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Moderate Muslim Governor Salman Taseer was assassinated by his own bodyguard for calling for Asia Bibi to be acquitted, and for the repeal of the blasphemy laws. Two months later, Christian Pakistani Minorities Minister, Shahbaz Bhatti, was also shot dead by gunmen who ambushed his car in the capital, Islamabad. Mr Bhatti, the cabinet's only Christian minister, had received death threats for urging reform to Pakistan's blasphemy laws and also seeking the release of Asia Bibi. His response was: "I am ready to die. I am living for my community and suffering people, and I will die to defend their rights."

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**Please pray** for Christian politicians who call for the blasphemy laws to be repealed and advocate for Christians who are unjustly imprisoned because their guilt rather than their innocence is presumed.

**Thank God** that one of Release's partners in Pakistan provides legal aid to Christians unjustly accused of blasphemy, and seeks justice for families whose members have been killed by extremists.