

PRAY THE NEWS

Braving the elements takes on a whole new meaning as a thick smog reigns over Lahore.

The months from October to March create a dystopian season in Pakistan, as colder air holds pollution captive to the ground. While an AQI above 300 is classified as “hazardous,” Lahore has seen readings spike as high as 1900.

Unfortunately, many Pakistanis, out of economic necessity, cannot afford to shield themselves from the daily exposure. These conditions have placed enormous strain on pediatric hospitals, which are crowded with young patients suffering from respiratory distress.

As each year passes and conditions worsen without sustainable solutions in sight, the future of Lahore remains uncertain. The city’s residents can only hope that those suffering from the effects of the pollution receive the care and resources they urgently need, and that the AQI continues to improve.

TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR LAHORE:

- Lord, we pray for protection over the lives affected by the air pollution crisis in Pakistan, especially those who cannot afford to be indoors or in ventilated conditions.
- Lord, we pray for compassion in these times, for people to live out their neighbourly duties in the Punjab community.
- Lord, we pray finally for guidance as to how to effectively steward the environment we inherited from you. We pray for a united global effort in finding and enacting sustainable solutions to climate change.