

Prayer Diary: Pakistan

18-24 May 2025



‘I think the biggest resource we have is prayer.’ (Father Bonnie)

Fr Boniface ‘Bonnie’ Mendes is a priest in the Diocese of Faisalabad and one of our partners in Pakistan. At 87 years old, he is still a leading voice for the rights of Christians, Ahmadis and other religious minorities in the country.

Last August, Fr Bonnie visited our UK office to share a message of thanks for CSW and everyone who supports our advocacy. He also shared prayer requests, reminding us that prayer is our greatest weapon in fighting the injustice we see around the world.

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Sunday 18 May

Fr Bonnie spoke passionately against Pakistan’s unjust blasphemy laws. Accusations of blasphemy have been on the rise and, tragically, mob violence often follows – sometimes with devastating consequences. Pray for all families who have been affected by blasphemy accusations, and for these unjust laws to be repealed.

Monday 19 May

Fr Bonnie expressed grave concern about the widespread and increasing targeting of the Ahmadiyya community, which has led to a number of recent killings. Pray for the protection of Ahmadis today.

Tuesday 20 May

Pakistan is the only country in the world where it’s a criminal offence for Ahmadis to call themselves Muslims. They face discrimination in virtually every area of life, including in education and employment. Pray that this unjust legislation would be repealed, and that the Ahmadiyya community would no longer be denied fundamental rights.

Wednesday 21 May

There has been a rise in sectarian violence between Shia and Sunni Muslim communities. In November at least 42 people were killed following attacks on groups of Shia pilgrims. Pray for comfort for those who lost loved ones, and for the authorities to address the root causes of sectarian tensions.

Thursday 22 May

The legacy of the caste system means that Christians are often perceived as unclean by Pakistan’s Muslim majority. They are also perceived as being sympathetic to the ‘West’, making them targets of Islamist groups. Ask God to surround and uplift Christian communities today.

Friday 23 May

Religious minorities, such as Christians, are severely disadvantaged in education settings. This is due to a biased system which privileges Islam over other religions. Pray that the education system would be transformed into one which gives equal opportunities to people of all faiths.

Saturday 24 May

Loving heavenly Father, move powerfully the nation of Pakistan today. Bring peace, freedom and justice to people of all faiths, we pray. For nothing is impossible for you. Amen.