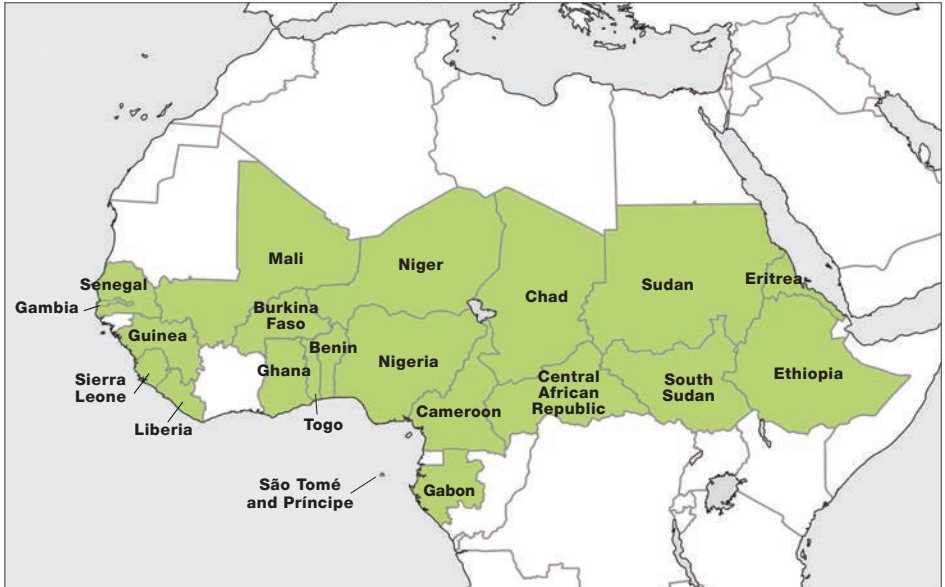


Pray with the Bible Societies



31 December – 6 January

Guinea: Pray for the successful completion of all our translation projects and for strengthening relations between the Bible Society and the Church. Also, pray for increased visibility of the biblical cause through significant partnerships.

Mali: Pray for the first Konabere Old Testament translation and the revision of the New Testament. Pray that the impact of the translation will be widespread and that the thousands of people who speak this language will be blessed with a complete Bible.

Senegal: Pray for our

Revitalisation of Sunday Studies project to help Christians stay in touch with the Word of God and give them a better knowledge of the Bible. Pray that it will help them engage in biblical work and equip them to serve God.

7 – 13 January

Gambia: Our *Literacy for Girls and Women* programme supplements our translation projects. It aims to empower marginalised young girls and women through literacy classes and biblical reading materials. Pray for an improved literacy rate amongst our women.

Liberia: Pray for our long-term objective to reach every

Liberian with the Gospel in the language they best understand. Pray for sufficient funding for our translation efforts and that the upcoming political elections will not hamper it.

Sierra Leone: Pray for our project to impact the youth culture in our country. Many of them have grown up in a hostile environment with no role models or guidance. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead the volunteers of this project.

14 – 20 January

Burkina Faso: Pray for the success of our projects, including translating the Old Testament and Deuterocanonical books and

revising the New Testament in Birifor. Pray that the Lord will lead this project and for the necessary support to complete it.

Ghana: Our *Scriptures for School Pupils* project provides children in rural areas with Scripture portions. Pray for the sponsors of this project and that children who receive Bibles will experience lasting transformation in their lives.

21 – 27 January

Benin: Pray over our digital strategy aimed at distributing the Bible on social platforms. Pray that people interact with the Word of God through our various digital projects. Say a special prayer for the more than 2 500 orphans in our nation.

Niger: Pray for our *Core Presence* project that aims to ensure viable operation for Bible Society work in Niger. Pray for the safety of Christians in our nation as the climate becomes more hostile.

Nigeria: Pray for our project to complete the entire Eggon Bible by December 2028 and to produce 5 000 copies. Pray that the Eggon community will be more receptive to the Word of God.

Togo: Our country has a literacy rate of about 66%. Pray that we will be able to help many people read the Bible by facilitating literacy projects. Pray for our *Faith Comes by Hearing* programme, which offers the

Word of God in audio format.

28 January – 3 February

Chad: Pray for our country's socio-economic situation, where many people live in poverty. Also, pray for our translation projects, as we hope to supply Bibles to more than 100 language groups in our country, including projects such as revising the Moundang Bible.

Gabon: Pray for our translation of the new Omyènè Bible. Pray for a spirit of perseverance and that none of the translators will fall ill during the project period. Pray that we find funding and adhere to the project timeline.

Sahel Project: Continue to pray for the political instability in this region. Pray for the Bible Societies in the Sahel — working in the countries of Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, and Sudan — as they work to bring the healing power of God's Word to places where there is violence and unrest.

4 – 10 February

Cameroon: In a country with more than 268 languages, it remains a challenge to fulfil our mission to see each inhabitant possess a Bible or a Scripture portion in their language. Pray for our translation projects and that the high level of illiteracy will improve.

Central African Republic: Pray for our goals to develop the Bible Society

with holistic projects that allow the beneficiaries of our programmes to interact with the Word of God and be transformed by it. Also, pray for our need to develop infrastructure and obtain equipment to fulfil our mission.

South Sudan: The old Bari Bible was first translated in 1979 by Protestant churches. Revising this Bible is necessary to meet the needs of the younger generations. Pray for this project's funding and the translators' health and wellbeing.

11 – 17 February

Eritrea: Keep us in prayer as we continue our mission to translate the Holy Scriptures into all Eritrean languages. Pray for developing relationships between churches and the government and that we will achieve financial stability.

Ethiopia: The 1962 Amharic Bible needs additional notes to explain unfamiliar cultural and historical concepts to its readers. The project is one of our most challenging tasks. Pray that we will find staff with the skills and understanding to complete the project.

Sudan: Pray for the first Bible translation for the Uduk community living in Southern Blue Nile State in southwest Sudan, due for completion at the end of 2023. Continue to pray for the safety of our people and the church.



18 – 24 February

Congo (Brazzaville): Pray for our project to translate the New Testament into Kunyi to be published in print and digital form by 2025. Pray for the translators and their families, that God may bless financial service providers and for social and political stability in our country.

Congo (Democratic Republic): Pray for our *Trauma Healing through Audio* programme, aimed at victims of conflict. Pray that this project helps trauma victims engage with Scripture and achieve healing and recovery and that the need for Scripture in the local church is met

through the programme.

Tanzania: Pray for the completion of the Kirimi Bible. The project was delayed due to COVID-19 and is expected to finish in 2024. This is the first Bible translation for Kirimi speakers. Pray for wisdom and good health of the translators and the necessary funding to complete the translation.

25 February – 2 March

Burundi: Praise God for the supportive environment in which we conduct Bible work. Pray for our goal to see every inhabitant of Burundi transformed by the Word of God and to provide the Holy Scriptures to every

inhabitant in the language they understand best and in the appropriate format.

Kenya: Pray for us as we continue translating and publishing the Holy Scriptures in local languages and suitable formats. Pray for wisdom, strength and insight as we develop and implement effective Bible engagement programmes through partnerships.

Rwanda: The Bible-based *Healing Wounds of Trauma* programme started in 2012 to help people recover from emotional and spiritual wounds from the 1994 Tutsi Genocide. Pray that God will equip Bible Society staff with

the wisdom and capacity to help people heal through the Word of God.

Uganda: Pray for our goal to translate, publish and distribute Bibles, especially amongst the youth of our nation who have already witnessed a great deal of trauma.

3 – 9 March

Angola: We are grateful to God for the revised New Testament of the Ngangela Bible, launched in 2019. Pray for our current project to update the existing Lucazi Bible. Pray for the production of evangelism leaflets in Ngangela to meet the needs of churches.

Malawi: Pray for our *Sign Language Bible for the Deaf* project. Pray that we can offer an opportunity for the Deaf of Malawi to experience God's Word and inspire them to embark on a life-long journey with God. Pray for the health and well-being of translators and that the deadline will be met.

Zambia: The *Africa Biblical Leadership Initiative* (ABLI) seeks to engage African leaders with the Scriptures and position the Bible more centrally. Pray that leaders across the spectrum shall support this initiative and that the Bible Society's image shall be enhanced positively.

10– 16 March

Madagascar: The Malagasy Bible Society plans to provide 840 units of audio

Scriptures through our *Faith Comes by Hearing* project to reach souls in remote places and many illiterate groups. Pray that we can produce the Gospel of Luke in five dialects to be completed this year.

Mauritius: Pray for our ongoing mission to make the Bible accessible to all Mauritians and other Indian Ocean regions. Pray that Bible work will significantly impact thousands of lives and that citizens will receive Christ's message of salvation and unconditional love.

Seychelles: We thank God for the success of our completed projects. Pray for an increased use of the Bible in the Seychellois Creole language. Pray that we serve our partners effectively, address specific youth-related issues, and reach more people through social media.

17 – 23 March

Botswana: Pray for the translation of the Holy Scriptures in Botswana Sign Language. Pray for the successful implementation of this project and that the Deaf may experience God's love through His Word.

Mozambique: Please pray for our Bible translation revision project to provide the Ndau community with a Bible in a contextualised language that they can identify with. Pray for donors and partners to become a blessing to our people through this project's funding.

Zimbabwe: Pray for the funding needed to translate the Bible into Tonga to be published in print and online. This translation will help Tonga speakers to understand God's Word and connect with the message.

24 – 30 March

Eswatini (Swaziland): Pray for protection of staff members and Bible Society infrastructure. Please say a special blessing over our project to develop a Sign Language Bible and that our partnership with the *Association for the Deaf* works well in realising this dream.

Lesotho: Pray over our programmes to encourage Scripture use. Pray that we will continue to work alongside churches, individuals and other Christian organisations to distribute Bibles to as many people as possible.

South Africa: Pray for our translation and revision projects, and that the Lord will inspire and lead all the participants. Please also pray for our Bible-based literacy programme and our goal to expand the Bible Society's work digitally.

Namibia: Praise God for the completion of successful projects. Pray for our project to bring hope and healing to the children of Namibia. Pray that the Holy Spirit leads trauma victims to connect with our network and for our trauma-healing work in prisons. **IS**