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# the Bible Societies



#### 3-9 Jul

Austria: Amid declining interest in church attendance, pray that Austrians will embrace the importance of the Bible in their everyday lives anew. Continue to pray that the Bible needs of refugees and asylum seekers in the country will be met.

Italy: Pray for God's guidance as we build on our relationship with the Church in Italy. Also, pray for our people who have endured much pain and suffering during the pandemic and that they will turn to God's Word as they seek comfort.

**Germany:** Pray that the citizens will rekindle their love for the Word and that, as a Bible Society, we will fulfil our international obligations with regard to scholarly Bible editions.

#### 10-16 Jul

Serbia: We request continued prayer for the ongoing relationship with the Church in Serbia. Pray for all our projects to meet the Bible needs of our people. Also, pray that our efforts working with special audiences, like the work done among the Roma people, will bear fruit.

# Bosnia and

Herzegovina: Praise God for Bible work undertaken here by the Croatian Bible Society. Thank God that the people have access to the Word and the opportunity to have their lives transformed.

Slovenia: Please pray that our efforts with digitalisation will help many in our country to get to know the Word and have the opportunity to engage with it as Christianity has taken a back seat here.

**Croatia:** Pray that our translation of the Bible into modern Croatian will make the Word accessible to a wider group of people while enhancing Bible engagement.

#### 17-23 Jul

Macedonia: The end is almost in sight for the translation of the New Testament into Macedonian and we request continued prayer to see it through. We also request prayer for our translation of the Book of Psalms into modern poetic Macedonian that has been identified as a real need.

**Greece:** We praise God for the long history of Bible work in the region. Pray that we will be able to continue serving our people here as well as producing Bible translations that meet the specific needs of Orthodox Christians residing here.

Albania: Pray for the completion of the New Testament translation into Gheg, a language spoken by the majority of the people. Also, commit our work among children and the youth to prayer.

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Belarus: Pray that God will help us to reawaken interest in the Bible among Belarusians through Bible distribution as well as educational programmes and that we will be able to meet the specific spiritual needs of vulnerable children.

Lithuania: There have been some translation challenges surrounding the Lithuanian Bible. Please pray that the new translation currently in progress will meet the needs of all denominations in the country and be widely accepted. Also, pray for the translation of the New Testament into Lithuanian Sign Language.

#### 31 Jul-6 Aug

Romania: Pray for more biblical education and Bible engagement among the people. The revision of the Cornilescu Bible is a required update some 90 years after it was first published. Please pray that God will bless our efforts.

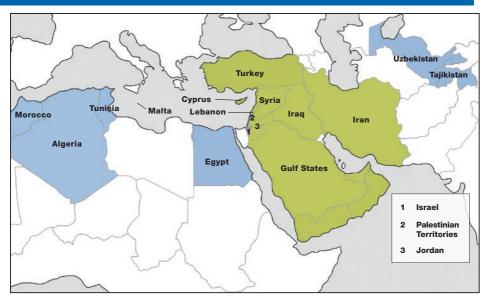
**Estonia:** Pray for great strides to be made with regard to instilling biblical values among the people and that we will more than rise to the challenge of helping a new generation to have access to the Word.

Latvia: Please pray that we will develop effective ways of fundraising. Pray for our revision of the Latvian Modern Bible and that our nation will get to know and be blessed through the Word of God.

#### 7-13 Aug

Hungary: Commit the needs of our deaf community to prayer. Please pray for our efforts to create a visual translation of the newly revised Hungarian Bible utilising Hungarian Sign Language.

Moldova: Pray for our economic situation to improve as people are struggling to make ends meet. Commit our strategic vision to the Lord in prayer so that we may flourish and meet Bible needs.



**Bulgaria:** Bulgarians' prevalent sense of alienation from the Bible coupled with the dire economic and political situation directly hampers the work among the people. Pray for the revision of the Bulgarian Protestant Bible and for God's hand to be evident here.

#### 14-20 Aug

Uzbekistan: Pray for Bible work undertaken in extremely challenging circumstances in our country. We would appreciate prayers for the legal Bible app we hope to produce that should circumvent a lot of bureaucratic red tape and help people to enjoy the Bible without fear of persecution.

**Tajikistan:** Pray for the Christians here to stand strong despite persecution

and that God will remove some of the administrative and legislative barriers we face in the sphere of religious literature.

Ukraine: The troubles that Ukraine has faced in recent times are well documented. Praise God for the outpouring of support for the Bible Society and God's hand of protection. May the Bibles distributed under trying circumstances bear fruit that will last.

# 21-27 Aug

**Poland:** Praise God for the people who welcomed many Ukrainian neighbours into their homes during the Russian bombardment. Pray that the Bible needs of refugees and residents alike will be met. Also, pray for the uptake of a Bible specially produced for children and young people here.

Slovakia: Please commit the Slovak Christians to prayer – may their hearts be drawn to the Word of God afresh. Pray for our proposed projects to develop material for the Deaf and to meet the needs of those with visual disabilities through a Bible with a very large font.

## **Czech Republic:**

Praise God that the Bible Society here is able to meet the Bible needs of its people through the Czech Ecumenical Translation and other biblical material. We pray that the work will continue unabated.

## 28 Aug – 3 Sep

**Tunisia:** Pray for official Bible work to be firmly established in this Muslim-majority country and that the Good News will reach ever more hearers in unlikely places.

Algeria: Please pray that the Bible Society's heart to have greater impact for God here will come to pass and that the obstacles it faces will be significantly eased. Pray for God's miraculous intervention here.

**Morocco:** Praise God that we are able to operate in a country that has remained relatively stable through the years. Pray that we will be able to make significant gains for Bible work in a way that will be compelling to Moroccans.

Egypt: Praise God for the privilege of being the largest publisher of Arabic Bibles in the world and serving the largest and oldest Christian community in the Middle East. Pray that we will continue to serve God in this way and that we will help to instil biblical principles in young children through various initiatives.

#### 4-10 Sep

# Arab Israeli Bible

Society: Our Bible Society is privileged to serve Arab people in Israel who sometimes feel overlooked in public discourse. Pray for our work to provide them with Scripture resources.

**Israel:** Continue to pray for our ongoing project to translate the Old Testament into modern-day Hebrew. Israelis are experiencing difficulty in understanding the Scriptures and this translation will certain foster a better understanding thereof.

#### 11-17 Sep

Lebanon: Besides the troubles that usually beset the Middle East, recent economic woes have also contributed to a loss of hope among many Lebanese. Pray for our projects to reach them and that God will use these dark times to draw people to the light of his Word, giving them unshakeable hope.

Jordan: We request prayer for our challenges that include some legal wrangles affecting our operations. Pray that we will be able to serve the people of Jordan and provide suitable materials for everyone.

Syria: The Syrian people have suffered tremendously for years and are in desperate need of hope. Please pray for the efficacy of our traumahealing projects aimed at people who are all too familiar with pain, war and suffering. Pray that we will be able to meet the spiritual needs of our nation.

#### 18-24 Sep

**Turkey:** Over the years, the number of Christians living here has waned significantly and now reduced to a mere trickle. Please pray that Bible work, specifically the revision of the Turkish Bible, will be a catalyst for revival and that Christians here will be emboldened in their faith.

Malta: Praise God for the fifth edition of the Bible in Maltese. Pray that it will be widely used especially since it was launched digitally as well. Thank God for all the blessings and opportunities afforded to us.

**Cyprus:** Thank God for the team here and all that has been achieved over many years. Pray that we will be able to serve our people in new and innovative ways.

#### 25 Sep – 1 Oct

Iran: Pray that official Bible work will be able to be done without any hindrance. Pray that the Word of God will be foundational to the faith of new believers and that they will have what they need to dig deeper into the Word.

Gulf States: People of various nationalities call this part of the world home. Pray that the Bible needs of these diverse individuals in various languages will be met.

**Iraq:** Pray for our traumahealing projects to help Iraqis as they recover from the protracted war waged here and that we will be able to help the remaining Christians to stand strong in the faith. Pray that our work will flourish.