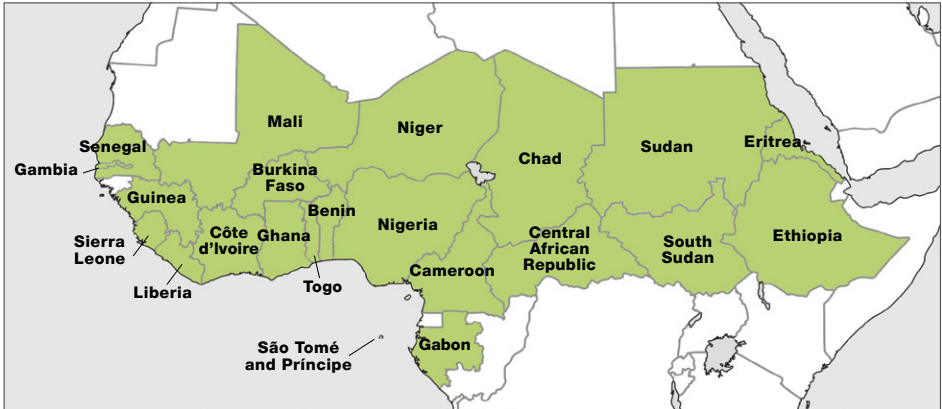


# Pray with the Bible Societies

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## JANUARY

1 – 5 Jan

**Côte d'Ivoire:** Pray for our operations. Pray for the problems that we experience to obtain Bibles in particular. Pray for the necessary funds so that our orders for Bibles can be approved. In addition, pray for all the Bible translations on which we are working.

**Sierra Leone:** Pray that God will bless Bible work in this country and that it will be possible for us to meet the Bible needs of our people. Pray for the necessary funds to prepare a braille Bible for the blind in our country.

**Liberia:** Pray for Bible work in this country, especially for progress with our translation projects. Also, pray for our literacy project through which

we also would like to promote Bible literacy in our country. Pray for the safety of our staff and also for our Board. Thank God for every Bible distributed in our country.

**Burkina Faso:** Thank God for the Bible translations that have been launched over the past number of years and pray for the impact thereof on the lives of people. Continue to pray for the translation of the Bible into Lyélé, Bissa and Birifor and also for the publication of the Bible in Dagara. Pray for the Church in our country as well.

6 – 12 Jan

**Gambia:** Thank God for progress with the translation of the Bible into Jola. Also, pray for the necessary funds so that literacy can be promoted among women and children. Pray for our *Faith Comes By*

*Hearing* project as well as for our efforts to reach out to Muslims with the Word too.

**Gabon:** Pray that God will help us to promote the Word among our people, especially the youth. Thank Him for the work of the Bible Society in our country and pray for our relationship with the various denominations.

**Ghana:** Pray for the Bono Bible translation project. Pray for our various projects and for the expansion thereof to various parts of the country. Pray for our Board and staff, for the necessary strength and wisdom.

**Togo:** Pray for the launch of the Ewe Bible with Deuterocanonical Books as well as for our new Bible translation projects. Pray that the Ikposo Bible translation will be completed quickly. Also, pray for the political situation in our country.

13 – 19 Jan

**Niger:** Thank God for what we have already been able to achieve through Bible Distribution. Pray that we will be able to reach various age groups, especially the youth and children, with the Bible. Pray that more people will be interested in the biblical message and that our Bibles in various formats will be able to address this need.

**Nigeria:** Pray that the Bibles that we distribute, will touch and change the lives of Nigerians. Pray that God will protect our staff who work in various parts of the country. Pray for more donors to support our work.

**Benin:** Thank God for the *Faith Comes By Hearing* project, as well as for progress with our various Bible translation projects. Pray that it will be possible for us to start with the revision of the Lokpa Bible. Pray for our relationship with the churches.

20 – 26 Jan

**São Tomé and Príncipe:** Pray that it will be possible to meet the Bible needs of the Christians on this island. Pray for a good relationship with the Church.

**Cameroon:** Pray for the translation of the Bible into Podoko and for the revision of the Mungaka Bible. Pray for our *Esther* project aimed at reaching teenage mothers and girls who are being exploited sexually, with the Bible. In

addition, pray that it will be possible for us to reach young people with the Bible through digital media.

**Central African Republic:**

Pray for peace and stability in our country and that Bible work will continue despite all the challenges that we have to overcome. Pray especially for an increase in our local fundraising efforts as well as for a strengthening of our relationship with the churches.

**South Sudan:** Thank God for the hope that the civil war will permanently come to an end. Pray for the thousands of families who have lost loved ones or who have had to leave their homes. Pray that our people will be able to experience the biblical message of hope and peace. Pray for our Bible-based trauma-counselling project and for the safety of our staff.

## FEBRUARY

27 Jan – 2 Feb

**Ethiopia:** Pray for the completion of the Amharic Study Bible as well as for the preparation of a Children's Bible in this language. Also, pray for our project through which we would like to instil biblical values among the youth. Pray for all our efforts to serve the churches in our country.

**Sudan:** Pray that it will be possible for us to reach especially children and young people with the Bible. Pray for the various language groups who will receive a

Bible for the first time: Otoro, Uduk and Koalib.

**Eritrea:** Pray that God will bless Bible work in this country. Pray for funds so that audio Bibles can be prepared in some of our languages. Pray that it will be possible for us to provide for the Bible needs of our population too.

3 – 9 Feb

**Chad:** Pray for the revision project of the Bible in Nangjéré. Also, pray for our efforts to reach out to women with the Bible. Pray for our staff and for our relationship with the churches. Pray that we will be able to make the Bible available in suitable formats as well.

**Sahel Project:** Pray for the provision of Bibles to these predominantly Muslim countries including **Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau** and **Mauritania**. Pray for everyone in Bible Societies involved with the composition of a strategy to the benefit of this region.

10 – 16 Feb

**Mali:** Pray that the revision of the Bamanankan Bible will progress successfully and that the additional study material provided will help to make the Bible more accessible for the readers. Also, pray for our projects to promote engagement with the Word.

**Senegal:** Pray for our literacy project and also

for our project to help the churches to revive Sunday school programmes. Also, pray for the translation of the Bible into Pulaar. Thank God for Bible work done in our country.

**Guinea:** Pray for progress with the Toma Bible translation project as well as for our *Faith Comes By Hearing* project. Pray that it will be possible for us to continue with our literacy project. Thank God that it is indeed possible for us to distribute Bibles in our country. Pray for our relationship with the churches.

17 – 23 Feb

**South Africa:** Thank God for all the blessings we receive from his hand, for every Bible that we have been able to distribute and for every donor who makes this possible for us. Please pray for the English Bible for the Deaf that will be published this year and for the impact thereof on the lives of deaf readers. Please pray for the planning of the bicentenary celebrations in 2020 as well.

**eSwatini (Swaziland):** Pray that God will help us to create more awareness of the Bible and its message, especially among the youth and children. Thank God for the successful leadership conference (ABLI) which was held here in eSwatini. Pray for our staff and Board.

**Namibia:** Pray for the work of the Bible Society done in difficult economic



circumstances. Pray for the necessary funds to proceed with the translation of the Oshiwambo Bible and other projects. Pray for every donor, partner, prayer partner and friend of the Bible Society.

**Lesotho:** Thank God for our Board and staff. Pray that God will grant them the necessary strength and wisdom. Thank God for the good relationship that we maintain with the churches. Pray for successful fundraising and distribution programmes.

MARCH

24 Feb – 2 Mar

**Mozambique:** Pray for sustained peace in our country. Pray for our *Good Samaritan* project. Pray for our plans to expand across

the country to ensure that Bibles are accessible. Thank God for the publication of the Elomwe, Gitonga and Txitxopi Bibles and pray for the impact of these Bibles on the lives of those who read it.

**Zimbabwe:** Pray that the Shona Study Bible and the Chikunda Old Testament will be completed quickly. Pray for the new translation in Tonga and for the revision of the Ndebele Bible as well. Also, pray for our special children's project. Thank God for dedicated staff.

**Botswana:** Pray for Bible work in our country that is sometimes executed under difficult circumstances. Thank God for the publication of the Kalanga Bible and pray for its impact on the lives of those who will read it. Pray for our efforts to promote literacy in some of the languages of our country.

## 3 – 9 Mar

**Malawi:** Pray that the Elomwe Bible translation project will be concluded swiftly. Pray for all our projects aimed at the youth as well as for our project to help churches to promote people's engagement with the Bible. Also, pray for our plan to equip staff better to overcome various challenges in our work.

**Zambia:** Pray for the translation of the Bible into Ila and that the translation of the Old Testament into Luvale will begin. Pray for our project to provide Bibles to people who attend the *Alpha* course too. Pray for the staff and Board.

**Angola:** Thank God for Bible work done here and for the progress with our various Bible translation projects. Pray for our project to make the Bible accessible for the visually impaired and for our *Faith Comes By Hearing* project. Pray that it will be possible for us to make the Bible available in various formats in order to address the Bible needs of our people.

## 10 – 16 Mar

**Mauritius:** Pray for Bible work on this island. Thank God for Bibles that are distributed here and pray for the necessary funds to continue with our task here. Pray for the Church and its great task. In addition, pray for Bible work on **Réunion** and **Rodrigues**.

**Seychelles:** Pray for our projects to reach children and

young people with the Bible. Pray that young people, in particular, will realise the dangers of drugs and will instead turn to the Word of God. Pray for donors to support our projects.

**Madagascar:** Pray for our Bible Society that is experiencing a difficult time. Pray for unity among Christians in Madagascar. Pray for our fundraising campaigns, for the *Faith Comes By Hearing* project as well as for our literacy projects. Pray for political stability and peace in our country.

## 17 – 23 Mar

**Tanzania:** Pray for our efforts to make the Bible accessible to the visually impaired through braille and audio. Also, pray that it will be possible for us to provide Bibles to churches and Christians in Kagera who were struck by an earthquake. Thank God for progress with our Bible translation projects.

**Congo (Democratic Republic):** Pray particularly for our Bible translation projects, of which a number are in languages in which a Bible is not yet available. Start to pray for the impact on the lives of those who will eventually receive these Bibles in their mother tongue. Pray for our staff and Board. Pray for political stability and peace as well.

**Congo (Brazzaville):** Praise God for what we have already been able to achieve through Bible Distribution. Pray for our extensive Bible translation programme and for the

necessary funds to continue with the work. Pray for our relationship with the churches.

## 24 – 30 Mar

**Rwanda:** Pray for the success of our local fund-raising strategy and that every church member in our country for whom it is possible, will contribute financially to the Bible cause. Pray for our projects to make people more aware of the Bible.

**Uganda:** Pray for the necessary funds to build a new Bible House. Pray for our Board who leads us in our five-year plan to expand Bible work. Pray for the refugees in our country and for our *A Bible in every home, hand, heart, hospital and hotel* project. Praise God for his love and mercy that we receive every day.

**Kenya:** Pray for our country, for political stability and peace. Pray especially for our project to reach out with the Bible to children and young people that have been rejected by society. In addition, pray for our efforts to reach young people in cities with the Bible through sport. Also, pray for our HIV/Aids workshops to help churches and to provide suitable material.

**Burundi:** Thank God for the progress with the Kirundi Study Bible and pray for our efforts to promote literacy in churches. Pray for peace in our country and also for refugees who are returning to Burundi. Pray that the Bible Society will be able to provide for the Bible needs of the inhabitants of our country.