IT TAKES COURAGE TO BE A CHRISTIAN
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.