



**Prayer Letter**  
**May 2024**

### 1 May: Rwanda

Pray for the *Jesus. All About Life* campaign in Rwanda, aiming to mobilise churches to reach their communities with the gospel, and serving as a healing tool for people suffering trauma. Thank God that African Enterprise is helping people experience a personal relationship with Jesus and pray for the planned workshops and outreach events.

### 2 May: Australia

Please pray for the Auslan Bible translation project, for God's continued guidance as the committee regularly meet and make plans. Pray too for more team members, especially for more Deaf translators. Pray for good health for the team, and God's protection over them as they grow this ministry to the Australian Deaf community.

### 3 May: Global - United Bible Societies

Thank God for literacy work taking place worldwide through Bible Society, and for the Global Literacy Coordination project run by the United Bible Societies (UBS) Global Mission team which continues to provide support for the work. Pray for their plans to develop regional strategies this year, and that they may effectively support French and Spanish-speaking Bible Societies. Pray also for the Literary Officers as they uphold the work.

### 4 May: Nicaragua

Pray for the Bibles distributed to kids with cancer through the 'Hope and Smile for Children with Cancer' project run by the Bible Society of Nicaragua. Thank God too for the regular spiritual support provided, and that these families have been given the opportunity to know his word. Pray they will continue to seek God in prayer and trust him in every situation.

### 5 May: Word for the Week

***"We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you." Psalm 33:20-22 (NIV)***

### 6 May: Syria

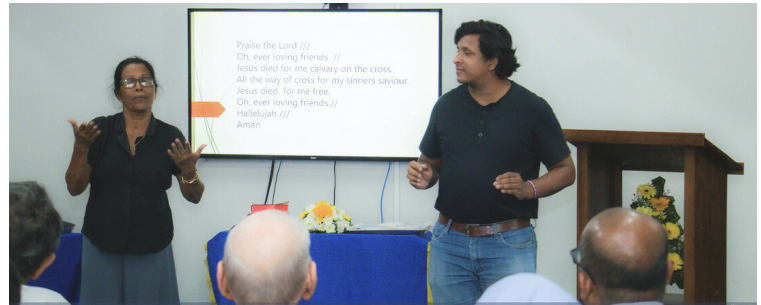
Please pray for the Bible Society in Syria, running a trauma-healing program through specialised training seminars and workshops within churches. Pray for stability in the country to allow the program to run, and for all coordinators, trainers and participants, that they would all be strengthened and sustained by God and his word as they work together for healing.

### 7 May: Australia

Thank God that many people, in hospitals, prisons, camps, and other places of need ask for a visit from a Christian chaplain, and receive God's words of comfort and love. Pray that many will visit dedicated chapel spaces, seeking to hear about the good news of Jesus. Pray that any Bible or Scripture resource they receive will touch their heart, and lead to them embracing the message of Jesus.

### 8 May: Sri Lanka

Pray for the translation of the Gospel Parables of Jesus into Sign Language for the deaf community in Sri Lanka. This community is marginalised due to the lack of Sign Language interpretation support. Pray for the current editing and recording of the 'Life Story of Jesus' series, and thank God for how these resources will bless the deaf community.



### 9 May: Australia

Thank God for the vital partnership between Bible Society Australia (BSA) and faithful supporters. Please pray that BSA's fundraising team will continue to build relationships with Bible Society supporters, developing deep and meaningful relationships which honour God and see his work carried out in Australia and around the world.

### 10 May: Kenya

Pray for the launch of a teen trauma-healing program — 'Arise' — led by Bible Society Kenya. This program will train teachers, peer counsellors and parents to support adolescents dealing with trauma. Pray for the willingness of the Church to go out into schools and for the teens in Kenya, that they will find healing and hope in the word of God.

### 11 May: Kenya

Please pray with Layla\*, who is helping with Bible Society Kenya's 'Arise – Healing Teens' Wounds of Trauma' program. She shares, "This project seeks to call back to life the resilience of teenagers, enabling them to overcome the pain of traumatic experiences and move on to achieve their set goals and dreams. These teens will in turn encourage their peers through peer counselling activities."

### 12 May: Word for the Week

***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:11-12 (NIV)***

### 13 May: Australia

Please pray for the Bible Society Australia (BSA) publishing team as they prepare the new Big Rescue Gospel of Mark for release to BSA's mission partners in August 2024. Please pray that the content being developed will support children as they read the Bible, and will enrich their understanding and love of God and his word.

#### 14 May: Burkina Faso

Pray for Bible Society Burkina Faso, and the women's literacy program they are running, which seeks to build reading, writing, socio-economic skills and spiritual growth, as well as helping with income-generating skills. Pray that the classes continue to inspire the women to learn, and transform their lives for the better.

#### 15 May: Australia

Pray for the ministry of Koorong as it continues to equip Christians and churches with Christian resources. Please pray that every Christian resource and Bible distributed through Koorong stores would equip, bless and edify individuals, ministries and churches.

#### 16 May: Laos

Please pray for the Laos Bible Society, as they develop and run a literacy program for the Hmong people. Thank God for the church, who want to teach their non-literate members to read God's word. Pray for the Literacy Working Group as they prepare materials and for the cooperation of local authorities.

#### 17 May: Taiwan

Thank God for Bible Society Taiwan's project which is supporting Taiwan's Immigrant Brides and their families with Scripture resources, online Bible Studies and cross-cultural gatherings. Thank God for the enthusiastic involvement of local churches and organisations which helped progress this program. Pray for the women that God's word will flourish in their hearts and impact their lives.

#### 18 May: Laos

Please pray with Pastor Cho\* for Christians in Laos. He sees the need for a literacy program in his community: "As a church leader, I can see that Hmong believers who cannot read do not engage in Sunday services. They can only sit and listen to the leader and other members, but are hardly able to understand."

#### 19 May: Word for the Week

**"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)**

#### 20 May: Mongolia

Thank God for the *Jesus. All About Life* campaign in Mongolia. In collaboration with the Mongolian Evangelical Association and Ulaanbaatar city pastors, the project will unite churches to spread the gospel and bring people to faith in Jesus. Pray that the gospel of Christ will reach all Mongolians, such as nomadic ethnic groups and younger generations.

#### 21 May: Australia

Thank God for First Nations Bible translators learning Bible translation at the Nungalinya College in Darwin. Please continue to pray for God's guidance, inspiration, and wisdom especially to newly trained Bible translators as they progress the work of Bible translation in their heart languages.



#### 22 May: Nicaragua

Thank God for 9-year-old Juan\*, a beneficiary of the 'Hope and Smiles for Children with Cancer' project in Nicaragua: "Having my own Bible makes me feel happy. The Bible gives me hope because I am going to be healthy. In the future, I hope to be with my friends."

#### 23 May: Australia

Thank God for Bible Societies all across Asia, who are Opening The

Bible with people in all walks of life. Please pray that during the next few months, awareness of these projects would increase through Bible Society Australia's campaign, seeking support for these Bible engagement projects. Pray that the needs of the project will be communicated effectively and widely, and that God would move hearts to support this wonderful work.

#### 24 May: Malawi

Please pray for the *Jesus. All About Life* campaign in Malawi, where there is a significant need for robust biblical teaching, as sound doctrine has taken a back seat in many churches. Pray that local churches will respond positively and participate in the campaign and for target groups to receive the gospel wholeheartedly.

#### 25 May: Rwanda

Thank God for John's testimony and for the *Jesus. All About Life* campaign in Rwanda: "There is yet a lot to be done, but we believe that the seed has been planted and will continue to grow. With various groups trained in discipleship, they will continue to follow up on the new Christians so that they can grow in their faith."

#### 26 May: Word for the Week

**"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)**

#### 27 May: Papua New Guinea

Please pray for the people of Papua New Guinea and the team at Living Child, BSA's mission partner ministering to families in the East Sepik Province and providing them with Bibles and Maternal Health Care information. Severe flooding and an earthquake on the 24th of March have affected the villages and halted on-going work. Pray for continued protection among the villagers and the team at Living Child as they attempt to help coordinate disaster relief. Pray also that health efforts will reduce the spread of malaria and other diseases.

#### 28 May: Rwanda

Thank God for the partnership between Bible Society Australia and African Enterprise Rwanda, implementing a literacy project to ensure a brighter future for all Rwandans. Pray for the hearts of teachers, parents and administrators, that they may be open to embracing new approaches to the existing education system. Pray also for the students to be receptive to new learning methods and remain engaged in their education.

#### 29 May: The Gulf

Thank God for the new literacy project by Bible Society in the Gulf (BSG) that seeks to empower marginalised Sri Lankan domestic workers living in Bahrain with essential literacy skills. Please pray for the development of this project as BSG undergo research, planning and training. Pray especially for migrant domestic workers who often face challenges and hardships as they work in a foreign country.

#### 30 May: Arab-Israeli

Please pray for the Arab Israeli Bible Society as they continue to reach and transform lives with the hope of God's word in the midst of war. Praise God that despite the most difficult of challenges they faced in 2023 they were still able to reach around 6 million people through their activities, programs, distribution, and media. Continue to pray fervently for the lives of people affected by the war, asking for God's peace, justice and forgiveness in these regions.

#### 31 May: Sri Lanka

Thank God for the progress of the 'Life Story of Jesus' series in Sri Lankan sign language, which has received positive feedback from the deaf community. They Ceylon Bible Society team shares, "They appreciated the efforts put into creating sign language content that is specifically catering to their needs, allowing them to connect with the story on a deeper level ... They mentioned feeling inspired, uplifted, and motivated to deepen their faith and relationship with God."

\*Name changed for security reasons.