

# Pray with

Prayer Guide  
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## the Bible Societies



30 June – 6 July

**Lithuania:** Believers in Lithuania need a Bible translation in a more comprehensible language for a better understanding. Pray that the translators working on the new translation of the Lithuanian New Testament will be divinely inspired and that those reading this translation will understand the heart of God.

**Belarus:** Approximately 24 500 children within 14 500 high-risk families live in Belarus. Our *Children in Danger* project offers spiritual support to them. They are incredibly open to a show of spiritual comfort and willingly accept the Good News. Pray for spirit-filled mentors and that the Gospel will be a guiding light in their lives for generations.

1 – 13 July

**Albania:** Albanian Gheg is a language spoken by 2,3 million people in Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia and Montenegro. The Albanian Bible Society wants to translate the New Testament from the original language into this language. Pray that this translation will have a significant impact, especially in the majority Muslim communities.

**Greece:** The Hellenic Bible Society acknowledges the need for a Greek Sign Language Bible. Pray for the successful commencement of this project and that translators will have the strength, clarity and resilience to carry out this valuable work.

**Macedonia:** Over 1 000 teenagers from various churches attend summer schools and take Bible courses during the holidays. The Bible Society of Macedonia wants to provide these young people with suitable Scriptures. Pray that they will grow spiritually and embrace God's Word.

14 – 20 July

**Croatia:** Producing a Bible selection in local Sign Language will help spread the Good News among the Deaf communities of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Pray that this translation will become a cornerstone for Bible engagement.

**Slovenia:** The audio recording of the Old Testament to accompany the existing audio of the New Testament in Slovenian will offer the complete Bible to many Slovenians. Pray for this project and for the right person to complete this work.

### **Bosnia and**

**Herzegovina:** Bosnia and Herzegovina is an impoverished country with minimal prospects. In these circumstances, minority groups

are sometimes entirely marginalised. Pray for efforts to make the Bible available in Bosnian and that God's Word will offer hope.

**Serbia:** Pray for cooperation between the Serbian Orthodox Church and the Bible Society of Serbia to increase Bible engagement. Pray that this project will further ignite an interest in studying the Word.

21 – 27 July

**Germany:** Around two-thirds of the German population identify as Christians; however, the number of people who attend church is significantly lower. Pray for a greater love of God's Word among our people.

**Italy:** Secularism is increasing in our country. Moving away from organised religion is a growing trend of concern to local clergy. Pray for our efforts to provide people with a new revelation of God and his love, illustrated by the saving grace of Jesus.

**Austria:** Pray for our project that distributes free Scriptures to refugees and asylum seekers arriving or living in Austria. Pray that their time in Austria will be a life-changing experience as they come to faith or experience a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through the Scriptures.

28 July – 3 Aug

**Egypt:** Our *Scriptures*

for *Poor Children and their Families* project aims to support churches nationwide that minister to impoverished children by providing 162 000 Scripture resources at a discount. Pray that this project will offer hope to these children and their families.

**Morocco:** The first complete Bible translation in Moroccan Arabic is scheduled to be released in the next few months. This translation and the accompanying audio Bible are expected to make the Word of God available to 200 000 individuals annually. Pray for the lasting influence of this Bible.

**Algeria:** The Bible Society's translation of the Gospel of Luke was the first book published in Berber Kabyle. The availability of Scripture in this language has significantly influenced the Kabyle people and encouraged evangelisation efforts. Pray for the translation of the complete Bible, now in its final phase.

**Tunisia:** A small percentage of Tunisians identify as Christians. Although churches that serve foreign Christians enjoy some freedom, public evangelism is not tolerated. Pray that Tunisian Christians will gain access to the Word of God and be kept safe from persecution.

4 – 10 Aug

**Czech Republic:**

About 72% of the Czech



population do not identify with a religious group. Pray that the Word of God will play a significant role in bringing the Good News to this largely secular nation.

**Slovakia:** In Slovakia, church engagement within the Deaf community is minimal. It is essential to change the situation and bring the Gospel to deaf people. Pray for our project to translate selected Old and New Testament Bible portions into Slovak Sign Language.

**Poland:** Polish youth need the Word of God and biblical wisdom to guide them through the challenges of daily life. Pray that our efforts to give them access to the Bible will instill a habit of daily Bible reading and reveal the importance of God's Word in their lives.

11 – 17 Aug

**Ukraine:** Thank God that we could maintain our presence during the war, which has been a

big blessing to churches, relief organisations, military chaplains and individuals. Pray for God's protection as we continue to distribute the Word of God.

**Tajikistan:** Our *Bread of Life* project has helped needy families with food packages. The gift of physical bread has opened people's hearts so Christians can present them with God's Word. Pray that those who receive the Bible will be filled with hope and encouragement.

**Uzbekistan:** Most Christians in Uzbekistan cannot afford Bibles. We want to support local believers with free large-print Bible portions. Pray that this project and our efforts to print Uzbek-Russian diglots in 2024 will be successful.

18 – 24 Aug

**Bulgaria:** The Bulgarian Protestant Bible was published in 1871 and revised in 2000. Churches have voiced the need for

a revision that aligns with the most recent critical editions of source texts. Pray for the success of this project, scheduled for completion in 2028.

**Moldova:** *Ties that Bind* is a project encouraging vulnerable families to interact more deeply with the Bible. Pray for this project, which aims to reach a new generation through the free distribution of Bibles.

**Hungary:** Pray for our project to create a visual New Testament of the recently revised Hungarian Bible for the Deaf. The translation will use Hungarian Sign Language and help develop biblical vocabulary.

25 – 31 Aug

**Latvia:** Creating an audience-focused digital presence is one of our most critical activities. It will take us into the future, build digital resilience and connect with young generations. Pray that online

access to the Bible will touch many hearts.

**Estonia:** We aim to create a hunger for the Word of God by hosting Bible exhibitions in museums, libraries and cultural halls. Pray that taking the Bible into these spaces will encourage people to read the Bible and be touched by the life-changing message of salvation.

**Romania:** We want to offer materials that connect children to the Bible and encourage them to attend religious classes. Pray for our project to develop engaging and interactive children's biblical material.

1 – 7 Sep

**Iraq:** The Bible Society is uniquely positioned at an equal distance from all churches and serves them by providing the Word of God, and advocating its importance as a witness for Christ. Pray for the safety and protection of all Iraqi Christians.

**Gulf States:** Our goal for 2024 is to conduct workshops to train 200 pastors and leaders of all migrant churches in Kuwait and Bahrain. Pray for successful training programmes, fruitful cooperation with the churches involved and changed lives.

**Iran:** Pray for our mission to make the Bible available in Persian and other Iranian languages and in various mediums so Iranians around the globe may experience

the transformative message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

8 – 14 Sep

**Cyprus:** Greek Cypriot Orthodox believers try to participate in the liturgies, but very few can understand what the Bible says. Pray for our efforts to bring the Word of God to believers by translating the liturgical readings of the Orthodox Church into modern Greek.

**Malta:** Although Malta remains the most religious nation in Europe, few people here have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray that more people will read the Bible and experience the Holy Spirit.

**Turkey:** Local churches have expressed the need for a new translation of the Turkish Bible, including modern Turkish synonyms and syntax changes. Pray that the project will progress smoothly and for the active involvement of all churches.

15 – 21 Sep

**Syria:** Our *Trauma healing* project aims to train, equip and empower highly motivated specialists to work with people suffering from trauma. Pray for our efforts to share God's Word with different groups of people in various ways.

**Jordan:** Our project, *The Good Shepherd*, aims to equip church and ministry leaders, and unite

all denominations. Pray that this project will break barriers among different church families in Jordan and build a new concept of unity in the body of Christ.

**Lebanon:** Our youth centre helps Lebanese youth by assisting them to engage with the Word of God. Annually, 10 000 young people are reached through seminars at schools and universities. Pray that this project helps them to grow spiritually through interaction with God's Word.

22 – 28 Sep

**Israel:** The local body of believers in Israel has been growing significantly. The group of Hebrew-speaking believers in Israel is in its infancy and existing Messianic Hebrew resources are minimal. Pray for our project, *Let the children come to me*, which will produce three new Hebrew children's books and a training manual for Sunday school teachers.

**Arab Israeli Bible Society:** Pray for our goal of seeing the Arab Israeli people engaged and interacting with the powerful message of God's Word. Pray that we can equip and resource the Arab Israeli people with Scriptures and relevant biblical tools by producing, developing and distributing relevant, effective, and creative Scripture resources that lead people into a relationship with Christ. **IS**