

# Prayer Letter

## April 2026



### 1 April: Middle East

Today, let us intercede for lasting peace in the Middle East, for God's will to be done, for reconciliation and healing all across the region. Lift up our Bible Society partners in this region, praying for their protection, safety and resilience, that they would be sustained with courage and wisdom as they continue to share God's Word and bring hope in challenging and uncertain circumstances.

### 2 April: Australia

This Easter, pray that the Centre for Public Christianity will have opportunities in the national media to explain clearly and invitingly the meaning and hope we celebrate. Ask that many would be struck anew by the enduring relevance of the Christian faith, especially as the message of the resurrection speaks into the longings and questions of our time.

### 3 April: Good Friday

On this Good Friday, let us pause together to remember Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Let us pray that God's love, shown through Christ's suffering and death, deepen our gratitude and faith. Pray that the Lord will help us embrace the hope of Jesus' resurrection even in life's trials. Pray too that the Lord will strengthen us in sharing his love with others, reflecting the mercy and grace he poured out for all.

### 4 April: China Testimony

Praise God for Bible recipients in China who are very grateful for their new and free Bibles distributed through UBS China Partnership. A church partner shares, "after receiving the Bibles, they began reading every day — so much so that missing a day now feels unusual. Through increased reading, their understanding of the Lord has grown; they have learned to use Scripture to guide their lives, to humble themselves, and to rely on the Lord in all things, experiencing peace and joy in their hearts."

### 5 April: Word of the Week - Easter Sunday

***"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.'" — John 11:25–26 (NIV)***

### 6 April: China

Please pray for United Bible Societies (UBS) China Partnership's Bible printing and distribution ministry in China, where many believers — especially in rural and elderly communities — still long for a Bible they can read and afford. Give thanks for the continued production of affordable and large-print editions, and pray that printing permits and distribution approvals will be granted without delay so that God's Word may reach every person who seeks it.

### 7 April: Israel and Palestine

Please pray for all our Bible Society partners in Israel and Palestine as they continue sharing God's Word amid ongoing conflict and uncertainty. Ask God to strengthen weary teams who are offering encouragement through digital ministry, despite suspended

gatherings and daily safety concerns. Pray for protection over staff and their families, especially those with loved ones in positions of risk or supporting communities affected by trauma. Lift up emergency responses and trauma-healing resources now being shared across the region, that they would bring comfort and renewed hope.

### 8 April: Australia

Please pray for Bible Society Australia's (BSA) Bible translation project in the Pitjantjatjara language. Give thanks for the Pitjantjatjara translation team and the remarkable progress they have made, with most of the Old Testament now drafted. Please pray for wisdom, clarity, and unity over our translation team as remaining drafts are refined and consultancy checks take place in the year ahead.

### 9 April: Jordan

Pray for the Bible Society of Jordan's Bibles and aid distribution project. Lift up the local church volunteers and partners who visit homes, distribute supplies, and build relationships with those in need. Pray that God grant them emotional resilience, wisdom, protection and courage as they walk alongside families facing deep hardship, so that the light of Christ's compassion and the truth of his Word would shine through them.

### 10 April: Australia

Pray for BSA's mission to make the Scriptures accessible among remote Indigenous communities across Australia, through our Scripture Grants program. Pray for Bible mission workers and chaplains — asking God to grant them strength, health, perseverance, wisdom, and protection as they hand out Bibles to communities in remote areas. Pray that their efforts will continue to bear fruit as Indigenous believers read and hear God's Word in their own languages.

### 11 April: Jordan Testimony

Praise God for Tariq\* and his family, who, after fleeing war across three countries and starting again from scratch in Jordan, were warmly welcomed into a church community where they experienced love, support, and renewed hope. Through Bible Society of Jordan's distribution project, they also received practical assistance. "I discovered a new calm and inner peace," shares Tariq, while his wife reflects, "I realised I am a daughter of God and began to see myself and my life in a completely new way."

### 12 April: Word of the Week

***"For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him." — Romans 6:9 (NIV)***

### 13 April: The Gulf

Please pray for the Bible Society in the Gulf who are working to place Scripture in the hands of migrant workers in Kuwait who often face many challenges working abroad — mostly from Asia and Africa — to just support their families at home. Praise God for Bible Society's ministry of making the Scriptures available in their heart languages.

Pray that those who receive Bibles will experience renewed hope, restored faith and a stronger connection to God.

#### **14 April: Laos**

Pray for the Laos Bible Society in developing and running a literacy program for the Hmong community in Laos. Pray for a successful literacy teacher training this year, that participants would learn well and would gain helpful insights to strengthen the literacy materials. Pray too for God's blessings over Laos Bible Society's partnership with local churches across different denominations in coordinating and running the literacy classes for Hmong parishioners.

#### **15 April: Australia**

Please pray BSA as we offer Scripture Grants to Australian Defence Force (ADF) chaplains. Pray for open hearts among men and women serving in the ADF, that those who receive Bibles and Scripture resources will encounter His Word, be encouraged in their faith, and find hope and peace even in challenging circumstances.

#### **16 April: Ukraine**

Please pray for the Ukrainian Bible Society as they continue their Bible ministry amid the ongoing war in Ukraine, asking God to strengthen and protect their staff, volunteers, and partners who risk their lives daily to deliver Scriptures, support churches, and bring the hope of God's Word to those in desperate need.

#### **17 April: Pakistan**

Praise God for the Pakistan Bible Society and its Bible-based literacy project for non-literate women in Pakistan, where 1,822 women have successfully graduated from the literacy course in 2025. Thank God that these women are now able to read and write, joyfully engaging with the Bible in their homes and churches. Please pray that they will continue in their practice of reading and further their education, while encouraging faith and hope to their families and communities.

#### **18 April: Testimony Pakistan**

Praise God for Iqra\* who has recently graduated from the literacy course run by Pakistan Bible Society, she shares her joy and gratitude saying, "Through this program I am able to read and write. I am now able to write my name with my own hands and feel very blessed that I am able to do it now. I can also check the daily diary of my children and make them sit together for study and for the daily prayers and Bible reading. I will continue reading and writing and will be happy to read the Word of God in my church."

#### **19 April: Word of the Week**

***"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." — John 14:27 (NIV)***

#### **20 April: Samoa**

Please pray for the Samoan Bible translation team as they continue the review and consultant checking of the Old Testament this year. Give thanks that internal reviews of Ruth, Esther, and Daniel were completed in 2025, and pray for smooth and fruitful external reviews in the year ahead. Ask God to strengthen and encourage the team as they navigate challenges and rebuild capacity, so that Scripture in contemporary Samoan will be clearly understood and become a life-giving gift for the whole nation.

#### **21 April: South Pacific**

Please pray for the Bible Society of the South Pacific (BSSP) as they expand Bible mission across the Pacific islands. Pray for wisdom, endurance and unity for the BSSP team as they partner with churches and ministries across Tonga, Samoa, Vanuatu, Kiribati and beyond. Pray for God's guidance over their mission outreach, Bible translation and Bible engagement efforts, strengthening relationships with local church leaders and enabling collaborative ministry that builds trust, resilience and long-term spiritual impact.

#### **22 April: Tonga**

Please pray for the Tongan Bible translation team as they work on

two new Bible translations and two revisions in the Tongan language. Praise God for the near completion of the Tongan Contemporary Bible, now undergoing community and consultant review. Pray that this translation will be widely used in churches and homes throughout Tonga, bringing clarity, blessing, and a deeper understanding of God's Word to many lives.

#### **23 April: Australia**

Let's give thanks for the gift of Scripture being made available in heart languages of Indigenous communities and for those faithfully serve in this mission. Please pray that new Easter resources will bless communities, especially Kukatja speakers in the Tanami Desert and Kunwinjku speakers in Gunbalanya. May the message of the cross bring comfort, healing, and renewal. Pray too for God's strength and care over communities in rural Australia affected by flooding.

#### **24 April: Lebanon**

Please pray for the mid-year cycles of the literacy program of the Lebanon Bible Society as new classes begin and many students transition between learning levels. Ask God to guide every lesson, provide wisdom for facilitators, and help each child to persevere in their studies so they may one day return to formal education with renewed skills and purpose.

#### **25 April: Lebanon Testimony**

Praise God for children like 10-year-old Leila\* who are learning literacy and the love of Jesus through reading Bibles stories. Leila shares, "I love reading the stories. My favourite is about Jesus and the children because it makes me feel that Jesus loves me too. I also like drawing the pictures and telling the stories to my little brother when we go home."

#### **26 April: Word of the Week**

***"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." — Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)***

#### **27 April: Vanuatu**

Pray for the Bible Society of the South Pacific as they partner with churches and organisations in Vanuatu raising awareness about domestic violence and offering a trauma healing program for domestic violence victims. Give thanks to God for the progress of trauma healing sessions across Vanuatu. Praise God for transformed hearts, restored families and growing awareness within communities through the healing power of God's Word.

#### **28 April: Vanuatu**

Please pray for the Scripture translation teams in Vanuatu as they enter an important season of review and consultant checks. In the Ahamb community, translators are preparing for internal and community reviews of the Gospel of Luke, whilst the Lelepa team continue review Matthew and the typesetting of James and Philippians. Pray for clarity, perseverance and joy as they labour to bring God's Word accurately into their heart languages.

#### **29 April: Bangladesh**

Pray for the Bible Society of Bangladesh as they serve underprivileged, non-literate women through their literacy program. Praise God that many of the literacy learners are engaging with Scripture and experiencing spiritual growth alongside literacy. Pray that God's Word would take deep root, shaping their faith, character, and hope for the future.

#### **30 April: Global**

Please pray for the United Bible Societies Literacy Advisors as they support Bible Societies worldwide in developing literacy programs for non-literate and underprivileged communities. Pray for God's guidance, wisdom and creativity as they create literacy materials, train facilitators, and coordinate literacy projects with partner Bible Societies in multiple languages, so that many more people may learn to read and encounter God's Word.

\*Names have been changed to protect their privacy.