

November Prayer Letter 2022

1 November: Australia

Praise God for the successful completion of the Bibbulmun Track Hike in WA by Bible Society fundraisers. Thank God for the wonderful weather, and the \$17,000 raised for Bibles for Australian Chaplaincy work through BSA's Scripture Grants.

2 November: South Pacific

Thank God for the commitment and passion of the Bible Society South Pacific team. Praise God for Bible Month programs carried out in July-August and the South Pacific Bible forum held in October. Pray that the communities reached by BSSP will be encouraged in their faith and that many will be reached through the training in trauma healing and Sunday school teaching.

3 November: Australia

Thank God for Eternity's print edition, and pray that churchgoers will be encouraged, equipped and inspired in their life and faith by the summer print edition. Pray for the future direction of Eternity as we seek to spur Christians on "toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24).

4 November: Syria

Praise God that through war, persecution, and lack of very basic resources, the Bible Society Syria team persevere and spread the hope of Jesus and the word of God. Please continue to pray for their Trauma Healing work, that their vision of seeing people healed from trauma would be continuously renewed.



5 November: Testimony

Please pray for women and children like Rita and her six-yearold son Fadi, who reside in the Central Prison in Homs, Syria. Praise God that Fadi, who was born in prison, has flourished in Bible Society's trauma healing program, and has become a positive influence among his peers. Thank God that both he and Rita are eager and happy, and beginning a new life with the program.

6 November: Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)

'The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.'

7 November: Vanuatu

Please continue to pray for the women and girls of Vanuatu, as domestic violence and child abuse tend to be embedded in gender, familial and power relations. Praise God that healing workshops could be held in August and September after being suspended by COVID restrictions. Pray that Bible Society's project would begin an ongoing change in the country.

8 November: Australia

Thank God for the prayer breakfast being held in Albury today, the prayer breakfast in Tasmania on the 23rd and for Bible Society deputations this month in Victoria and Tasmania. Pray that many supporters would be encouraged by the Bible work happening around the world and in Australia, and new people would be drawn to support the work.

9 November: Vietnam

Thank God for the work which has gone in to transitioning Bible Society's literacy course online, and for the 38 video lessons being produced and uploaded on YouTube. Pray that the Christian Education Committee (CEC) of Evangelical Church Vietnam North will be able to open the class next year and pray that the key people will be trained and be able to commit to the program.

10 November: Australia

Please pray for the members of the BSA Fundraising team who share Bible Society's work around the world with churches and individuals, facilitating partnership in that work. Pray that the team will continue to exhibit the humble, service driven attitude of Jesus at all times and in all their relationships.

11 November: Tanzania

Thank God for the opportunity to provide the 'Bible Knowledge' subject in high schools, and pray that students would be eager to learn more about the Bible. Thank God that so far in 2022 over 3,000 students are participating from 84 schools.

12 November: Testimony

Thank God for Iman, a Tanzanian student who said, "There are many interesting things I have learned while studying Bible Knowledge, but the most interesting one is Jesus' resurrection, when Jesus rose from death to life again by the power of our God."

13 November: Romans 1:3-4 (NIV)

'... his Son, who ... through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. '

14 November: Australia

Please pray for the publishing team as they work on 'From Heaven to Country', a book showcasing the work of Bible translation into Indigenous languages. Please also pray for work on a third edition of the CEV 'Big Rescue for children', that writers, illustrators, designers and editors will work smoothly together to amplify and engage kids and families with God's word.

15 November: Vietnam

Thank God that Bible Society Vietnam are seeking to engage people immediately with newly translated Scriptures in ethnic minority languages. Pray for the distribution of Bible stories and Mark's Gospel among different tribes, that people can get to know about Jesus in their own language.

16 November: Australia

Pray for journalists, politicians, activists and others whose words and actions have a significant influence on our common life. Thank God for the work of CPX in the public square. Pray that conversations will be marked by integrity, humility, and respect for one another.

17 November: Myanmar

Please pray for the translation of the first Khongso New Testament. Pray for good health for the translator, for the printing and distribution of 500 copies of the Khongso New Testament, and for peace in Myanmar.

18 November: Australia

Please pray for BSA's Board and the Annual General Meeting being held today. Thank God for the Board members and pray that the meetings will be full of wisdom and grace. Pray for our CEO, Grant Thomson, as he leads the organisation and staff.

19 November: Testimony

Please pray for and with Roy, a pastor for Khmer Christians in Vietnam, who is working with Bible Society on Scripture resources and books in his language. He says, "... the more Christian materials written in Khmer there are, the better. Because these materials will help the Khmer people to know God in a way that still preserves their own identity...Then I can tell them that the gospel is also meant for Khmer people, God is the God of Khmer people, too, and he is not a foreign God."

20 November: Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)

'... my word that goes out from my mouth...will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. '

21 November: Myanmar

Pray for the translation of the first New Testament in the Asang (Khongso) language, a project related but distinct to the Khongso New Testament. Pray for the translator and his family, especially as the translator and some committee members are based in a town in Chin State, where the civil war is taking place.

22 November: Australia

Pray for the CPX team in a season of writing as they work on new articles, books, and other projects: that they would be given insight and discernment, creative ideas, and compelling words as they seek to speak grace and truth into the public square.

23 November: Vietnam

Pray for God's wisdom and strength upon all involved as this translation of the Bible into an ethnic minority language of Northern Vietnam nears completion. Please pray for the publication process, that the team would get permission from the local government to publish and distribute the New Testament.

24 November: Australia

Please continue to pray for the church and parachurch ministries who receive Scripture Grants from BSA. As the year wraps up, pray that students reached by these ministries will keep seeking the God of the Bible and reading his word.

25 November: Vietnam

Pray for the translation of the Bible into an ethnic minority language in Southern Vietnam. Please pray for God's protection and wisdom upon all involved, and that the translation workshops improve the skills of the translation team. Pray for the recruiting of more translators, and for the translators and reviewers to be efficient and committed to the project.

26 November: Testimony

Pray for the Bible to be available in Vietnam in minority ethnic languages, despite the difficulties and obstacles. Pray for people like Din*, who says, "I observe Sunday worship carefully. I serve God. I read Bible very often. There is no Bible in my language. We cannot buy Bibles in our language in Vietnam."



27 November: Isaiah 52:7 (NIV)

' How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'

28 November: Australia

Praise God for Nungalinya College, and for this year's pilot course on First Nations Language, a preparation for translators wanting to read and write in their own language. Thank God for the two different language groups who completed the course, a Murrinhpatha group from Wadeye and a Yolngu group from Arnhem Land. Thank God that Nungalinya has also received accreditation to run the new Certificate 2 in Bible Translation Course commencing in 2024.

29 November: PNG

Thank God that the Tok Pisin Bible translation is being revised for the people of Papua New Guinea. Pray for those who are undertaking the translation work, that they will be fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and be committed. Pray for support from local churches and the government in this great task. Pray that resources would be available so that revision work can move forward.

30 November: Australia

Thank God for the Bible translation work taking place in our Remote and Indigenous communities. Praise God for the work on the Nyoongar translation of the Gospel of Matthew this year, and especially for the translation of 'The Story of Jesus' Birth for Children'. Please continue to pray for the work of translation, including community and translation consultant checks as the translation of Matthew's Gospel draws towards completion.

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