



SHINE! - Global 24 hours of Prayer and Worship

ADULT PRAYER GUIDE

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Prayers for the Church in Pakistan as it helps the 86 million children under 15 years

In 2025, the Church in Pakistan - though a minority - acts as a vital “catalyst for transformation” by moving beyond prayer into direct social action for its 86 million children

We invite you to pray as you are led into each section below:

1. Breaking the Cycle of Bonded Labor

The Church is a primary force in liberating children trapped in the “brick kiln” slavery system:

- **Debt Relief:** Christian organizations are quietly negotiating with kiln owners to pay off predatory loans, freeing entire families from generational debt.
- **Alternative Livelihoods:** Churches provide vocational training (e.g., sewing, small business management) so parents do not have to rely on child labor for survival.
- **Transitional Care:** Some ministries operate homes specifically for children rescued from slavery, providing food, housing, and their first experience of formal schooling.

PRAY: Lord Jesus, break chains of bonded labour, free families from crushing debt, provide honest livelihoods, heal rescued children, and let Your Church shine as deliverer of justice and hope today.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to proclaim freedom for the captives.” - Luke 4:18

2. Strategic Educational Reform

Education is viewed as the “single most effective way” to protect children from exploitation.

- **Christian-Led Schools:** The Church runs over 100 dedicated Christian schools that provide a safe environment free from the discrimination often found in public systems.
- **Curriculum Victory:** As of 2024–2025, the Church successfully advocated for a Bible-based curriculum for minority students, exempting them from compulsory Islamic studies.
- **Out-of-School Enrolment:** Local volunteers identify out-of-school children and facilitate their enrolment, significantly reducing dropout rates.

PRAY: God of wisdom, strengthen Christian schools, protect minority children, transform education systems, open doors for every child to learn safely, and use Your people to end discrimination and dropout forever.

“Teach a child the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” - Proverbs 22:6



3. Holistic Child Protection and Advocacy

The Church plays an active role in legal and social child protection:

- **Interfaith Dialogue:** Church leaders participate in the National Interfaith Child Protection Forum (2025), collaborating with the government and UNICEF to build a unified framework against abuse and child marriage.
- **Protecting Minority Girls:** Organizations like the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP) provide legal aid for victims of abduction and forced conversion, while advocating for stronger enforcement of the Child Marriage Restraint Act 2025.
- **Disability and Climate Focus:** Emerging initiatives in 2025 focus on “hidden disabilities” and protecting children from climate-related health risks.

PRAY: Righteous Father, empower Your Church to defend vulnerable children, confront abuse and forced marriage, strengthen just laws, protect minority girls, and unite leaders to uphold dignity, safety, and truth nationwide.

“Seek justice, defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless.” - Isaiah 1:17

4. Health, Nutrition, and Legal Identity

- **Nutrition Programs:** Churches partner with agencies like Caritas and Global Orphan Relief to provide life-saving meals and medical care to malnourished children in impoverished regions like Punjab.
- **Awareness Campaigns:** Church-based campaigns promote hygiene, sanitation, and the importance of vaccinations to prevent waterborne diseases.
- **Legal Identity:** Some ministries assist families with birth registration, ensuring children have the “legal identity” necessary to access state education and healthcare.

PRAY: Compassionate God, nourish hungry children, heal sick bodies, protect families from disease, and grant every child legal identity, clean water, and healthcare, so they may thrive and glorify You fully.

“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and oppressed.” - Psalm 82:3

Summary of Practical Impacts (2025) - Focus Area: Practical Church Action

1. **Poverty:** Debt relief for kiln workers; funding for monthly rations.
2. **Education:** Support for teacher salaries (\$33/month) and school utilities.
3. **Abuse:** Training faith leaders in “positive social change” and child safety.
4. **Identity:** Teaching children that they are “God’s children” to build self-esteem.

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