

1 April: Testimony

Thank God for Roy, an 8-year-old in a refugee camp in Lebanon. "I learned from the program that God takes care of us and does not leave us and always searches for us, because God is love." Pray that many other children like Roy would hear about God's love through Bible Society's program in the camps.

2 April: Matthew 21:9, NIV

"The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'"

3 April: Lebanon

Thank God for Bible Society Lebanon's *Reconcile!* Project, which is ministering to refugee children. Thank God for the many and varied programs and plays they presented late last year aimed at communicating God's love. Pray for the 9,365 children who were entertained last year, that the lessons on reconciliation, healing and forgiveness, along with the Bible portions they received, would have a lasting impact in their lives.

4 April: Australia

Pray for the Centre for Public Christianity this Easter, that the team will have opportunities in the national media to explain clearly and invitingly what Easter is all about.

5 April: Rwanda

Thank God for the work Bible Society and African Enterprise are doing in Rwanda, through both the literacy course, and the *Jesus. All About Life* (JAAL) campaign this Easter. Please pray for the staffing, resources and logistics of the literacy project and that as literacy skills are taught, participants would also learn about forgiveness, peace-building, kindness and grace. Pray too that the JAAL campaign would have a big impact in the hearts of many in Rwanda, and that lives would be radically changed as people choose to follow Jesus.



6 April: Australia

Please pray for the JAAL campaign running in Australia again this Easter. Pray that the churches who have joined the campaign would be encouraged to reach into their communities, making contact with more people, and that across the country lives and families would be restored, as we declare that Jesus truly has come to give life to all.

7 April: Australia

Thank God for the Easter season, and the opportunity to draw close to God. Pray that Koorong's range of Bibles, Christian books, and ministry resources will enrich many Australians, including those new to their faith this Easter.

8 April: Testimony

Thank God for Jeanette, who is involved in a secondary school in Rwanda and received training through the literacy and reconciliation program. She says, "We are happy to see our children pick up the culture of reading while at home...It is a joy for us to see our children become better people. This gives us great hope that our country will have citizens that get good lessons from our bad past, make good decisions, live in harmonious relationships, and build a strong nation for the future generations to come!"

9 April: Luke 22:19, NIV

"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'"

10 April: Australia

Thank God for all Bible Society Australia's (BSA) faithful donors. Please pray that relationships between BSA staff and supporters would always be characterised by respect and a shared passion for God's work. Please pray for BSA supporters who are experiencing challenges and facing suffering — in their work, in their relationships or with their health. Pray that God would comfort them and be their refuge and strength.



11 April: Ukraine

Please continue to pray for Ukraine, where war has been ongoing for over a year now. Pray that God would sustain and protect Bible Society staff and volunteers, along with their ministry partners, as they work to serve people, supplying them with Bibles and helping with practical needs in partnership with churches and other Christian organisations.

12 April: Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Please pray for Bible Society Papua New Guinea (BSPNG) as they continue to improve their capacity. Pray that they would be able to reach future generations with the word of God. Pray that they can establish sustainable, impactful Bible based mission work. Pray for the right people to join their team and for the projects that are being reactivated, that God would bless their efforts.

13 April: Australia

Please pray for the upcoming print edition of *Eternity* in June, that the production process would run smoothly and on time, and that the content would provide much spiritual encouragement for readers.

14 April: South Pacific

Please pray for the Bible Society South Pacific, who are seeking to expand Bible Mission across the island nations they serve. Thank God for their outreach with the *Jesus. All About Life* campaign this Easter, and pray for ongoing spiritual fruit as a result of the Easter production, the Bible distribution, and the Sunday School and Trauma Healing training they conducted.

15 April: Testimony

Please pray for Bible Society Ukraine staff and volunteers. Bible Society staff member Rostyslav says, "Do pray for peace in Ukraine. Pray for the victims of war, pray for the Church, the Bible Society and all ministers and volunteers. As believers, we know that literally everything depends on God, literally everything is in his hands."

16 April: Luke 23:33, NIV

"When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left."

17 April: Australia

Thank God for the digital transformation being carried out across Koorong stores, and for the opportunities the new technology will create, to reach more people with books and resources and enrich their faith. Thank God for the staff teams who have worked tirelessly on this monumental project.

18 April: South Pacific

Please pray for Bible Society South Pacific (BSSP) as they work to build new headquarters for Bible Translation work in Vanuatu. Pray, as they make plans to relocate the BSSP Translation team there, that this investment will increase the reach and effectiveness of translation work across the islands.

19 April: Australia

Thank God for the book by Wayne Alcorn, *My Father's Son*, published by Acorn Press and released this month. Pray that it would be a blessing to many.

20 April: South Pacific

Please pray for the Bible Society South Pacific (BSSP) team as they seek to boost their effectiveness and sustainability. Pray they'd be able to address economic obstacles, communication challenges, and lack of access to technology. Thank God for the Oceania Alliance, and the support and partnership which is uplifting and encouraging both BSSP and BSA.

21 April: Australia

Please pray for the team planning this year's youth Masterclass events in August, as registrations have opened. Pray for wisdom and energy in planning every aspect of the day, and for the speakers who will address the gathered students, as they inspire, challenge and equip them to explore contemporary issues from a biblical perspective.

22 April: Testimony

Thank God that the Bible Society South Pacific team were able to buy a Missions Vehicle. "When the Vision Day Team returned from Australia [in February], the vehicle was parked in the garage," says Geoffry, BSSP General Secretary. "We are so thankful and excited that we now have a vehicle that can take the Team and resources to the furthest rural communities, even if the roads are rugged. A big *Vinaka Vakalevu* (thank you very much) to the Donors and those that have supported this Capacity Building Initiative."



23 April: Mark 16:2, NIV

"Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen."

24 April: Asia Pacific Literacy work

Please pray for Bible Society's literacy work in the Asia Pacific region, which is home to more than 60% of the world's population. Pray for the 18 Bible Societies who are working in 52 countries in the region, as they share God's word and seek to give the gift of literacy to their people. Pray that this literacy capacity building project would give staff a greater knowledge of literacy practices, of producing literacy materials, and on how to develop literacy projects in the future.

25 April: Australia

Pray for BSA's CEO, Grant Thomson as he leads the organisation. Pray that he would have grace and wisdom in all the decisions he makes. Pray for the Board as they oversee the governance of the organisation, that God would give them guidance, wisdom and support.

26 April: Cameroon

Please continue praying for the families of the martyred Bible Society literacy facilitators. Thank God that the families are healthy. Thank God that the widows are holding on to God in faith. Pray for the emotional stability of the children. Pray too for the community who continue to suffer terrorist attacks, and in particular, for a Parkwa Bible translator whose father was killed by terrorists on December 2 last year.

27 April: Australia

Pray for the Katherine Christian Convention which will take place in the Northern Territory from the 29th - 30th April. Pray for those travelling and attending the convention, including Bible Society Australia staff, that they would be encouraged in their faith and in their unity with believers. Thank God that Bible Society has been invited as the key Mission Focus of the Convention this year. Pray that awareness of BSA's work would grow among the conference delegates, bringing encouragement and ministry partnerships.

28 April: Australia

Thank God for BSA's partnership with church and parachurch ministries through the Scripture Grants program. Please pray this month for those ministering in rehab facilities and groups. Pray that the Lord of new beginnings will grant a fresh start to people coming out of addiction. Pray for their protection, and that God's word may bring healing, repentance and life to the full.

29 April: Testimony

Please pray for Zechariah*, the son of Joseph, a martyred Bible Society literacy facilitator in Cameroon. Thank God for the Bible Society's provision for Zechariah and his family, and that a team member was able to return Zechariah to his mother after he left home (to avoid attending school). Thank God that Bible Society is helping Zechariah enrol in a practical trade. Please pray for God's continued protection and provision for Zechariah and his family, and for comfort and strength for all those affected by persecution.

30 April: Matthew 28:6, NIV

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

*Name changed for security reasons.