

Pakistan Country Profile



Full Name: Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Population: 161 million

Capital: Islamabad

Largest City: Karachi

Major Languages: English, Urdu, Punjabi, Sindhi and Pashto

Life Expectancy: 63 years

Currency: Pakistani Rupee

Pakistan is about three-and-a-half times the size of the UK. It shares borders with four countries. India to the east, China to the north east, Iran to the south west and Afghanistan along the western and northern boundaries. Politically this can be a very unstable region. Recent conflict in Afghanistan has created a refugee problem for the Pakistan government and they have also faced challenges in dealing with Islamic extremists.

Pakistan is a poor country that has suffered from difficult social, economic and political circumstances since its formation in 1947. It has fought two wars with India and has recently been struggling with internal tensions as some hard line Muslim clerics are calling for the introduction of Sharia law throughout the country. Religious freedom is maintained within the country's constitution however Christians face increasing persecution and attacks are becoming more common.

Prayer Points



Please pray for: God's protection over Christians in Pakistan.
Peace throughout the country.
Christian leaders in the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan,
that they may have wisdom and courage.