in Pakistan where they are raped and abused through enslavement, of which the local authorities do little.
- 2 Thess 3:1-2 – That the word of God speed ahead and be glorified And *believers* be delivered from wicked and evil men. Establish and guard them against the evil one

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