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INCREASED IN PAKISTAN DURING THE LAST DECADE**

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According to a recent survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan nearly 82% of urban Pakistani men claim they offer their weekly Friday prayer while 40% say they offer one or more prayers at a mosque on any given day. In a similar survey conducted by Gallup in 1991, the comparable figures were 71% for Friday prayers and 37% for daily prayers. The survey was conducted among a sample of approximately 1000 statistically selected men. They comprised a cross section of people from all the four-provinces and represented various age, income, education and linguistic backgrounds.

Analysts at Gallup have also looked at other facets of religious observance. According to their findings approximately 30% visited a Sufi Shrine, on its annual congregation or "Urs" during the last one year; nearly 14% of male adults participated in a long or short trip in the company of tableeghi jamaat and more than 30% said they were visited by such a group during the last one year. The study also shows that some traditional beliefs such as the belief in the supernatural powers of saints and expressions of similar devotion to them have weakened during the last two decades. In 1984 forty-six percent (46%) believed spiritual figures are knowledgeable about the unforeseen, but the study carried out in the year 2000 shows this belief to have declined to 28% among a comparable sample of men. Such beliefs are however stronger among women; in the latest survey 35% of them believe that spiritual figures have supernatural powers.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International among nearly 1000 statistically selected households in the urban areas of all the four provinces of Pakistan. The sample comprised a cross section of various income, education and geographic segments. The text of this report can also be seen on the internet at: www.gallup.com.pk