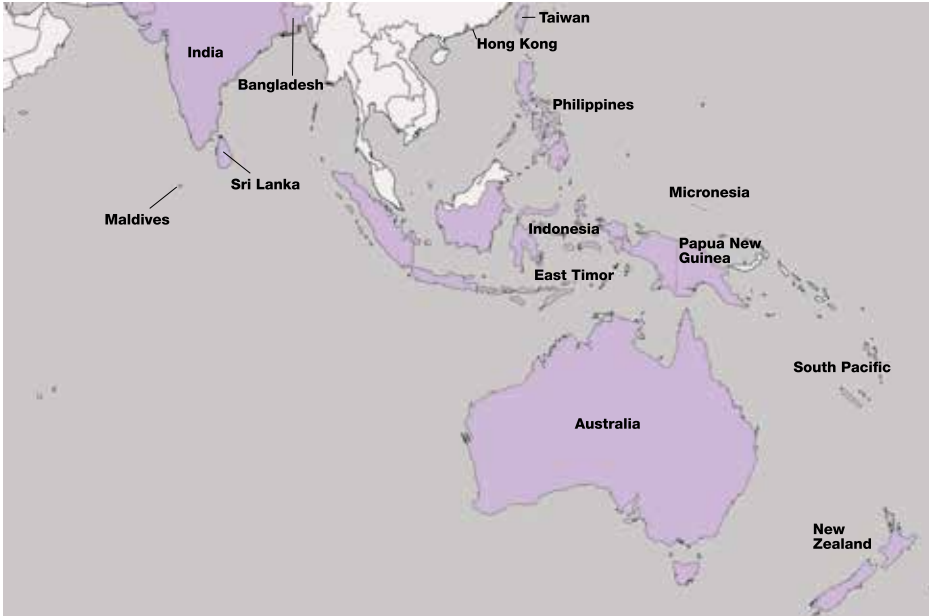


Pray with the Bible Societies

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1-7 Oct

Sri Lanka

Pray for the successful revision of the Tamil Bible and that the New Testament will launch on time. Pray for the funding of the *Literacy Project*.

Maldives

Pray for this country where Christianity is unaccepted, and Christians face imprisonment if they publicly express their faith. Pray that Christians will gain access to Bibles and biblical material and that the government will allow freedom of expression.

India

Slum dwellers here are migrants who come to the cities for jobs

and education. Pray for our project to enhance their lives, to find human dignity and enable them to improve their living conditions.

Bangladesh

Scripture materials help the youth to learn new methods of communicating biblical knowledge. Pray for funds to acquire Scripture materials and for the protection of the children who will carry the Christian message to future generations.

8-14 Oct

Micronesia Partnership

Our free Bible distribution project is in full swing. Pray that prisoners will receive the Gospel and experience God's forgiveness

and saving grace. Pray that Pohnpeians in Guam will hear the Good News, and receive spiritual freedom, healing, and restoration.

Philippines

Praise God for our active projects. Pray for the translation of the New Testament in Northern Sorsoganon by 2026. Pray for good health and protection for the translators and their families and against natural calamities.

Taiwan

Our country consists of diverse ethnic and religious groups. Evangelising people from rural areas who are entrenched in superstitious practices and

beliefs is a challenge.

Hong Kong

Pray for the expansion of our digital footprint. Pray that we can continue distributing Bibles to the most vulnerable members of our society, like the elderly and those living in poverty.

15-21 Oct

Australia

The Bible must still be translated into various Indigenous languages in our nation. Pray for the preservation and revival of Indigenous languages through Bible translation, and for our brothers and sisters who are being trained as Bible translators.

Indonesia

Pray for our project to make the Word of God available to Kodi-speaking communities through the translation of the first Kodi New Testament by 2025.

East Timor

Pray for Bible work in this country. Pray that a local Bible Society will be instated in this region so targeted Bible projects can begin within communities.

22-28 Oct

South Pacific

Pray for our goal to train two project managers by October to help organise and manage translation projects in Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga, and Fiji. Pray for the Pacific Island countries and that our regional staff and volunteers will embrace a regional mission mindset and heart.

Papua New Guinea

Nearly 40% of the population in our country lives in poverty. Pray for the local communities carrying our translation work

to produce a complete Bible, New Testament or Portion in print and audio by 2030. Also, pray for greater collaboration between government agencies and NGOs.

New Zealand

Pray for good relationships between the Catholic Church and Bible Societies in the Asia-Pacific. Pray that more Catholics will engage with the Bible through various initiatives. Pray for improved communication with Catholics and funds for Bible work.

29 Oct-4 Nov

United States of America

Praise God for all the blessings He bestows on us. Pray for our goal of seeing 100 million Americans actively engage with God's Word. Pray that Bible innovation will re-ignite a love for the Word of God.

Mexico

Our country urgently needs prayer to address the scourge of various forms of abuse. Pray for the 1 200 young women who disappear annually and the alarmingly high crime rates.

Canada

Pray for our work as we continue to champion the Bible as the voice of God. Pray over our projects and efforts to innovate new formats and delivery channels to engage a wide range of people. Pray that future partnerships will create opportunities for the Bible to become instrumental in people's lives.

5-11 Nov

Costa Rica

Pray for our nation's youth amid high levels of unemployment.

The youth population attending church is shrinking and the number of people with no religious affiliation continues to rise. Pray for a revival of the belief and trust in Jesus Christ.

Nicaragua

Illiteracy is high amongst the Miskito, Sumo, and Garifuna communities. These groups cannot afford Bibles. Pray for the success of our projects aimed at these minorities, that the Word of God touches their hearts, and that it will inspire positive change in their communities.

Panama

Pray for our mission to renew distribution strategies and develop projects with creative and contemporary concepts. Pray for increased reading and interaction with the Bible in every population segment so that they can experience its transformative message.

12-18 Nov

West Indies

Commit our active projects to prayer and our vision to act as a valuable resource for the Christian church. Pray that we continue providing the best prices and sufficient quantities of Bibles to our constituents, especially schools. Pray that we can create strategic alliances to promote the Christian worldview.

Haiti

Over the past three years, children have experienced horrors and traumatic events due to the chaotic situation in our nation. Pray for them as they struggle to survive tough living conditions. Ask God to watch over them and preserve their innocence.



Cuba

Pray for our efforts to provide a Bible to every Cuban as part of our *1 Million Bibles* project. Pray for coordinators in every province and for travelling safety as we cover the entire island with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

19-25 Nov

Puerto Rico

Continue to pray for our ministry and the distribution of Scriptures. Pray that we will be blessed in spreading His Word so that it is accessible in written and digital format.

Netherlands Antilles & Aruba

Pray against high crime rates and that more people will turn to Jesus for guidance. Secularism is on the rise, as is unemployment. Pray that the Word of God will be distributed all over Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao and that more people will open their hearts to the Gospel.

East Caribbean

The Bible Society here serves

twelve island states with populations totalling 2,3 million. Bibles are available but widely seen as irrelevant, particularly among youth. Many of the youth have no religious affiliation and are enticed by secular culture. Pray that they will move closer to Jesus.

Dominican Republic

Pray for our project to provide 7 000 children with Scripture. Pray that those who receive the Word will read and study it and live according to Christian values. Pray for our 'No to Violence' initiative to prevent 15 000 children from becoming victims of violence.

26 Nov-2 Dec

Guatemala

Pray for our project to provide biblical material for children with Downs Syndrome, Autism, and other intellectual disabilities. Pray that the project impacts many children and adolescents. Pray for the parents, teachers and spiritual leaders who guide them in the study of the Bible.

Suriname

Our work continues on the Sarnami Hindi Old Testament translation project. Please pray for the translators and reviewers. Pray for wisdom, strength and health for the team, consultant and advisor; and that the product of this project will reach more and more Sarnami Hindi people.

3-9 Dec

El Salvador

Lift our children up in prayer as they face immense challenges living in highly violent neighbourhoods. Pray that they find strength and protection amid adversity. We also request prayer for the team responsible for developing a Bible-based comic. May they be filled with creativity, wisdom, and passion as they design and create materials that will positively impact the lives of children.

Honduras

San Pedro Sula is considered the world's capital city of crime. Please pray that it is renamed as the city of love and friendship.



Pray that our country is set free from the chains of violence and crime to be a land of peace, harmony and the grace of God. Pray that our projects to distribute the Word of God will help to achieve this goal.

10-16 Dec

Afghanistan

The situation in this country remains volatile, and human rights are at great risk. The continuous threat to safety is a major concern for everyone who lives here, and they desperately need hope. Pray that the Word of God will be made available to Afghans and reveal the truth of Jesus Christ.

Pakistan

Praise the Lord for our ongoing projects. Continue to pray over our strategy to distribute Bibles, Portions and Selections to churches, youth, elders, families, and special needs children. Christianity is a minority religion in our country, and we pray to reach more people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

17-23 Dec

Azerbaijan

The Bible Society here is working hard to develop a Christian presence and establish new relationships with churches. Pray that our mission to provide Bibles will successfully reach as many people as possible. Pray especially for the children in our churches and that they will receive the necessary Christian-based guidance to navigate life.

Armenia

Pray for the *New Revised Western Armenian Bible* project, now serving in its fourth year. Pray for compassion and outreach from churches so that many may find a spiritual home in their beloved Holy book, renewed and refreshed.

24-30 Dec

Russian Federation

We ask you to pray for the successful completion of the Altay Language Old Testament translation project and the publication of the first complete Altay Bible so that the Scriptures

could become available for more than seventy thousand people speaking this language.

Kyrgyzstan

Please pray for our objective to contribute to the spiritual development of the people in Kyrgyzstan through the provision of the Bible and the implementation of well-understood interconfessional Bible translations. Also, lift our translators in prayer during the ongoing project to translate the Bible into Kyrgyz and the strengthening of church capacity through the provision of the Bible, as well as non-denominational Bible literature in well-understood translations.

Kazakhstan

We request prayer for ongoing translations of the Bible into languages of the people living in the Republic of Kazakhstan. Pray for our goals to pay increased attention to small ethnic groups in the fight against illiteracy and provide people with the Gospel in formats they understand. **IS**