

For the Least Reached

Prayer Guide



“Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
and the very ends of the earth as Your possession.”

— Psalm 2:8, New American Standard Bible 1995

Thank you for praying with us!

Welcome to the Bangladesh Prayer Guide. This monthly prayer guide forms part of **For the Least Reached: A Year of Prayer**, our one-year prayer initiative.

Each month we unite with the body of Christ in prayer for one least-reached country around the world. Many of the people in these countries have never heard the message of the gospel, or it's difficult for them to learn about Jesus or worship Him.

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Nearly

75%

of all the world's unreached people—a whopping 3.6 billion people—live in the 12 countries that we will pray for this year.

WELCOME TO Bangladesh!

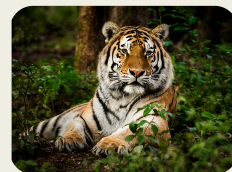


Bangladesh is abundant with water, from hundreds of rivers to the Bay of Bengal. It's everywhere! This month, we are praying for this special country between India and Myanmar. Join us in asking the Holy Spirit to flow through the land like its many rivers, and to lead people in every corner of the country to Jesus.



Did you know?

- ▶ The state of Iowa and the countries of Nepal, Greece and Tajikistan are all similar in size to Bangladesh. Yet, the populations of these places are drastically different. Bangladesh has close to 170 million people, while Iowa only has about 3 million. Nepal has 30 million and Greece and Tajikistan each have about 10 million.
- ▶ Bangladesh is often called the "Land of Rivers" because it has about 700 rivers flowing through it. Continuing our comparisons: Iowa only has four rivers, Greece has over 27, Tajikistan has 900, and Nepal has over 6,000.
- ▶ The Royal Bengal Tiger is the national animal of Bangladesh. It is a symbol of strength and courage, and its roar can be heard up to two miles away!
- ▶ Bengali is spoken by about 99% of the population. There are around 40 other languages spoken in the country. The Jesus Film Project® app has media in 36 of these languages.
- ▶ Bangladesh is home to Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest in the world. Covering a vast area with a unique ecosystem and abundant wildlife, Sundarbans is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Most of the Bengal Tigers live there.



Praying for Bangladesh

Take a moment to consider the textiles around your home—these can include items like clothing, towels and bedding. You might be surprised to learn that a significant portion of the world’s textiles is produced in Bangladesh. In fact, Bangladesh ranks as the second largest exporter of textiles and clothing globally, following China. This is particularly noteworthy given that Bangladesh is substantially smaller in size compared to China.

The next time you examine the label on a piece of clothing, take note of its origin. This can be an opportunity to reflect on and pray for the country where the garment was made. It’s possible that your wardrobe includes items from some of the world’s least-reached nations.

In our busy lives, it’s easy to forget to pray consistently. Practical reminders, like checking the tags on your clothing, can serve as prompts. Maintaining a prayer list can also be a helpful strategy. Record specific prayer requests for family members and friends, and designate a regular time each day to review this list and pray.

This guide will assist you in focusing your prayers for Bangladesh each day. Thank you for participating in this effort.

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Week 1

“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

— 2 Peter 3:9, New International Version

Week 1 Requests



Day 1 Pray for the government of Bangladesh, for the honorable prime minister, the cabinet, administration, law and all government departments. May God give them wisdom to run the country with honesty and fairness.

Day 2 Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide Christians in Bangladesh to share the hope God has given them with their neighbors.

Day 3 Pray for all the pastors, priests and church leaders in Bangladesh. Ask the Holy Spirit to give them wisdom to lead wisely. Pray for the people they lead to have teachable hearts.

Day 4 Pray that Christian workers seeking to share Christ in new areas would build good relationships with any existing Christian communities in those places.


Day 5 As in many places, some religious traditions in Bangladesh can lead to harsh treatment toward those who have differing religious beliefs. Pray for Christian service organizations to use wisdom in sharing the message of Christ's salvation as they do humanitarian work throughout the country.

Day 6 Pray that Bangladeshi people who do not yet know Jesus would recognize Him for who He is and see their need for Him.

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" — John 14:6, NIV

Day 7 Many Bangladeshis are hesitant to learn about Jesus, or even to watch a movie about Him. Some believe that just watching a movie like this would make them a Christian. Ask God to remove the fear of learning about Jesus and to open their hearts to hearing His message.

Week 2

A photograph of two women of South Asian descent smiling warmly while looking at a smartphone together. The woman on the left has long dark hair and is wearing a yellow sweater. The woman on the right has dark hair pulled back and is wearing a yellow jacket over a pink and white patterned scarf and a red garment. The background is a softly blurred indoor setting.

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.”

— Matthew 11:28, NIV

Week 2 Requests



Day 8 Pray for Christian workers and ministry teams in Bangladesh to be men and women of godly character: earnest in prayer, motivated by God's love, passionate for holiness, and striving for authentic community.

Day 9 Pray for all the local and national leaders of Bangladesh to work peaceably together for the good of the country and the people.

Day 10 Pray especially for those who are engaged in evangelism in different parts of Bangladesh to be wise and prudent as they encounter people.

Day 11 Like many believers around the world, many Christians in Bangladesh have been treated harshly, experiencing political, social and religious pressure due to their faith. Pray for God to transform the hearts of those who are mistreating others.

Day 12 Pray for Bangladeshi believers to seek after God with their whole hearts, and to spend more time reading the Bible, meditating and praying. May they grow in maturity as believers, follow the Holy Spirit's guidance and love each other.

Day 13 Using Scripture is great to pray for yourself, your family and friends, not just for people far away. Pray this for every Christian in Bangladesh:

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." – Colossians 3:1-2, NIV

Day 14 Pray for the Christian aid agencies working in Bangladesh to be able to express the true love of God.

A photograph of a man and a young boy in a kitchen. The man, wearing glasses and a red kurta, is smiling and looking at the boy. The boy, wearing a light blue polo shirt, is holding a white plate with a white cloth draped over it. The kitchen has white cabinets and a stainless steel range hood.

Week 3

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

— John 3:16, NIV

Week 3 Requests



Day 15

Many of the evangelism and discipleship activities in Bangladesh take place online using platforms like Zoom and Skype. Pray that this kind of evangelism will be effective, and that those leading others online will use creativity, wisdom and skill to navigate in this digital ministry space.

Day 16

Pray for Bangladeshi Christians to strive for higher education in order to seek opportunities to hold high positions in government as God leads. Christians in these high positions can be witnesses and great influences for Christ.

Day 17

Pray for ministry leaders in Bangladesh to lead and guide God's people with integrity of heart and with skillful hands.

Day 18

Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead Christians in Bangladesh to witness to others about Christ and for them to focus on making disciples of all nations.

Day 19

There are some people in Bangladesh who try to bring about change to institutions or to society in destructive ways. Ask God to prevent these people from causing further harm. Pray that God would reveal Himself to them, so they may know He is the one true God who can bring about change for the good of all through His love, hope and peace.

Day 20


The Bible teaches us that we have an enemy (the devil) who wants to keep Christians from trusting God. God wants us to stay close to Him and let Him fight for us. The Christians in Bangladesh need to do this as well, so join me in praying God's word for them.

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith..."
—1 Peter 5:8-9, NIV

Day 21

Pray for the Lord's miraculous provision for the ministry and for the personal needs of Christian workers in Bangladesh.

Week 4



“Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all
the people of the world revere Him.”

— Psalm 33:8, NIV

Week 4 Requests



Day 22

Pray that Christian websites would be safe places for people to learn about God and help to advance God's kingdom. Pray for these websites to be safe from hackers and from those who want to stop the sharing of the gospel.

Day 23

There are many local and foreign aid agencies working to provide services to refugees in Bangladesh. Pray that Christian service organizations can spread the message of God's love and salvation through Jesus to these displaced people.

Day 24

Ask God to bless those who are praying for and giving financially to support Christian ministry in Bangladesh. May He multiply their resources as they faithfully give to His work.

Day 25

Ask that God would help Christians in Bangladesh effectively model love for God and His Word to young believers and train them in the basics of Christian living.

Day 26

Ask that Bangladeshi Christian workers may never lose their first love as described in Revelation chapter 2. May their ministry flow out of their love for God. Pray that they will never lose heart when God allows them to go through various challenges, like financial difficulties, lack of ministry results, health issues, issues related to their kids, etc. Pray that God will strengthen them to get through these circumstances and for them to never compromise on their commitment to Him.

Day 27

How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"
— Romans 10:14-15, NIV

Pray that God will raise up pastors and Christians to take His gospel across the nation of Bangladesh.

Day 28

Please pray for ongoing equipping and training of Bangladeshi pastors throughout the country.

Week 5 Requests



- Day 29** During the coming months, Jesus-centered films will be broadcast on television throughout the country! Pray that many would tune in and discover new life in Christ.

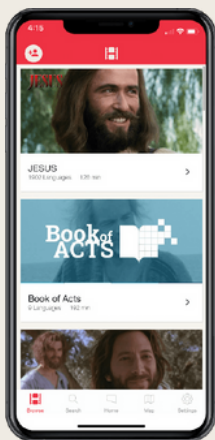
- Day 30** Pray for Christian leaders to help their people grow strong in their faith and in their desire to join God in the work He's doing in Bangladesh.

- Day 31** Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us a chance to pray for Bangladesh each day this month. We believe You will continue Your work there until everyone has heard clearly about Jesus and been invited to follow Him. Someday we'll see how You answered our prayers. May heaven be filled with Bangladeshis who started to follow Jesus in part due to our prayers this month. We give you all honor and praise.



Resources

- ▶ You can see these requests and others in our [Prayer Experience](#), a web based app.
- ▶ Joshua Project has a tremendous amount of information about every country. This link will take you to information about Bangladesh: joshuaproject.net/countries/BG
- ▶ Prayercast has great prayer videos: prayercast.com/bangladesh
- ▶ A great way to help someone learn more about Jesus is to share the *JESUS* film in their heart language. We have over 2,000 languages available on our website. jesusfilm.org/watch/jesus.html/english
- ▶ We also have multiple other films and short videos available. Jesusfilm.org/watch
- ▶ For more Jesus Film Project prayer resources—including access to each month’s family prayer guide—visit the prayer page on the Jesus Film Project website: jesusfilm.org/pray



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