

Please join us as we pray for every Bible Society and their work throughout this year.

Terms & Abbreviations

FCBH: Faith Comes by Hearing - A programme providing audio Scripture for listening groups, set up mainly through local churches.

Trauma Healing: Bible-based counselling for survivors of traumas such as epidemics, disasters or war.

Good Samaritan Project: A Bible-based HIV/AIDS education programme. Workshop based, multi-media training.

OT/NT: Old/New Testament. **ES:** Executive Secretary. **ED:** Executive Director.

GS: General Secretary. **CEO:** Chief Executive Officer.

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Prayer at Work

PULL OUT AND KEEP PRAYER GUIDE

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Jan 28
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Albania Pray for the Interconfessional Bible Society of Albania as they work on Bible engagement through their Biblical Learning Centre and Friends for Life Sport Centre. Pray for the printing and distribution of the completed translation of the NT into Gheg Albanian. The work here is led by GS Altin Hysi, pray for him, the team and volunteers.

Macedonia Pray for the Macedonian Bible Society's project distributing Bible literature among young people and children. Thank God for the finished New Standard Translation of the New Testament in Macedonian and pray for the continued translation of the Psalms in modern poetic Macedonian which aim to be accessible to people of all ages. The work here is led by GS Gjoko Gjorgjevski.

Bulgaria Pray for Bulgarian Bible Society as they work to increase Bible distribution coverage through the whole country, and as they work on enhancing their online presence to reach even more people. Pray for the continued work in revising and modernising of the language of the Bulgarian Protestant Bible (BPB). The work in this country is led by GS Radoslav Apostolov.

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Greece Pray for the Hellenic Bible Society as they distribute Scripture materials to refugees. Pray for the team working on the revision and modern translation of the Greek NT as well as a NT translation into Greek Sign Language. The work here is led by GS Michail Chatzigiannis, pray for him and the rest of the team.

Italy Pray for the Bible Society in Italy as the staff team works to reach people of all ages with God's Word. Pray that their work would be fruitful and speak into people's lives. Pray for the translation project of the Reformation Bible in Italian and for the team involved as well as for those who will then receive it. The work here is led by GS Mario Cignoni.

Malta Pray for the Malta Bible Society as they keep serving the Church in their country, pray especially that Christian leaders and organisations would work together to spread the Gospel so that many would develop a personal relationship with God. Pray for many opportunities to arise so that the team would be able to share the love of Jesus with people in practical ways.

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Zambia Pray for the Bible Society of Zambia as they work on the translation of the Nyanja NT, the revision of the Tumbuka NT and the translation of the Ila Bible. Thank God for the 'Million Bibles' project, promoting Bible engagement among rural primary school children. The work here is led by GS Dr. Abraham Chikasa.

Angola Pray for the Bible Society in Angola as they strive to give visually impaired people the opportunity to interact with the Word of God. Pray for the ongoing work of Bible translations into Kikongo, Kimbundu, Lunyaneka-Mwila, Ngangela, Nkumbi, Songo, Umbangala, Umbundu, many of them being translated for the first time into the heart languages of different people groups in Angola. The work in this country is led by GS Beatriz Hupa.

Mozambique Pray for the Bible Society in Mozambique, especially for the team of translators as they work on the translation and revision of the Bible in many local languages, including the Cibalke, Ciyao, Ciwute, Citshwa, Echuwabo, Manyawa and Ndau. Pray for the FCBH project and for everyone who has already benefited from it. The work here is led by ES Revd Valente Tomas Tseco.

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Arab Israeli Pray for the Arab Israeli Bible Society as they work at the Galilee Ministry Centre, equipping the Arab Israeli people to engage with the Word of God. Pray as the team works to increase their presence through workshops, publications, and conferences. The team here is led by Director Dina Katanacho, pray for her and her team.

Israel Pray for the Bible Society in Israel as they work throughout their country to help Israelis with basic necessities and spiritual encouragement in the midst of war. Pray also for the 'Go and Proclaim' project, bringing God's love to people. Pray for the ongoing work of the first OT translation into modern Hebrew, especially for the team of translators and those who will then receive the Word of God in a more accessible language. The work here is led by ED Victor Kalisher.

Palestine Pray for the Palestinian Bible Society as they aim to reach children and youth groups through the 'Child of Bethlehem' project. Give thanks to God for the 'Proclaim It!' project seeking to revive the importance of God's Word in the lives of Christians and equipping them for evangelism. Pray for their Post-Crises interventions work, as they help those most in need during and after crises. The work here is led by GS Nashat Filmon.

BIBLE-A-MONTH PROJECT FEBRUARY: UKRAINE

People throughout the world turn to God's Word in times of difficulty, loss, pain and uncertainty. The Bible provides comfort, hope and encouragement. For people in Ukraine who have endured brutality and loss as a result of the Russian invasion and the resulting war the Bible has been a powerful tool as they cope with all that is going on. The Bible Society in Ukraine have distributed millions of Bibles, New Testaments and portions of Scripture to men, women and children. Millions have lost their homes and had to move to find shelter and safety to other parts of Ukraine or in other parts of the world. Families are separated and need the comfort that only God can provide.

+ Pray for peace and comfort in the midst of war.

+ Pray for safety for the staff and volunteers who are distributing these Bibles and portions of Scripture.



Feb 25 **Chile** Pray for the Chilean Bible Society as they work on the 'Born to Love' project, aiming to provide professional family assistance in promoting Christian and family values among children and teenagers as well as in providing training in the prevention of and healing from sexual abuse. Pray for the continued work on the first translation of the Mapudungún Bible, reaching the Mapuche people with the Word of God and pray for the continued translation work on the Chilean Sign Language Bible. The work here is led by GS Francisco Viguera Errazu.

Mar 2 **Uruguay** Pray for the Bible Society of Uruguay as they partner with local churches to supply ten thousand vulnerable children with physical and spiritual nourishment through the 'Breakfast for Jesus' project. Pray for the 'New Horizons' project as they provide support to local churches and families, also reaching out to schools and parishes. The work here is led by GS Samuel Duarte.

Argentina Pray for the Argentine Bible Society as they seek to reach people with disabilities and help them to engage with God's Word. Pray for the first translation of the Wichí Bermejo NT and the Bible into West Toba, pray particularly for the team and for those who will receive them. Pray also for the audiovisual production and translation of scriptures into Argentine Sign Language. The work here is led by GS Ruben Del Ré.

Mar 3 - 9 **Armenia** Pray for the Bible Society of Armenia. Give thanks to God for the success of 'The Bible Quiz' project, seeking to give biblical knowledge to schoolchildren and pray that the team would reach all schools in Armenia with this project. Pray for the team as they continue to distribute and engage with God's Word, specifically in relation to the Armenians of Artsakh. Pray also for the work to complete an Armenian Study Bible. The work here is led by GS His Eminence Archbishop Yeznik Petrosyan.

Georgia Praise God for the Bible Society in Georgia working on Bible study materials in their native language. Pray for the team as they continue to work on the OT translation in an easy-to-read format, following the success of the NT translation, which will further help young people to engage with God's Word. The work here is led by ED Avtandil Guruli.

Azerbaijan Pray for the Azerbaijan Bible Society as they engage with the various communities across their country. Thank God for the ability to provide Christian books for young children in Azerbaijani and also in Udi. Pray as the team seek to continue supplying and distributing Bibles in Azerbaijani and Russian to people and churches. The work here is led by GS Rasim Khalilov.

Mar 10 - 16 **New Zealand** Pray for Bible Society New Zealand, especially for their projects looking to supply easy access to God's Word in people's heart language and increase Bible engagement. Pray as they work with different Christian denominations, that Scriptures would reach everyone regardless of their background. Thank God for the production and distribution of their 'Identity: Identified' youth translation of the Good News New Testament. The work here is led by CEO Neels Janse Van Rensburg, pray for him and his team.

Australia Pray for Bible Society Australia as they seek to serve and equip schools through their "Bibles in Schools" project. Pray as the staff team works to produce audio Scriptures for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, to promote Bible engagement amongst these oral cultures. Give thanks to God for the 'Bibles for Bubs' project, which sends free Bibles to babies and children throughout the country. The work in this country is led by CEO Grant Thomson.

South Pacific Pray for the Bible Society in the South Pacific and for the Trauma Healing projects, especially the continued work in Tonga. Pray for the continued translation work on the Samoan Contemporary Old Testament. Pray specifically for their work distributing Bibles throughout the South Pacific to those who do not have access to them. The work here is led by GS Geoffrey Miller.

Mar 17 - 23 **Austria** Pray for the Austrian Bible Society as they continue their work distributing free Scriptures in various languages to refugees and asylum seekers, including those in detention centres and prisons. Pray for partnerships with state institutions and relief organisations. Pray as they help those not yet used to reading the Bible to engage with the Scriptures in a meaningful way. The work here is led by GS Dr Jutta Henner.

Switzerland Pray for the Swiss Bible Society and their staff team as they work on projects to reach all people in their country with God's Word. Pray for good relationships with the local Church and other organisations. Pray as they seek to make biblical texts available to everyone asking for them in their heart language and at an affordable price. Pray for CEO Benjamin Doberstein who leads the work here.

Germany Pray for the German Bible Society as they strive to make the Bible accessible for everyone across their country. Pray as they work on scholarly editions of the Bible, for those producing them and the ones who will receive them. Pray for the staff team as they work to encourage and partner with the local Church in spreading God's Word. The work here is led by GS Dr Christoph Rösel.

Mar 24 - 30 **Pakistan** Pray for the Pakistan Bible Society as they work to spread God's Word in their communities. Pray for the continued work on a Greek-Urdu interlinear of the NT for Urdu speaking communities to dig deeper into the Bible. Pray for the 'Beacon in the Darkness of Illiteracy' project in Pakistan, especially for the women and children who will benefit from it. The work here is led by GS Azhar Mushtaq.

India Pray for the Bible Society of India as they seek to provide hope to sick people, widows and vulnerable women and children. Pray for the ongoing translation work on first-time Bible translations in 6 languages, as well as a translation for the deaf in Nagaland. Pray for the distribution of Bibles across India, including to inmates and tribal people. The work here is led by GS Kavito G Zhimo.

Nepal Pray for the Nepal Bible Society. Pray for the translation and production of a Nepali Standard Version Bible, and for all the people working on this. Pray as they work on Scripture engagement with women, children and vulnerable members of society through activities and the use of audio Bibles, material in sign language and other Scripture resources. The work here is led by ED Arjun Kapri.



BIBLE-A-MONTH PROJECT MARCH: NORTHERN IRELAND

Now into its third year of distribution, Bibles for Babies provides children with Bibles in Northern Ireland. Already more than 3000 homes have received a Toddler Bible when their child turned One. Participants will also receive birthday cards on their 2nd, 3rd and 4th Birthdays and a Children's Bible on their 5th Birthday. The project has also gathered a committed group of volunteers who meet to wrap Bibles, write cards and pray for the families of the little ones each Thursday at the Bible Society in Northern Ireland offices in Belfast. Volunteers have benefitted from getting to know new people and also impacting families all over Northern Ireland. We believe it is important to read the Bible every day and this project equips families to build the habit of Bible reading into their own routine.

- + Pray that the children who will receive a Bible through this project will come to faith in Jesus.
- + Pray for Bible engagement for everyone in Northern Ireland and that we would develop the habit of engaging regularly with God's Word.

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Ukraine

Pray for the Ukrainian Bible Society as they strive to best serve the people of their country amidst exceedingly difficult circumstances. Pray for protection for the staff team as they keep trying to make the Bible readily available to everyone, even under the major financial pressures they are facing. Pray for the Trauma Healing programmes equipping churches and volunteers. Pray for the staff team and volunteers across the country.

Belarus

Pray for the Bible Society in the Republic of Belarus, particularly for the projects they run with orphans, seriously ill and children with disabilities. Pray for the ongoing work of the first ever translation of the Bible into modern Belarusian from the original language. Pray for good and strong relationships with local churches and organisations as well as with the authorities.

Russia

Pray for the Bible Society in Russia as they work on the translation of the NT into Russian Sign Language and for those people who will receive it. Pray for the distribution of Scripture throughout Russia, and specifically across Siberia. Pray for the work of the OT translations into Yakut and Altay. Pray for the staff team and their connections with local churches.

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Belgium (French)

Pray for the Belgian Bible Society (French) as they seek to reach out to people with the Word of God so that many would come to know God and have a relationship with him. Pray as the staff team liaises with the local Church and supports their efforts to make the Bible accessible for people of all ages and backgrounds. Pray for GS Vincent Beckers and his team.

Netherlands and Flanders

Pray for the Bible Society for the Netherlands and Flanders as they strive to serve a secularised society and bring people closer to God. Thank God for their supporters partnering with them in making this possible by their prayers and donations. Pray for the GS Dr. Rieuwerd Buitenwerf and his team.

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Ghana

Pray for the Bible Society of Ghana, especially as they work on the 'Scriptures for School Pupils' project, providing primary school children with Scripture portions. Pray as they provide people with visual impairments Scriptures in Braille, audio and large print format. Pray for the promotion of Biblical leadership through the African Biblical Leadership Initiative in Ghana. The work here is led by GS The Very Rev. John Kwesi Addo Jnr.

Togo

Pray for the Bible Society of Togo, especially for the many people eagerly awaiting translations of the OT in Lama, Kabiye and Nawdum. Pray for adult literacy projects in various languages and for the Faith Comes by Hearing projects supplying audio Bibles to communities and churches. Pray for GS Estelle Akouegnon as she leads the Bible Society here.

Benin

Pray for the Bible Society of Benin as they support children in orphanages, those who have been traumatized and who are vulnerable, bringing them comfort and security in God's Word. Pray for the many ongoing Bible translations and revisions and for the people who will benefit from them. Pray as they bring Scriptures to people with visual disabilities. The work here is led by GS Kancou Emmanuel Ogou.

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Bolivia

Pray for the Bolivian Bible Society as they strive to reach blind adults through their 'The Word of God guides my steps' project aiming to provide God's Word in accessible formats. Pray for their work teaching Aymara children to read and write, so that they can engage with the Bible. Pray as they work with refugees, bringing them hope in Christ. GS Fanny Cossío leads the team here.

Paraguay

Pray for the Paraguayan Bible Society as they work aboard the El Amanecer boat addressing the spiritual needs of 15,000 riverside residents through weekly Bible studies. Pray for the translation of the NT into Paraguayan Sign Language and the revision of the Guaraní Bible. Praise God as people come to Christ through watching the 'Jesus' film and 'Faith Comes by Hearing'. ED Carlos Samuel Fleitas leads the work here.

Brazil

Pray for the Bible Society of Brazil working with the 'Ribeirinhos' families on the riverside through the 'Light in the Amazon' boat, reaching indigenous communities in remote areas of the Amazon River. Pray for people who will benefit from the portions of Scripture translated in Brazilian Sign Language. The work here is led by ED Erní Seibert.

BIBLE-A-MONTH PROJECT APRIL: PHILIPPINES

This project supports 'Bible Learning Groups' across the Philippines. Groups of believers meet to listen to audio Bibles and discuss the passages heard, they are then provided with Scripture to allow more independent study at home on their own. Many Christians in the Philippines have grown closer to God through listening to audio Bibles and having the opportunity to discuss together. This Faith Comes by Hearing project is available in the 8 major languages of the Philippines as people improve their own knowledge of God as well as their literacy skills at the same time.

The relationship between the Philippines Bible Society and churches across the country have improved because of these groups. Ministers are able to use the material to encourage their congregations to learn more of the Bible.

- + Pray for the people who listen to the audio Bibles and then receive these Scriptures, that they will be able to understand God's Word and grow in relationship with Him.
- + Pray for the churches and ministers who use these materials to encourage their congregations to learn more about the Bible.



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Botswana Pray for the Bible Society in Botswana partnering with local churches to provide Bibles to vulnerable and ill people in hospital and for those who will receive them. Pray for the staff team, led by Ofentse Maruping, as they share the Gospel with the people around them. Pray for the ongoing work translating the Bible into Botswana Sign Language.

Zimbabwe Pray for the Bible Society of Zimbabwe as they continue to work on the translation of the Bible into various languages, such as Chikunda, Tonga and Zimbabwean Sign Language. Pray that God will abundantly bless the work they do empowering mothers of differently abled children, organising workshops, providing Bible studies and materials and sessions to support families. Pray for GS Stephen Gwasira and his team.

Namibia Pray for the Bible Society of Namibia as they bring hope following the completion of various translation projects into different heart languages spoken in their country. Pray for the training of 20 Dhimba literacy facilitators in North-Western Namibia and South-Western Angola, and that many would come to know God through learning to read the Bible. The work here is led by CEO Dr Schalk Botha.

May
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Algeria Pray for the Bible Society in Algeria as they support the local Church and the small Christian community there. Pray for their work among children and young people exploring the Christian faith, and for protection for the staff team as they do so. Pray for the ongoing translation of the Bible into the heart languages of people. Pray for the leadership of this Bible Society.

Morocco Pray for the Bible Society in Morocco as they work to expand the kingdom of God in a difficult context. Pray for ongoing translation work and Bible engagement projects aimed at making Scriptures accessible to every person, regardless of their age or background. Pray for the production of an Audio Bible and its online distribution.

Burkina Faso Pray for the Bible Society of Burkina Faso working across the country with literacy and Trauma Healing projects for children and adults. Pray for the ongoing translation work of the Bible, and for the people who will be able to engage with God's Word in their heart language. Pray for the women who will learn to read and write through engagement with the Bible.

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Mali Pray for the Bible Society in Mali, especially for the translations and revisions of the Bible into Malinké, Bamanan and Konabere. Pray as they work to engage people of all ages and backgrounds with God's Word. Pray for the Trauma Healing project as they strive to help the people of Mali. Pray for the staff team and volunteers in Mali.

Rwanda Pray for the Bible Society of Rwanda and their ongoing work with 'Trauma Healing' programmes running to help people with the consequences of the 1994 Tutsi Genocide. Pray as they reach out to comfort those in need with God's Word especially for those in rural parts of Rwanda. Pray for GS Viateur Ruzibiza and the staff team as they engage with and support local churches in spreading the Gospel to everyone.

Uganda Pray for the Bible Society of Uganda as they strive to maintain the distribution of Scriptures across Uganda at affordable prices for everyone. Pray for the ongoing work to develop the Bible House headquarters to serve people of all ages better. Pray for the Bible translations and revisions into Lhukonzo, Ma'di, Ateso, Acholi and Kupsapiiny. The work here is led by Interim GS Peter Serumaga.

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Burundi Pray for the Bible Society of Burundi as they continue to serve the people offering Trauma Healing programmes for traumatised church members to be restored physically, emotionally and spiritually. Pray as they offer hope and comfort through God's Word. Pray as they work on and distribute Study Bibles and Scriptures to people of all backgrounds, including those with disabilities. Pray for GS Marjorie Niyungeko and her team.

Micronesia Pray for the Micronesia Partnership as they work from the Philippines throughout the region's 2100 islands, making the Bible accessible and affordable to every person who lives there. Pray as they partner with local Churches and organisations to reach the hearts of children, young people, adults and the elderly, bringing them hope by sharing the Good News of Christ. Pray for Perry Cartera as she manages the partnership.

Papua New Guinea Pray for the Bible Society of Papua New Guinea as they carry out urgent translation work to make Scriptures available in peoples heart language. There are 840 tribal languages here and they are currently working with Tok Pisin, Magi, Vula'a, Motu Pa, Aekyom, Gogodala and Yuna. Pray for the Bible Society as they rebuild for sustainable mission. Pray for GS Joel Peter.

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São Tomé and Príncipe Pray for the Bible Society of São Tomé and Príncipe as they seek to ensure that Scriptures are available for churches around the two islands, as well as provide biblical training and study Bibles to leaders in the community. Pray for their distribution work in disadvantaged places, such as prisons, farms, and schools. Thank God for the work already done in distributing materials to every district of the two islands and pray that these materials will bless those who have received them.

Cabo Verde Pray for the Bible Society in Cabo Verde as they work on Bible distribution around the islands, and the creation of a central building on the island of Santiago to coordinate the distribution of Bibles around Cabo Verde. Pray for the team as they work to promote the Bible as a source of cultural, ethical, and human values in Cabo Verdean society. The work here is led by ES Adriano Lopes.

BIBLE-A-MONTH PROJECT MAY: AZERBAIJAN

Many individuals, churches, clergy, and pastors need Bibles in Azerbaijan. You can help to supply the Bible to encourage deeper relationships with Jesus and increase the number of Bibles in this challenging context. Bibles and New Testaments are supplied in Azerbaijani and in Russian through a network of church contacts around the country. It is encouraging for the Bible Society to see these relationships grow and develop as more people read and have access to God's Word for themselves.

Scripture materials are made available at very affordable prices so that people can hear God speak as they read in their heart language.

- + Pray that those who receive these Bibles and New Testaments will grow deeper in their relationship with God.
- + Pray for the staff and volunteers of the Bible Society as they continue to build relationships with church contacts around the country.

