Leader: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif  
Population: 188 million (5.3 million Christians)  
Main Religion: Islam  
Government: Republic  
Source of Persecution: Islamic extremism

Pakistan’s Christians are caught in the crossfire between Islamic militant organizations and mobs that violently target Christians, and an Islamizing culture on the other hand that results in Christians being isolated from the rest of the population. The notorious blasphemy laws continue to have devastating consequences for minorities, including Christians. A Pakistani mob beat and burned to death a Christian couple in November for alleged blasphemy charges. Women and girls are experiencing violence every day; especially those from minority groups who are vulnerable and easy targets for rape, sexual abuse and kidnapping.

For Aasiya (Asia) Bibi who remains in prison for alleged blasphemy after her appeal was turned down by the Pakistani High Court

For the growing number of Christian women and girls who are targets of kidnappers and sexual assault

That the Taliban will be driven out of the country by government forces

MORE THAN 700 CHRISTIAN GIRLS IN PAKISTAN ARE KIDNAPPED AND FORCED TO CONVERT TO ISLAM EACH YEAR.