



Shine! — Tues 12th May 2026

Prayer Guide — Bangladesh

Today we are praying especially for Bangladesh — a beautiful and remarkable nation, and a country God loves deeply.

Bangladesh is home to over 170 million people — making it one of the most densely populated nations on earth. It is a land of incredible colour, creativity, and courage. But right now, in May 2026, it is stepping into a brand new chapter — and our prayers matter more than ever.

After years of struggle and a dramatic student-led uprising in 2024, Bangladesh held its first free and fair election in almost twenty years in February 2026. A new government has just taken power. People have new hope — and new challenges lie ahead. God sees every child, every family, and every community in Bangladesh — and He loves to hear children pray for the nations.

As we pray, we are asking Jesus to bring His peace, His healing, and His light to Bangladesh. We pray for children to be safe, for minorities to be protected, for the hungry and the homeless to be helped, and for the Church to shine brightly.

The Bible tells us that our prayers are powerful when we trust God.

So let's pray with faith, knowing that Jesus is listening and that He can do amazing things!

1. EXALTING JESUS

Jesus to Be Enthroned Over Bangladesh

Pray for: Jesus Christ to be exalted as Lord across Bangladesh — in homes, mosques, churches, schools, universities, and government. Pray for hearts across all of Bangladesh's 8 major divisions and hundreds of people groups to turn to Him in worship, humility, and joyful surrender.

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9–11



A Spirit of Hope and New Beginnings

Pray for: Bangladesh's new chapter — after the courage of young people who stood up for justice in 2024 — to be filled with the goodness and wisdom of God. Pray that the hope that sparked the uprising would become a deep, lasting hope in Jesus, the true Light of the World. Pray for a great turning to Christ across this nation.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Jesus to Be Glorified Through the Church

Pray for: The Church in Bangladesh — small but brave — to reflect the beauty, truth, and power of Christ, so that Jesus is glorified in word and deed. Pray for Christians across every denomination to be united in love, sharing the Gospel boldly and caring for the most vulnerable.

“To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:21

Let's Pray Together...

“Jesus, we love You. Help every person in Bangladesh know You and worship You.”

2. A NEW GOVERNMENT — HOPE FOR JUSTICE

Bangladesh just held its most important election in a generation. A brand new government is in place. This is an urgent prayer focus — what happens now will shape millions of lives.

Wise and Godly Leadership

Pray for: Prime Minister Tarique Rahman and his new government to lead with wisdom, honesty, and compassion. Pray for leaders to truly listen to ordinary people — especially the poor, the young, and those from minority communities. Pray for corruption to be defeated and for justice to flow like a river across the land.

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.” Proverbs 14:34

Protection for All People — Especially Minorities

Pray for: The new government to keep its promise to protect religious minorities — including Hindus, Christians, and Buddhists — who have suffered targeted attacks in recent years. In 2025 alone, over 500 attacks on minority communities were recorded. Pray for genuine protection, accountability,



and justice for victims. Pray that the new government leads by example and acts swiftly when attacks happen.

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Proverbs 31:8–9

Jobs, Bread, and a Future for Young People

Pray for: Bangladesh’s new government as it tackles a fragile economy. Millions of young people are without jobs. Inflation has made life harder for ordinary families. Pray for wise economic decisions, for honest business to flourish, and for the skills and energy of Bangladesh’s enormous young population — over 40% of people are aged 15 to 39 — to be turned into something good and hopeful. Pray especially for families living in poverty.

“He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honour.” 1 Samuel 2:8

Let’s Pray Together...

“Jesus, please give Bangladesh’s leaders wisdom and kindness. Help them make good choices for everyone in the country.”

3. PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS — COURAGE IN THE DARK

Christians make up less than 1% of Bangladesh’s population of 170 million — a tiny, brave minority. In recent years, following political upheaval, many have been forced into hiding. Their stories need our prayers.

Protection for Believers Under Pressure

Pray for: Christians across Bangladesh who face threats, violence, and discrimination because of their faith. Following the 2024 political crisis, extremist groups targeted believers — burning businesses, looting homes, and pressuring families to abandon their faith. Open Doors partners recorded over 100 families pressured to give up following Jesus. Pray for protection, boldness, and the peace of God that passes all understanding.

“We are under a lot of pressure, living in fear and panic. They forbade us to spread the name of Jesus.” — Jorina, a Christian woman in Bangladesh

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:10



Courage for Converts from Islam

Pray for: Christians who have left Islam to follow Jesus — they often face rejection, violence, and death threats from their own families and communities. Pray especially for tribal Christians in rural northern and western Bangladesh, who are among the most vulnerable. Pray for community, love, and the deep knowledge of God’s presence to give them courage every day.

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38–39

The Underground Church to Grow and Thrive

Pray for: The many small house churches meeting quietly across Bangladesh to grow strong in faith. Pray for brave indigenous missionaries who are risking everything to share the Gospel in mountain villages and remote communities. Give thanks that in recent months, local missionaries visited dozens of unreached villages and saw people turn to Jesus and be baptised. Pray for more! Pray for the Bible and Christian resources to reach every corner of Bangladesh.

“The Lord watches over you — the Lord is your shade at your right hand.” Psalm 121:5

Let’s Pray Together...

“Jesus, please protect Your people in Bangladesh. Like Daniel in the Bible, help them choose what is right even when it is very hard.”

4. THE ROHINGYA CRISIS — ONE MILLION NEIGHBOURS

More than 1.2 million Rohingya refugees — stateless, homeless, and nearly entirely dependent on aid — are living in the world’s largest refugee camp in Cox’s Bazar in southern Bangladesh. More than half of them are children. This is one of the greatest humanitarian crises on earth.

Safety and Survival for Rohingya Children

Pray for: The estimated 500,000 Rohingya children growing up in camps. Many were born there and have never known any other home. Over 235,000 children aged 5–17 are estimated to be out of school, putting them at serious risk of exploitation, trafficking, child labour, and early marriage. Pray especially for girls, who face enormous dangers. Pray that every Rohingya child would be safe, loved, educated, and — above all — would meet Jesus.



“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14

Food and Aid in a Desperate Crisis

Pray for: Urgent provision as food ration cuts in April 2026 have affected at least half a million Rohingya children. The number of refugees making dangerous boat journeys to escape the camps has surged by 85% compared to last year — a sign of how desperate people have become. In January 2026, a fire tore through Camp 16 in Cox’s Bazar, destroying hundreds of shelters and traumatising children. Pray for aid organisations to have the funding and access they need. Pray for governments around the world to respond.

“He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.” Deuteronomy 10:18

A Door for the Gospel in the Camps

Pray for: The Rohingya community to have access to the message of Jesus’s love. Pray for Christian workers and organisations to be allowed to serve and share in the camps. Pray especially for the Rohingya converts who face death threats from within their own community when they follow Jesus — they need courage, protection, and fellowship. Pray that a movement of faith would grow among this displaced and stateless people.

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:35

Let’s Pray Together...

“Father God, please look after the children in the refugee camps. Help them to be safe, to go to school, and to know that You love them.”

5. THE CHURCH & GOSPEL MISSION

Unity Across All Christian Communities

Pray for: Unity between Bangladesh’s Catholic, Protestant, and Evangelical Christians. Despite being a tiny minority in a Muslim-majority nation, the Church has an enormous calling. Pray for rivalry and division to give way to a deep love for Jesus and a shared passion to see Bangladesh transformed by His Gospel.

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3



The Gospel to Reach Every Community

Pray for: A great harvest of souls across Bangladesh’s many people groups — including the Bengali Muslim majority, indigenous tribal communities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, and the Rohingya refugees of Cox’s Bazar. Despite enormous challenges, the Gospel is spreading! Pray for boldness and protection for every evangelist and church planter, some of whom risk their lives to share the Good News.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

Bangladesh as a Sending Nation

Pray for: Bangladesh to raise up its own generation of missionaries — bold, Spirit-filled young Bangladeshis sent to unreached peoples across South and Southeast Asia. Pray for the Church to be strengthened in faith and courage, and to see itself not just as a tiny struggling minority but as a people chosen and appointed by God to change their nation.

“Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:37–38

Let’s Pray Together...

“Jesus, help Your church in Bangladesh to be brave and to share Your love with everyone — including people who have never heard Your name.”

6. THE NOW GENERATION

Children and Young People to Encounter Christ and Become 2BC Champions

Pray for: Children, teenagers, and young people across Bangladesh to encounter Jesus personally, to hear the voice of their Heavenly Father, to know their identity in Christ, and to be empowered by God’s Spirit to share His love with others. It was young people — students in their teens and twenties — who changed the course of their nation’s history in 2024. Pray that this same generation would encounter Jesus and become a generation that changes Bangladesh for Him.

Pray for: Their hearts and minds to be guarded, and that they would grow in wisdom, truth, and love for what is good. Pray that they would use digital resources like the Salvation Poem and the Light of the World Movie to share the message of God’s love with their friends.

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.” Joel 2:28



Strengthening Families to Become 2BC Champion Families on Mission for God

Pray for: Families to be strengthened in faith, with parents encouraged and supported as they raise children to know and love the Lord. Pray for healing in homes facing poverty, stress, or the scars of political violence — and for the Church to be a place of belonging, especially for orphaned children and the thousands of families displaced from conflict and disaster.

“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

Revival on School Campuses

Pray for: Prayer movements to rise in schools and universities across Bangladesh, where young people boldly follow Jesus. The students who led the 2024 uprising showed the world what young people can do. Pray for God to raise up a generation of 2BC Champion young people who bring that same energy and courage to following Jesus, standing up for truth, and spreading His love on campuses across the nation.

“Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.” Psalm 8:2

Let’s Pray Together...

“Jesus, help children in Bangladesh to know who they are in You and follow You bravely, even when it is hard.”

7. PROTECTION & SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Standing Against Rising Extremism

Pray for: Protection for all of Bangladesh’s people from the influence of radical extremist groups. Organisations like Hefazat-e-Islam and Hizb ut-Tahrir have been growing in influence, calling for stricter religious laws and spreading hatred towards non-Muslims. Pray for their power to be broken. Pray for moderate Muslim voices to rise and speak up for peace and freedom. Pray for the new government to act firmly and fairly to protect all citizens.

“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.” 2 Corinthians 10:4

Breaking the Strongholds of Darkness

Pray for: Freedom from spiritual strongholds that hinder God’s purposes in Bangladesh — including



religious hatred, corruption, fear, trauma, and the oppression of women and girls. Pray for healing for individuals, families, and communities scarred by years of political violence and division. Pray especially for women who have been told they cannot participate equally in public life, and for girls in rural areas who are being prevented from playing sport and attending school by extremist pressure.

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36

Protection for Aid Workers, Teachers and Servants

Pray for: Protection for the thousands of people — local and international — who are serving Bangladesh’s most vulnerable communities, including in the Rohingya camps. Pray for the safety of teachers in areas under threat, for doctors and nurses in under-resourced hospitals, and for every person who is giving their life to serve the poor and vulnerable in Jesus’s name.

“The Lord watches over you — the Lord is your shade at your right hand.” Psalm 121:5

Let’s Pray Together...

“Jesus, please protect Your people in Bangladesh. Push back the darkness and fill this land with Your light.”

8. STRATEGIC PRAYER MOBILISATION

Strategic Prayer Movements and Watchmen on the Walls

Pray for: Intercessors to rise up in every division of Bangladesh — young and old — praying with wisdom, faith, and perseverance to shift the spiritual atmosphere of the nation. Pray for prayer networks to grow across every denomination and for the Church to unite in intercession during this critical season of new beginnings.

“Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.” Joel 2:15

A Spirit of Forgiveness and National Healing

Pray for: Healing from the deep wounds of political violence, social division, and generations of injustice. Pray that Bangladeshis of every background — Muslim, Hindu, Christian, Buddhist — would be able to live together with respect and dignity. Pray for truth, forgiveness, and a national healing that only God can bring.

“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?” Psalm 85:6



A Fresh Outpouring Across South Asia

Pray for: A renewed passion for the Gospel not just in Bangladesh but across the whole of South Asia — India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, and beyond. Pray that the Church in Bangladesh, despite its small size and great pressures, would be a source of light, courage, and hope to its neighbours.

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14

Let’s Pray Together...

“Lord, help us to pray and bring Your peace to Bangladesh and to all the nations of South Asia.”

9. Declaration over Bangladesh

Lord Jesus, we lift the nation of Bangladesh to You.

You are the God who sees every refugee child in Cox’s Bazar, every believer forced into hiding, every young person desperate for a future.

Let Your light shine across this vibrant and courageous land.

Protect the persecuted. Feed the hungry. Shelter the displaced.

Raise up wise and just leaders. Bring healing to divided communities.

Protect those who are persecuted for Your name’s sake.

Raise up 2BC Champion Children, Families, Churches, and Schools across this Nation to be “On Mission with You.”

Raise up a generation who Knows You, Loves You, and Shares Your Love with Others.

May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in Bangladesh.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.