

August Prayer Letter 2022

1 August: China

Please pray for the UBS China Partnership (CP), who are working to make God's word accessible, portable and sharable using digital editions of Scripture. Pray for CP as they transfer the ownership of the Bible Moments App to the Chinese church to align with increased internet regulations.

2 August: Australia

Pray for CPX Roadshow events today in Sydney and tomorrow in Perth. As the CPX team speaks to local Christians about what it means that "we are all public Christians now", pray that many will attend and find encouragement, hope, and confidence that their faith is indeed good news. Pray too for the Youth Masterclass events today in Sydney and on Thursday in Perth.



3 August: Zimbabwe

Praise God for the awareness about disability which is spreading throughout Zimbabwe as a result of Bible Society's project, through training workshops in churches. Please pray that Bible Society would be able to provide more assistive devices to disabled children. Pray too that more mothers in caretaker positions would seek help from Bible Society.

4 August: Australia

Thank God for the support given to Bible Society Australia by churches around the country this year. Please pray for more churches around the nation to partner with BSA, so we can Open The Bible with more people.

5 August: Sri Lanka

Praise God that Bible Society Ceylon has begun facilitating literacy classes for students. Please pray that many of the children attending the classes will have their hearts open to receiving the Gospel and find peace in being a follower of Christ. Pray that these literacy programs reach more disadvantaged children in the undeveloped parts of Sri Lanka.

6 August: Testimony

Thank God for Emily Tembo, the mother of Tafadzwa, who was overjoyed to see her son mixing with other children and bursting with laughter. They gathered with other mothers and children with disabilities as Bible Society Zimbabwe handed out 20 children's Bibles. "It has been so long since I have seen him this happy," said Emily as she watched her son. "This Bible is a blessing which will cause mayhem, as he will want it to be read each minute."

7 August: Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

8 August: Australia

Please pray for BSA's Scripture Grant for Bibles In Schools. Thank God for the volunteer teachers, and for the Bibles they use in class, supplied with this grant. Pray that children in SRE/RI will realise that they can know about God - and know God - by reading the Bible. Pray they will develop a life-long desire to read the Bible, and learn that it is relevant, trustworthy and life-giving.

9 August: China

Praise God that the United Bible Societies China Partnership (CP) can serve alongside churches in China to make Bibles more accessible and affordable for Chinese Christians. Pray that the COVID situation in China will improve so that church activities and Bible distribution can resume. Pray that the Chinese churches can obtain their print permits for new Bibles in good time this year.

10 August: Australia

Please pray that God will give BSA leaders insight, wisdom and creativity on how best to tell God's story of love and hope through Eternity. Pray that Christians who read Eternity would continue to be encouraged and inspired by what God is doing among his people.

11 August: The Gambia

Praise God for the 2,338 students attending literacy classes in the first three months of this year. Please pray that those who are attending excel in their new skills and have their hearts open to the Gospel. Pray that as the year goes on more students will join the classes.

12 August: Australia

Please pray for the Publishing team as they prepare a 'Healing' New Testament edition for returned service people. Please pray that it blesses many. Please also pray that, with ever-rising costs, we can keep our Bible prices affordable, so we can continue to make God's word available to as many people as possible.

13 August: Testimony

Thank God that 62-year-old Ms Zhang is now able to confidently read her Bible, a large-print version she received from her church through UBS China Partnership's distribution. Please pray that many more Bibles may be printed and distributed in China so others may be blessed as Ms Zhang has been.

14 August: Jeremiah 17:7 (NIV)

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him."

15 August: Kenya

Praise God that 45 schools across Kenya are already taking part in Bible Society's Bible distribution project for disadvantaged children. Please pray that no further delays affect the supply of Bibles to the schools. Pray that this project reaches its goal of having 6,850 children reading the Bible by 2022.

16 August: Australia

Please pray for our teams as they prepare for the Bible Conference on 2 September. Pray that all plans will fall into place for the in-person event in Sydney as well as for the national livestream. Please pray that those who attend will be challenged to consider how the Bible speaks into our culture today.



17 August: Lebanon

Praise God that Bible Society's Bible-based literacy course is expanding throughout churches in Lebanon, helping refugee communities. Please pray that Bible Society Lebanon can expand the course throughout more underprivileged communities.

18 August: Australia

Please thank God for our generous supporters who have given sacrificially to Open The Bible all around the globe. Please pray for those who are struggling with health issues and other concerns, that God would be their source of peace, strength and joy. Thank God for those who pray faithfully for our work. Thank God too for those who give whatever they can, ignoring tough circumstances, so that people in need can have access to God's precious word.

19 August: South Africa

Praise God that 1,644 inmates have enrolled in World Hope Ministries' Bible Discipleship course so far this year, and that 1,048 Bibles were distributed to inmates in the first three months of 2022. Pray that the hearts of the inmates are opened to the Gospel and they find hope and peace in Jesus Christ.

20 August: Testimony

Thank God for the 18-year-old girl in Lebanon who participated in Bible Society's literacy program. She said, "I loved the program. It's simple and I knew more about God while learning to read and write! What an amazing combination! Now that I finished level 1 and 2, I can help my siblings to learn, and hopefully will be able to enrol in a third level. I am forever grateful."

21 August: Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

22 August: Australia

Pray for CPX as they prepare for their upcoming annual Richard Johnson Lecture on September 1. Pray for the speaker, Andy Crouch, as he travels from the US, for travelling mercies in uncertain times and for the words he will speak to both Christians and nonbelievers while he's here on the topic of technology and being human.

23 August: Lebanon

Please pray that Bible Society's Trauma Healing project will both help heal wounds of trauma and that more facilitators would be equipped to expand the project, reaching more children and adults in need.

24 August: Australia

Please pray for the three-week translation workshop beginning at the end of this month, run by Bible Society Australia and YWAM Perth. Pray that translators in the Kimberley would be supported as they record the Gospel of Luke in their heart language of Kimberley Kriol. Thank God for the new translators joining the team.

25 August: Northern Ireland

Thank God for this World Day of Prayer 2022 project, which is reaching babies, families and those lamenting the difficult years with God's word. Please pray that this project will continue to bring collaboration between denominations in Northern Ireland, despite past conflicts.

26 August: Australia

Praise God for the generous support of our donors, and their confidence in BSA's Board and CEO, Grant Thomson. Pray for the Board as they meet in August, that God would give them wisdom, grace and integrity as they make decisions. Pray for Grant Thomson as he leads the staff of Bible Society Australia, and for his leadership of the Bible Conference in September.

27 August: Testimony

Thank God for children like 8-year-old Hala, from Lebanon, who is being deeply impacted by Bible Society's Trauma Healing project, 'Reconcile!'. Thank God for Hala's request of a staff member: "Please, please, can you come back tomorrow to continue telling us about Jesus and how he loves us?" Pray that other children will experience the same excitement in hearing the Gospel.

28 August: Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

29 August: Sri Lanka

Please pray that the E-Bible being developed by Bible Society Ceylon reaches young people who spend a lot of time online, and that it engages them. Pray that this E-Bible will inspire Christian children to share the word of God, as it becomes more accessible.

30 August: Australia

Please continue to pray for Koorong staff across the country, as they work to serve both Christians and seekers with God's word and Christian resources to grow their faith. Pray for the transport and receipt of Koorong's Christmas stock, that the global supply line issues would not affect supply, that the logistics will run smoothly, and stock would be ready for Christmas.

31 August: South Africa

Praise God for the literacy distribution project among young, disadvantaged children in South Africa, and that the 20,000 literacy booklets already distributed in 2022, along with posters, flash cards and teacher manuals will change lives. Please pray that the program will help children succeed in their progression through formal schooling.