



Prayer Letter October 2026

1 October: South Pacific

Pray for the Bible Society of the South Pacific team as they serve their communities and share God's Word. Ask God to strengthen and sustain them during this season of hardship. Pray for Teupola, facing ongoing health challenges, that God would grant her healing, strength and peace. Pray for Renata, whose family was affected by a tragic accident at sea. Pray they and the team would experience God's comfort, hope and presence, and support from their community.

2 October: China

Please pray for the United Bible Societies China Partnership preparing next year's work providing subsidised and free Bibles. Pray for wisdom as they work with church partners and navigate changing regulations. Ask God to provide the resources needed so more Christians, especially the elderly and those in remote areas, can receive a Bible.

3 October: China Testimony

Praise God for Mr Bai, transformed after receiving a Bible. He shares, "Before I knew Christ, I had reached a point where I had effectively given up on life ... However, it was the Truth I found in the pages of the Bible that gave me a reason to wake up every morning. It gave me a motivation to live, and not just to exist." Thank God he now helps other Christians obtain copies of Scripture and gives them as gifts.

4 October: Word of the Week

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' — Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

5 October: Australia

Praise God for BSA's work serving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through Bible translation consultancy and training with Nungalinga College. Pray every translated verse of Scripture is received, used, and treasured, helping people encounter God's Word in the language that speaks deeply to their hearts and supports spiritual and cultural restoration.

6 October: Israel

Pray for the Arab Israeli Bible Society (AIBS) as they share Christ's hope through Bible engagement, trauma healing and family programs. Pray for deep, long-term healing for all who have experienced loss, trauma and violence. Through AIBS' trauma healing initiatives, may they encounter God's love and find freedom, surrender and renewed peace in Christ.

7 October: Australia

Give thanks for BSA's partnership with Nungalinga College and the Certificate II in Bible Translation course. Thank God for the recent Kunwok Bininj graduation last month and the new Mawng/Iwaidja students starting this month. Pray for God's blessings over these students, their instructors and the Nungalinga community. Pray

this partnership would strengthen Indigenous Christian leadership, deepen understanding of Scripture, and enable many communities to encounter Jesus through the Bible in their own language.

8 October: Australia

Pray for all BSA's partners serving as hospital chaplains, equipped with Scripture resources in Indigenous languages. Pray for them as they minister to Aboriginal patients far from home. Pray that God's Word in their language brings comfort, dignity and hope to people in their most vulnerable moments.

9 October: Pakistan

Pray for the Pakistan Bible Society as they run their nationwide literacy project for Christian women in Pakistan, asking God to bless learners with confidence, knowledge and understanding. Pray that as they learn reading, God's Word and basic health education, they grow in dignity, care for their families, manage resources wisely, and become beacons of hope and change in their communities.

10 October: Pakistan Testimony

Praise God for Alina* who learned literacy through Pakistan Bible Society's literacy program. She shares, "Through this literacy program I am able to ... read [the] Bible. I had never thought that I would be able to read the Word of God in my life but now I am slowly making progress in my reading skill and I thank God for all those people who think about us and educate us. My children are also happy when they see me studying with them and as mother, I am also a student with my own kids ..."

11 October: Word of the Week

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. — James 1:22 (NIV)

12 October: Australia

Give thanks for 'Tapping In', CPX's event ministry to young adults, which has welcomed more than 500 attendees across Sydney and Adelaide since it began last year. Please pray for the next Sydney event tomorrow, exploring friendship, and for the first Perth event on 15 October, addressing our relationship with technology. Pray that these evenings provide a hospitable space for young adults to engage deeply with life's questions and encounter the hope of the Christian faith.

13 October: Kenya

Pray for the children and young adults of Kenya who received their own Bibles through the Bible Society of Kenya. Pray that God's Word would always be treasured in their hearts as they read Scripture at home and school. Thank God for testimonies of changed lives, and pray these stories encourage and deepen Bible engagement among children and their families.

14 October: Global

Pray for the United Bible Societies (UBS), coordinating literacy work supporting other Bible Societies in Asia Pacific, Africa and Latin America. Pray that the Lord breathes life into their 2027 plans to rebuild and strengthen the Global Literacy Team especially in regions where resources are limited. Ask God to bless their collaboration as they develop regional action plans that will shape and strengthen literacy work across 2026–2028.

15 October: Cook Islands

Pray for the trauma healing and Sunday School training workshops in the Cook Islands run by the Bible Society of the South Pacific. These workshops equip lay leaders, pastors, police officers and Sunday School teachers to support emotional healing and strengthen children's engagement with Scripture. Pray for smooth planning, safe travel, open hearts and for every participant to experience healing, hope, and a deeper love for God's Word.

16 October: South Africa

Pray for graduates of World Hope Ministries' Bible Discipleship course in South African prisons. Pray that as each inmate receives a Bible, the Holy Spirit would anchor them in Scripture, sustain their growth, and guide reconciled connections with family and community.

17 October: Kenya Testimony

Praise God for the wonderful testimonies of young lives being transformed as they read God's Word. Susan from the Bible Society of Kenya shared, "We've seen whole families gather to listen to the Word of God together ... We've seen lives changed, relationships improved and students growing in confidence as they engage with Scripture. We continue to hear encouraging stories from schools and communities."

18 October: Word of the Week

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. — Psalm 119:18 (NIV)

19 October: South Pacific

Please pray for the ongoing collaboration in Bible translation around the South Pacific region. Pray for unity, shared learning, and meaningful collaboration among Bible Society of the South Pacific and mission partners. Ask God to grant his wisdom for decisions about translation, publishing, technology and mission strategy, and to equip each partner with renewed vision as they work together to bring God's Word to even the most remote island communities.

20 October: Tonga

Praise God for cross-denominational unity as the translation of the Tongan Contemporary Bible, the revision of the Tongan Bible, and the Tongan Bible West are progressed. Pray for God's grace and favour over the translation team involved as they launch these new editions. Pray that these resources bless church congregations in Tonga, drawing people of all generations into a deeper knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

21 October: Ukraine

Thank God for the Trauma Healing project run by Bible Society Ukraine, bringing hope, comfort and restoration to war-affected communities through prayer and Scripture. Pray that every trauma healing session is a safe, nurturing space where participants can share their stories, process trauma and experience God's healing and unconditional love. Pray that healing from these retreats continues to grow, restoring strength, resilience and hope within each family.

22 October: Australia

Praise God for the opportunity to equip SRE and Christian RI classes through BSA's Bibles in Schools Grant. Pray that the children understand that they can know about God, and know God, by reading from the Bible. Pray that the students develop a life-long desire to read the Bible, knowing it is important, trustworthy and life-giving.

23 October: Lebanon

Thank God for how Bible Society of Lebanon's Reconcile! project keeps reaching children in difficult conditions throughout the year with messages of healing, forgiveness and God's love. As the team continues their visits, pray that the stories and Scriptures shared will support children still struggling with the impact of displacement and trauma.

24 October: Lebanon Testimony

Praise God for the work of the Bible Society of Lebanon, entertaining refugee children through puppetry and plays telling Bible stories. When asked what she had learned, 10-year-old Lina* said: "I learned...that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who never leaves us. Even if we go far away or make mistakes, he is always waiting for us to come back."

25 October: Word of the Week

"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." — John 8:31b-32 (NIV)

26 October: Australia

Praise God for the release of BSA's *The Story of Jesus the Rescuer God* (Book of Mark) for young readers, the first release in a new, enhanced Big Rescue Bible range. Pray this resource helps children encounter Jesus and find their place in God's big story. Pray for BSA's publishing team as they develop further Big Rescue Bible resources to bless children. Pray that this resource helps children's ministry leaders, schools and families share the gospel in a way children can understand.



27 October: Vanuatu

Pray for Bible translation teams in Vanuatu as they approach year-end deadlines to progress Bible translation and revision work across several languages. Ask God to bless every translator, project coordinator and translation consultant with wisdom, inspiration, clarity and guidance. Pray for the communities eagerly awaiting Scripture in the languages spoken at home and church.

28 October: Australia

Thank God for the many BSA volunteers who generously give their time, energy and passion to make the Bible available to all. Give thanks for those who participated in Bike for Bibles, Hike for Bibles and Walk for Bibles, where Year 10 students at Emmaus Christian School hosted a fundraising walk supporting BSA's Pitjantjatjara Bible translation project. Praise God for their enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to make a difference. Pray for all volunteers, that God would encourage and strengthen them, and that they would see the impact of their efforts and be inspired by lives transformed through Scripture.

29 October: Australia

Pray that the Lord would continue to bless and grow the mission of BSA, making the Bible accessible to all people. Pray for God to breathe life, wisdom and guidance into the plans and decisions of BSA's leadership team and Board. Pray for the wellbeing of every staff member, that they would remain rooted in God's Word and continually renewed by the Holy Spirit, so their work and lives overflow with God's love.

30 October: Bangladesh

Pray for the Bible Society of Bangladesh as they serve underprivileged, non-literate women through their Bible-based literacy program in local churches. Pray that the program will serve them practically in daily life and equip them to read and understand the Bible. Pray that they learn to depend on God, trusting and glorifying him in all circumstances.

31 October: Bangladesh Testimony

Thank God that, through serving as a literacy facilitator in the Bangladesh Bible Society's Literacy Program, Tanjila* has grown from a shy and withdrawn woman into a confident leader, and that many have learned to read and engage with God's Word. Tanjila shares, "This life-changing program has empowered me, inspired me and given me the courage to move forward with confidence." She now serves as the President of the Women's Fellowship in her church.

*Names changed to protect their privacy.