

The Bible: Hope Amidst Fear*

Ukraine

Project: 102803

Overview

Bible Society Australia continues to support the Ukrainian Bible Society in placing God's Word into the hands of people living through the trauma, loss, and uncertainty of the ongoing war. Across frontline areas, recently liberated regions, displaced communities, hospitals, and shelters, churches and chaplains are requesting Scriptures at unprecedented levels. This project ensures that people who are fearful, grieving, or displaced can receive the hope, comfort, and strength found in the Bible. Throughout 2026, the focus remains on wide-scale distribution and pastoral engagement across the country.



The Need

Ukraine continues to face widespread destruction, displacement, and daily threat as the full-scale war enters its fifth year in 2026. Millions are traumatised, grieving loved ones, or living far from home. People are searching for meaning, stability, and hope, and churches across the country are reporting a surge in spiritual openness. Pastors, chaplains, and volunteers are asking urgently for free Scriptures to share with those who are fearful, isolated, or enduring deep loss. While humanitarian aid meets physical needs, many Ukrainians are emotionally and spiritually exhausted — longing for assurance, peace, and truth that only God's Word offers.

- **Over 10 million** internally displaced and **6 million** refugees since the war began.
- **70% increase** in civilian casualties in 2025 compared to 2024, with **55,000 military deaths** in 2025 announced.
- **1 million people** serve in the armed forces
- **Tens of thousands** of civilians and soldiers have been killed or injured.

Goals

The project aims to ensure that God's Word reaches those most affected by the war, including people in frontline areas, displaced families, military personnel, children, the elderly, and those experiencing trauma.

In 2026, the Ukrainian Bible Society will continue producing and distributing a wide range of Scriptures, visiting communities, equipping pastors and chaplains, and supporting churches to minister effectively in crisis.

Based on capacity and trends from recent years, the Bible Society plans to distribute **300,000–400,000 Scriptures this year—equivalent to 1,000 or more copies per day.** This includes full Bibles, New Testaments, devotionals, trauma-informed pastoral resources, and a growing number of children's Bibles and illustrated storybooks.

*Note: Bible Society Australia's funding commitment for this project in 2026 has already been met.

Impact

Since the war began, this project has enabled hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians to receive Bibles, New Testaments, children's Scriptures, and Scripture portions. **In 2025 alone, more than 172,000 Scriptures were distributed**, reaching frontline communities, hospitals, shelters, displaced families, and grieving households. Pastors and chaplains report that God's Word is bringing comfort, courage, and renewed faith to people enduring fear, destruction, and profound loss.

The impact continues to deepen as spiritual hunger grows across Ukraine. Prayer groups, small Bible gatherings, and pastoral visits are forming around the Scriptures received. For many, the Bible has become a lifeline, a reminder of God's presence, protection, and faithful promises amidst war. In 2026, ongoing distribution and pastoral engagement will ensure even more people can encounter hope through God's Word.

Impact in Numbers

1.6 million

Bibles have been distributed since the invasion in February 2022

~1,000

copies of Bibles per day distributed since war began

172,241

Scriptures distributed in 2025 (Bibles, NTs, children's Bibles, Scripture portions)

Testimony

"All my life, I had been reading the Bible in Russian. But when the war began, I started dreaming of having a Bible in Ukrainian... I began praying to God that somehow I might receive one. My pension is small, and I simply cannot afford to buy a Bible. And today, God sent me Oleg ...from the ... Ukrainian Bible Society who gave me the very Bible I had been dreaming of. I've always known that God is alive and answers prayers, but today was a real-life example of that truth." — Olena**

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"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."
— John 1:5, ESV