

# Pakistan

*Let justice flow*

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**PAKISTAN is a democratic country of over 170 million people.**

Yet Christians are regularly accused of blasphemy or other crimes under Pakistan's laws and thrown into prison until their case is heard. It may take weeks or months for it to reach court, when their testimony will not be of equal weight as their accusers'. Meanwhile their families struggle without their breadwinners.

Christian women can suffer even more severely. Those who work as housemaids are particularly vulnerable, and many have been physically and sexually assaulted.

Please sign our petition for the Pakistan Government to protect the rights of the Christians in their country. This is the petition text:

## **To the High Commissioner for Pakistan, London**

**We, the undersigned, wish to express our grave concern at the lack of justice for Christian minorities in Pakistan where false allegations against them can result in:**

- lengthy detention pending trial, particularly, but not exclusively, in relation to abuse of blasphemy laws;
- unsound convictions by courts under pressure from extremists;
- physical assaults against women including rape (particularly if in domestic employment);
- abduction of girls who are forced into marriage.

We deplore the lack of action by officers of the law in these cases to protect the vulnerable and deal with the persecutors who are frequently allowed to act with impunity.

Further, we are particularly concerned by violent attacks on Christian communities such as at Korian and Gojra in Punjab Province.

**In response to all these concerns, we strongly urge the Government to create within Pakistan a genuine culture of respect for all its citizens by safeguarding their human and legal rights, and by actively protecting its minority Christian population and their**

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