



Prayer Letter May 2025

1 May: Myanmar

Pray for those in Myanmar affected by the recent earthquake. Pray for comfort to those grieving, healing for the injured, and strength to those who have lost homes and livelihoods. Thank God that the Bible Society of Myanmar is helping to distribute aid and Bibles to those affected. Pray for swift, effective aid to reach those in need, and most of all for many to turn to faith and hope in Jesus in this crucial time.

2 May: Australia

Pray for Australia as the nation prepares for the upcoming election. May God grant wisdom and peace across the country during this time. Pray that those elected will lead with wisdom, justice and compassion. Thank God for the freedom to participate in civic life and pray that God's guiding hand would be over our nation.

3 May: Global

Let us bring to the Lord this day our desire to see all communities of the world embrace the Scripture in their language, and build a connection with God through His Word. Please pray that those receiving the Bible for the first time would engage with it meaningfully and encounter Christ through its pages.

4 May: Word of the Week

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (NIV)

5 May: Australia

Please pray for the continued success of Koorong bookstores around Australia. Thank God for the past nine years where Koorong has been part of the BSA Group. As Koorong transitions to become part of Excelsia University College, pray for wisdom in governance and that their mission to serve the Church with Christian resources and inspire personal faith in Jesus will continue to flourish.

6 May: Israel

Pray for Arab Israeli Bible Society (AIBS) as they grow their ministry in Galilee. Pray for perseverance and strength for the AIBS team as they serve both the local churches and wider Arab Israeli community with Scripture resources and interactive community events. Pray for an end to war and that God's peace and healing would prevail.

7 May: Australia

Praise God for the opportunity for Bible Society team members to gather at the Katherine Christian Convention in the NT. Pray for Kriol speakers Rachael Kendino and Wendy Willika as they share on forgiveness, and that God would move powerfully. Pray for fruitful connections with mission partners, and for greater Bible access in heart languages. Please also pray for safe travel, especially from flood-affected areas, and for rich fellowship and learning around God's word.

8 May: China

Please pray for the project that is working to equip Christian leaders

in China by providing Study Bibles and Scripture resources to preachers, Bible school students, and Bible teachers in China who experience poverty and hardship. Pray that God shall provide funding for all these resources and perseverance for the Bible teachers. Pray that through this project more preachers in China could be raised up and trained to shepherd the millions.

9 May: Guatemala

Pray for Bible Society of Guatemala's literacy project which aims to improve reading and writing skills among children in rural Guatemala, in three native languages. Pray for God's provision, wisdom and guidance to all involved in the project, so they can plan and execute activities effectively. Pray for the children and their family's commitment to the project's literacy classes, recognising the importance of education in their personal and spiritual development.

10 May: Guatemala

Praise God for 11-years-old Mateo* who is learning literacy and shares, "I really like to read, do a lot of homework, study and I really like to draw. My favourite lesson is lesson No. 41 "Kuyuk Maak" which talks about how to forgive others who do bad things to us, we must forgive so that we have eternal life with God in heaven."

11 May: Word of the Week

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." Colossians 3:14 (NIV)

12 May: Australia

Thank God that various teams across the Bible Society Australia (BSA) Group attended the ACC National Conference in the Gold Coast to engage with Pastors and share resources. Pray that these relationships between BSA and ACC churches will flourish and develop fruitful partnerships in Opening The Bible with all people, everywhere.

13 May: Australia

Please pray for Centre for Public Christianity's (CPX) upcoming Fundraising Lunch in late May. Pray that God would provide that the funds needed to grow the work of CPX in promoting the public understanding and relevance of the Christian faith in today's world.

14 May: Mongolia

Pray for the development of a new Mongolian Bible translation that's easier to understand for readers and listeners. Pray for the effective training of translators in biblical languages, linguistics, and Bible translation and for the blessed collaboration between translators, Mongolian churches, committee members and the Mongolian Bible Society. Pray for the translation team as they review draft translations of the New Testament (NT), and for the digital production of 16 New Testament books.

15 May: Slovenia

Please pray for the Bible Society of Slovenia as they help suffering, wounded and marginalised people heal through the message of the

Bible. Pray that as facilitators are trained and trauma healing groups established, God calls and prepares more people to serve in this Trauma Healing project, with the hope that in 2025 the project can reach marginalised individuals as they find new life in God's word.

16 May: Australia

Please pray over chaplains and Gospel workers across Australia as they help people access and engage with God's word in meaningful, life-changing ways. Pray that many will discover Jesus as the answer they've been seeking, and that through Jesus, they'll experience healing, hope and restoration in all areas of their lives.

17 May: Slovenia

Praise God for William* a Jesuit priest, who is a counsellor and Trauma Healing facilitator. He shares, "The Trauma Healing program was a decisive tool for me to start helping others with traumas and suffering. In the healing groups the process connected us strongly as brothers and sisters. Our lives are changing, including mine as facilitator of the group. It is easier for us to discover God's guidance and loving presence in our daily lives and tasks."

18 May: Word of the Week

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."
Psalms 27:14 (NIV)

19 May: Jordan

Pray for Bible Society of Jordan (BSJ) addressing the profound need for mental health support among traumatised and grieving refugees and locals. Pray that as BSJ provide churches with essential tools and skills to assist individuals dealing with trauma from abuse, loss, and conflict, that safe environments are created where emotional and spiritual well-being can flourish. Pray that the fruits of this project will be evident in stronger families and a community that is healing and resilient.

20 May: Vanuatu

Praise God for the Bible Society of the South Pacific in partnership with World Day of Prayer continuing the work begun in 2021 seeking a holistic approach to advocating and empowering women who are victims of domestic abuse. Give thanks for the progress and impact the Domestic Violence workshops have made on communities and pray that workshops in 2025 are effective in bringing healing and transformation among families and households in Vanuatu.

21 May: Rwanda

Pray for the literacy project implemented by Bible Society Australia partnering with African Enterprise Rwanda seeking to improve literacy among students to ensure a brighter future for all Rwandans. Pray for the hearts of teachers, parents, and administrators, that they may be open to new approaches for the existing education system and that God would grant wisdom and resilience to adapt. Pray the students are receptive to the new learning methods and remain engaged in their education.



22 May: Mozambique

Pray for Mission Educate supported by Bible Society Australia as they run a Bible-based literacy project called 'Literacy for Life,' designed to provide basic literacy, numeracy, and life skills. Pray that those living in impoverished areas and rural communities who have limited access to education benefit from this project.

23 May: Jordan

Pray for the Bible Society Jordan as they reach refugee families

and underprivileged Jordanian families with practical support, basic needs and God's word. Pray that every refugee will find and get to know Jesus. Pray for the stability and safety of Jordan despite the continuously rising conflicts surrounding it, and that the Lord shall console the hurt and the wounded.

24 May: Mozambique

Praise God for the work the Literacy for Life project is doing in blessing the people of Mozambique. Tania* a 42-year-old widow shares, "After my husband's death, I faced many difficulties in supporting my children ... I tried to do some business but was unsuccessful. Changes happened in my life when I started the Literacy for Life Project. I now read and write which has made it easier to start and run my own business. With the Project's training on chicken farming, I was able to acquire enough skills to open my own aviary."

25 May: Word of the Week

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." ***1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)***

26 May: Australia

Please pray for the success of BSA's end-of-financial-year fundraising appeal. Pray that hearts would be moved to support Bible mission work in Australian Indigenous languages. Pray too for God's blessings over the ongoing mission to translate, publish, and distribute the Bible across Australia, and for BSA's faithful supporters and their families — that they would experience God's abundant blessing, peace, and provision in every area of their lives.

27 May: Sri Lanka

Pray for the literacy classes the Ceylon Bible Society run through churches and Christian organisations in Sri Lanka. Pray that the non-literate youth and children reached in rural, slum and underdeveloped areas will effectively improve their reading, listening, and writing skills, as well as learn to read the word of God for themselves.

28 May: Australia

Please pray for the smooth and timely printing and delivery of the Custom NLT Bibles for schools across Australia. Thank God for the partnership BSA shares with these schools. Pray that God would bless every student who receives a Bible, that it would speak powerfully into their hearts and lives, planting seeds of faith, hope, and purpose that grow for years to come.

29 May: Australia

Please pray for the children who have received their CEV Big Rescue Bibles through the Bibles for Bubs program throughout the years. Pray that a lifetime of faith will be nurtured as parents and guardians read and share God's word together.

30 May: China

Pray for the United Bible Societies China Partnership helping rural Chinese Christians acquire literacy skills to be able to read and understand the Bible. Pray that these literacy classes also result in boosted confidence in social interactions and improved quality of life. Pray also for God's guidance in all the development stages of a new literacy primer to accompany this learning.

31 May: China

Praise God for the literacy classes running in China and for Scripture literacy teachers like Elder Chen*, who shares, "Through the literacy classes, it is gratifying to witness the believers growing and improving. I am very happy to be able to serve the Lord and do his work ... It is not just about giving free booklets or Bibles; it is about love."

*Names changed to protect privacy.