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Pakistan Christians Seek Police Protection After Church Stoned Twice in One Week During Worship

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Heard some injured"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Christian families in Nizam Pura, a village area in Punjab's Sheikhupura district, have appealed for police protection after a crowd threw stones at their church during a Friday worship service, the second such attack on the same congregation in a single week. Rights group LEAD Ministries reported the latest attack, which took place on Friday 13 November 2026, and said some worshippers were hurt, though how badly remains unclear. Worthy News reported the story on 17 November.

They had come to pray. Stones came through the air instead, for the second Friday running. Now the congregation of a small church in eastern Pakistan is asking the state for the one thing every worshipper should be able to take for granted: safety while they pray.

The first attack came the previous Friday, on 6 November, according to Worthy News. LEAD Ministries, a legal aid and advocacy group for Pakistan's Christians, described the fear that followed in a report dated 9 November, saying an alleged attack on the local church had left Christian families deeply distressed and worried about their personal safety and their place of worship. Residents cited by the group said several members of the mob were from the local Muslim community.

Then it happened again. Lawyer Mushtaq Sardar Gill, founder of LEAD Ministries, told Worthy News that many people took part in the second attack and that he had "heard some injured".

It was not immediately clear how serious the reported injuries were, or whether the church building itself was damaged. The motive for the reported attack remained unclear.

Residents told LEAD Ministries that police were slow to arrive after they called for help. Frustrated by the alleged delay, local residents contacted the police station themselves to bring the incident to the authorities' attention. Worthy News found no public police response to the allegations.

Pastor Imran Amanat, director of LEAD Ministries, has urged Punjab's government and senior police officials to investigate and provide security around the church and nearby Christian homes. In the group's statement, Amanat called upon the authorities to "uphold the constitutional rights of every citizen, protect places of worship, and ensure that religious minorities are able to practice their faith without fear or discrimination." He stressed that "the protection of religious communities and their places of worship must remain a fundamental responsibility of the state."

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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