



BANGLADESH

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WORLD

the definitive prayer guide to every nation



Each year monsoon rains cause waist-high flooding over one-third of Bangladesh. These storm surges bring murderous winds and squalls that prohibit the building of a strong permanent infrastructure. But they also replenish the silt that fuels the subsistence farms on which most Bangladeshis rely. Rising sea levels have the potential to displace almost 20 million in Bangladesh by 2050. This constant struggle with nature has caused most to live on less than one dollar a day. Because of this, many children work, and girls are married at young ages. Lack of opportunity has forced many to migrate to cities where they work predominantly in garment factories with few safety regulations that are seldom enforced. Bangladesh is in the top ten most populous countries, with a population density in the top twenty. These realities only compound the nation's issues.

WATCH & PRAY

GIVE THANKS

There is encouraging church growth both inside and outside conventional church structures

With the help of international development assistance, Bangladesh has shrunk its poverty rate, improved health and education, and reached the World Bank's lower middle income status. However, pollution, poor safety standards, waterborne diseases, lack of infrastructure, and low literacy rates persist. Bangladesh is a democratic republic, but ranks 120 out of 183 on the corruption perceptions index. Conflict between the two rival political parties often causes long periods of instability and turnover.

PRAY FOR

- **The economy is sorely underdeveloped.** Bangladesh has little infrastructure, very few natural resources, and therefore affords few ways of making an income. Pray for long-term, penetrating transformation in many areas of desperate need.
- **A solid social foundation** for progress is lacking. Education levels are low (but improving), and overpopulation creates problems in a nation already wanting in land, resources and employment opportunities. Women have been the backbone of micro-credit success (80% of households participate in benefits from micro-credit), yet often suffer undignified and inequitable treatment.
- **A frightening vulnerability** to changes in climate and economy. With such widespread poverty, a large proportion of income is spent on food. Significant rises in food prices have a devastating effect, but not as devastating as the effect of flooding from swollen rivers and monsoons. With alarming regularity, the nation is made to endure tragic loss of life and property.
- Pray for God to raise up spiritually mature leaders in the church who are committed to authentic discipleship.



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THE UNREACHED

Although there may be a few believers or even a few churches, they are a people group among which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people group.

A total of 293 People Groups are Unreached – 159,781,000 (98,7% of population) people who have limited or NO access to the Gospel.



THE 10/40 WINDOW

DAY 3 of PRAYING THROUGH THE WINDOW

Pray that leaders will be given the training, knowledge, and wisdom to grow into mature, godly men and women who will lead the Christian Church with skill and integrity. Pray for new leaders to be raised up who have apostolic gifting and will pastor in major cities. Pray that they would have faith and vision for the Lord’s power and provision for their work.

Pray for peace and understanding among different faith groups in Bangladesh, that they will work harmoniously to minister to those made homeless and destitute by the frequent and debilitating natural disasters.



OPEN DOORS

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on the Open Doors WWL of countries who face the worst Christian persecution.

- Pray for the Bangladeshi government. The ruling coalition, the Awami League (AL), is entering their fourth year of their leading term. Please uphold the AL in your prayers so they will govern the country with wisdom.
- Pray also for the opposition party so they will collaborate with the government to build a peaceful nation instead of inciting violence like in previous years.
- Pray for Christians who have left their communities as a result of pressure to renounce their faith. Pray that the Lord would provide for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.
- Pray that Christians who are mentally and physically abused would be granted a steadfast faith.



PRAY FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD

Bangladesh declared Islam its state religion in 1988. Today 89% of the population is Muslim. The religious freedom guaranteed by the Constitution is beginning to erode. Political parties are split along religious lines and often give in to Islamic and tribal pressure to imprison and confiscate the property of those who do not conform to local religious or ethnic practices.

The Christian population (1%) experiences bouts of persecution and oppression, and missionaries are prohibited from traveling freely. However, with so many environmental, social justice, and humanitarian needs, many Bangladeshi churches have practically shown the love of Christ through relief work. God has used their efforts to grow His Church, especially among low caste Hindus and formerly unreached people groups.

Pray for an outpouring of servants willing to reach out to Bengali Muslims in the name of Christ.

REDEMPTIVE GIFTS OF THE NATION



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