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## **A prayer for the cause of the beatification of Servant of God, Akash Bashir**



**Almighty God,  
Your faithful servant,  
Akash Bashir, witnessed  
wholeheartedly to the Gospel,  
proclaiming your love to his  
family and the whole parish  
community of Youhanabad.**

**You gave him a strong faith,  
unfailing hope, and tireless zeal  
to serve the Catholic community  
and lead others to Jesus.**

**You made him a shining model  
for the youth and people of other  
religions, an inspiration of  
service to others and an example  
of selfless help.**

**Help us to follow Jesus like him,  
with tireless zeal, undivided  
heart and loving kindness.**

**We humbly beseech you to  
glorify this heroic son of yours,  
and his testimony of faith: grant  
us the grace to receive, by his  
intercession, the fullness of  
your love.**

**Let our lives be a continuous  
praise of you, who live and reign  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Akash Bashir, a Catholic teenager, was martyred one Sunday morning in 2015 when he prevented a suicide bomber from entering his packed church – St John's, in Lahore, Pakistan. Named a Servant of God by the Catholic Church, he is one step on the road to Sainthood. Please pray this prayer that the Church might recognise his outstanding sanctity.*



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