

# Pray with

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## the Bible Societies



### OCTOBER

30 Sept – 6 Oct

#### **Papua New Guinea:**

Thank God for what we have been able to achieve with Bible distribution in our country. Please pray that it will be possible for us to instil biblical principles in our people, especially the youth. Pray for our publication projects.

**South Pacific:** We thank God for the support of churches and other Christian

organisations that partner with us on Bible translation work and support our publication and distribution programmes. Pray for more promotional programmes to make people aware of the Bible and the Bible Society.

**New Zealand:** Pray for our goal to help 100 000 children and young people to engage with the Bible. Pray for our *Good for Life* initiative through which we would like to equip people of all ages to read the Bible. Thank God for sustained work on the translation of the Bible into modern-day Maori and for

the publication of the Bible in Tokelau.

7 – 13 Oct

**Indonesia:** Please pray for talks with regard to the revision of the Indonesian Bible. Also pray that bishops and church leaders will attend these talks and will approve the revision. Pray that Christians will accept this translation.

**East Timor:** Pray for Christians who live in this country. Although, they do

not have a Bible Society there, pray that Bible work will indeed be possible.

**Australia:** Thank God for the commemoration of our bicentenary in 2017. Thank Him that our art book, *Our Mob, God's Story*, was pronounced Christian Book of the Year. The sales of this book will be used for the publication of Bible Portions in Australia's indigenous languages. Pray for these projects.

14 – 20 Oct

**Hong Kong:** Pray for the preparation of the centenary celebrations of the Chinese Union Bible in 2019. Pray that these celebrations will promote unity among Chinese Christians and churches.

**Taiwan:** Pray for all the activities and Bible forums that we organise to make people aware of the Bible and the Bible Society. Pray that God will touch the hearts of people during these events.

21 – 27 Oct

**Philippines:** Pray that our new publications will help people to delve deeper into the Bible and to engage with its message. Pray for our *May They Be One Plus* campaign which consists of various publication programmes. We would like to make more Bibles available and have decided to focus on the youth for now.

**Micronesia:** Pray for Bible work in this part of the world.

Micronesia is comprised of more than 2 000 islands and this hampers the provision of affordable Bibles. Thank God for the Philippine Bible Society that helps us to make suitable Bible material available to children and young people.

## NOVEMBER

28 Oct – 3 Nov

**India:** Pray for the translation, production and distribution of the Bible, as well as for our efforts to ensure that people not only read it but will truly engage with the biblical message. Pray for our sales department and for wisdom, and creativity for all our staff. Pray for our leadership and for all our volunteers.

**Maldives:** Pray for opportunities to do Bible work here. Also pray that the inhabitants will be receptive to the biblical message.

**Sri Lanka:** Pray for our relationship with the churches. Pray particularly for our Bible-based trauma project through which we would like to help people to process disaster or violence that has struck them. Pray that it will be possible for us to provide sufficient affordable Bibles for our people. Pray for the youth of Sri Lanka.

**Bangladesh:** Pray for our efforts to support people who have been affected by the floods and also to provide them with Bible Portions. Pray for our projects to reach children and young people with the Bible. Pray for our

efforts to reach out to people of other faiths with the Word.

4 – 10 Nov

**Suriname:** Praise and thank God for the completion of the Bible translation in the Javanese of Suriname. Pray for our Bible translation projects, among others, in the Creole of French Guiana. Please pray for economic and political stability as well as peace. Pray for Bible work in **Guyana** and **French Guiana**.

**El Salvador:** Pray that more people in our country will become aware of the Bible and the biblical message especially among children and young people. Thank God for the work that our Bible Society is doing here.

**Honduras:** Pray that we will gain the necessary wisdom to determine how to effectively distribute the Bible. Our country is bowed under the effects of violence, corruption and general dissatisfaction with the leadership. A large segment of the population is comprised of young people. Pray that we will be able to make the Bible available to them and for the impact thereof on their lives.

**Guatemala:** Pray for our project to translate Bible Portions in Guatemalan Sign Language. Pray for our various Bible translation projects. In addition, pray for our efforts to address domestic violence with the Bible and also to reach out to young gang members who find themselves in prison.



11 – 17 Nov

**Dominican Republic:**

Thank God that we are able to distribute his Word. Thank Him for the impact of our *No to violence, Bibles as weapons* project. Pray for our country, our Board of Directors, staff and for the churches. Pray that the Bible will change people's lives.

**East Caribbean:**

Praise God for all that we have been able to achieve with Bible distribution on the 12 different islands that are served by this Bible Society. Pray that it will be possible for us to instil biblical values and principles in our people, especially children and the youth.

**Puerto Rico:** Pray that God will bless Bible work in this country. Pray that the Bible Society will be able to meet the Bible needs of our people. Pray for an improvement in the economy

which will hopefully help to prevent a variety of social ills.

**Netherlands Antilles & Aruba:**

Pray for the work on the Papiamentu Study Bible that is close to completion and for the impact of this publication on the lives of those who will receive it. Pray for our project in co-operation with the Department of Education that offers training after hours, that it will reach young people, who have not completed their school careers, with the Bible.

18 – 24 Nov

**West Indies:** Thank God that it was possible for us to renovate the Bible House in the Bahamas. Pray for efforts to extend our capacity in order to provide for the Bible needs of the inhabitants of **Jamaica, the Bahamas, Belize, Turks and Caicos Islands** and the **Cayman Islands**.

**Cuba:** Thank God for the work of the Biblical Commission of Cuba that is responsible for Bible work on this island. Pray for the Church and for our co-operation between the various church denominations. Thank God that one million Bibles were distributed in this country with the help of other Bible Societies worldwide in the past five years.

**Haiti:** Pray that it will be possible for us to continue with Bible work in this county. Pray for the work on the Study Bible in Haitian Creole. Also pray for the literacy project and for our project to address domestic violence.

25 Nov – 1 Dec

**Panama:** Children who live in areas described as red zones by police, often do not have role models. Pray for our project to reach them with the Bible and to instil biblical values in them. Pray that it will be possible for us to begin the translation of the Old Testament into Gnobe.

**Nicaragua:** Thank God for the Bible work that we can do here. Pray for our various projects, among other things, our project in collaboration with partners, to train people in hospital pastorate and to reach especially young cancer sufferers and their families with the Bible.

**Costa Rica:** Pray for progress with Bible distribution in a largely secular society. Pray for the translation of the Bible into Ngäbe.



## DECEMBER

2 – 8 Dec

### United States of America:

Please join us as we pray that we will be able to engage more people in the US with the Bible and for the impact thereof on their lives. Also pray for the development of our Faith and Liberty Discovery Centre in Philadelphia through which we would like to bring the biblical message of hope that can change lives, to people.

**Canada:** Pray that God will help us to distribute more Bibles in this country. Pray that we will be able to reach young people and children in particular, with the Word. Thank God for our donors who help to support Bible work worldwide.

**Mexico:** Pray for the Bible cause in our country and that we will be able to reach the population with the message of the Bible. Pray for the staff, for strength and wisdom to be able to execute their task and to ensure that the Bible is available for all ages and in suitable formats.

9 – 15 Dec

**Kazakhstan:** Pray that we will be able to reach all Kazakhstanis with the gospel. Pray for the Bible Society here that executes its task in circumstances where Christians are sometimes persecuted.

**Kyrgyzstan:** Please pray for Christians who live in this country where Islam demonstrates significant growth. Please pray that Bible work will continue to be possible. Thank God that we can currently provide churches with the necessary Scriptures.

**Russian Federation:** Thank God for the work of the Bible Society in Russia. Pray for the various Bible translation projects, among others, the translation of the Old Testament into Yakut and Altay. Continue to pray that we will be able to start the translation of the New Testament in Russian Sign Language.

16 – 22 Dec

**Armenia:** Pray that young people and children will be

able to get to know the Bible better and that the Bible Society will be able to provide Bibles. Pray especially for our *Bible quiz* project that helps children, teachers and parents to engage with the Bible. Pray for the work on the Armenian Study Bible.

**Azerbaijan:** Thank God for local Bible work. Pray especially for our *Gospel in the newspapers* project as well as for our efforts to establish a special Bible Day here.

**Georgia:** Thank God for his grace and guidance. Thank Him particularly for the progress with our Youth Bible project. Pray for all our marginalised people in our country. Pray that it will be possible for us to reach them with the Bible within the next two years.

23 – 31 Dec

**Pakistan:** Thank God that the literacy project for women is progressing well and that approximately 5 600 women benefitted from it in 2017 and can now read the Bible. Also pray for the expansion of our Bible Museum. Pray for our staff and for the Board who sometimes have to execute their tasks under difficult circumstances.

**Afghanistan:** Pray for Christians in this country who find themselves in difficult circumstances, that they will stand steadfast in their faith. Pray for peace in this predominantly Muslim country that has been war torn for years already.