

# SERAIKI OF PAKISTAN

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## QUICK FACTS

People Name: Seraiki

People Cluster: Punjabi

Language: Seraiki

Trade Language: Urdu

Population: 17,854,000

## PRAYER POINTS

Pray for workers from around the world who will connect with the Seraiki's deep sense of culture and communicate the love of Christ with them.

Ask the Lord to allow the people to hear and recognize the truth.

Pray that a biblically accurate and culturally appropriate translation of the Scriptures would soon come to the Seraiki people.

Take authority over the spiritual principalities and powers that are keeping the Seraiki bound.

Pray that God would be active amongst the Seraiki through dreams, visions, healings and miracles.

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## ABOUT THE PEOPLE

A humble, gentle, and loving people, the Seraiki of Pakistan primarily occupy the southeastern part of the Punjab region. The several million people who make up this group constitute one of the largest ethnic blocks in all of Pakistan, and are one of the largest (if not the largest) unengaged people groups in the world. They are the majority ethnic population in major cities such as Bahawlpur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Miawali, Rahim Yar Khan, Dera Ishmael Khan, Multan, and Mazafargardh. In addition, Prime Minister Gilliani and the Chief Minister of the Punjab are also Seraiki.

There used to be quite a few workers among the Seraiki, but after September 11, there was a significant exodus of workers from Pakistan, and there is now not even one cross-cultural church planter among them.

Some of the Seraiki are nomadic, but over 60% are agriculturalist and are thus bound to the land. They are also very hard working and faithful people.

As is true throughout Pakistan, the Seraiki do not normally turn to Allah for help (since he is perceived to be very distant), but rather to pirs. Pirs were Sufi saints who gained a significant amount of spiritual power during the ascent of Islam in South Asia. Today, people visit their graves and pray to them in hopes that they will act as mediators and be heard by Allah.

