



United Bible  
Societies



# 2020 PRAYER BOOKLET

## About this Publication

Developed to be a guide to prayer for the Bible Cause around the world, the *Prayer Booklet* presents reasons to pray for more than a hundred countries where there is a Bible Society. The booklet is divided into sections to be covered in one week, with information about each country, including its population, religion, location, in addition to contact information for the Bible Society operating in that nation.

Further information on the work carried out for the Bible Cause in a particular country can be obtained by accessing the website of the Bible Society in charge of the region.

## Prayer Guidelines

Prayer is part of Christian life, being equally important whether it is done in group or individually. In your weekly prayer, please remember important questions for the continuity of the Bible work, whether in local, national or international scope.

One of them is fund-raising, which allows Bible Societies to maintain the subsidized and free distribution of Scriptures and their outreach programs of biblical nature that assist people at risk and socially vulnerable.

Please remember also those who are part of this work, both indirectly—volunteers, partners and supporters—and directly—employees who work in different areas like Human Resources, Distribution, Communications and Finances, among others.

The production of Scriptures and the relationship with Churches are also key parts of the Bible work. Pray also for the translation teams so that they can have their needs met in their effort to spread the Word to the different nations.

And ask for the development of Scriptures in digital media that will contribute to extending the access of new generations to the biblical message.

Finally, please remember to pray that the shipment of Scriptures will be made without obstacles from the place of production to the point of distribution.

## United Bible Societies

The United Bible Societies (UBS) are a global alliance of Bible Societies, founded in 1946, in order to facilitate the process of translating, producing and distributing Holy Scriptures through strategies of mutual cooperation. This movement started in London, in 1804, with the establishment of the British & Foreign Bible Society, focused on the distribution of the Scriptures in England and Wales.

With a tradition of more than two centuries, Bible Societies around the world have already benefited millions of people with the hope and the teachings of God's Word. UBS joins together 148 national Bible Societies, operating in more than 200 countries and territories, and is headquartered in the English town of Swindon.

Guided by the mission of bringing the Bible to all people, in a language they can understand and for a price they can afford, the United Bible Societies work with all Christian Churches and many national and international Non-Governmental Organizations.

They are committed to finding new and creative ways to encourage people to interact with the Holy Book.

Translating the Bible is at the essence of UBS. At least part of the Holy Scriptures is available in 3,380 spoken by 6,8 billion people. Bible Societies are committed to develop and deliver new translations—anywhere in the world—to people who never had a Bible in their own language.

# January 1-4

## South Africa

Thank God for 200 years of Bible work in our country. Please pray for the success of the *Year of the Bible*, so that Christians will engage with the Bible more. Pray for the launch of new translations in isiZulu and Afrikaans.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Pretoria
- **Population:** 58.8 million
- **Language:** Afrikaans, English, isiNdebele, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Siswati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga
- **Religion:** Christian (86%), no religion (5.2%), Muslim (1.9%), Hindu (0.9%), other groups (6%)

## Albania

Please pray for our translation projects. Ask for the New Testament translation into Albanian Gheg and for financial support for the Septuagint translation.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Tirana
- **Population:** 3 million
- **Language:** Albanian
- **Religion:** Muslim (56.7%), Catholic (10.3%), Orthodox Christian (6.8%), no religion (7.8%), not informed (13.8%)

## Germany

Please pray for the final preparations for the publication of the Basic Bible before its launch in 2021. Ask that Churches and donors will continue to fund our global Bible projects. Pray also for the growing interest in the Bible and the work carried out by the German Bible Society promoting God's Word.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Berlin
- **Population:** 83 million
- **Language:** German
- **Religion:** Catholic (28.9%), Protestant (30.9%), no religion (31.7%), Muslim (5.5%), other groups (3.0%)

# January 5-11

## Angola

Please pray for the Bible Society to overcome the challenges in the areas of management, Bible translation, leadership, distribution and outreach projects.

Pray also for the construction of Bible Society's new headquarters, the churches in Angola, as well as for peace and the spiritual growth of the Angolan people.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Luanda
- **Population:** 29.78 million
- **Language:** Portuguese (official), Umbundu, Kikongo, among others
- **Religion:** Catholic (41.1%), Protestant (38.1%), other groups (8.6%), no religion (12.3%)

## Algeria

Pressure from the government is increasing against Churches and the Bible Society. Five more registered Protestant Churches were closed. The Catholic clergy (all foreigners) is refused all visas to enter Algeria. We fear the government might go as far as closing the Bible Society. Please pray for us.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Algiers
- **Population:** 42.2 million
- **Language:** Arabic (official), French (lingua franca), Berber dialects
- **Religion:** Muslim (99%; Sunni majority), other groups (including Christians and Jewish; less than 1%)

## Argentina

Please pray for the Inclusive Publications project intended to allow everyone to have access to the Word by tearing down the barriers of disability. Ask for the four translation projects in progress and the development of new initiatives that will make more people interact with the Bible.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Buenos Aires
- **Population:** 41 million
- **Language:** Spanish (official); minority languages: Toba Qom, Wichí, West Toba, Araucano, Quechua, Mocoví, Pilagá, Chorote
- **Religion:** Catholic (76.5%), Protestant (9%), other groups (3.2%), not declared/agnostic (11.3%)

## January 12-18

### Armenia

Praise God for the good development of our projects. Pray for our new projects aimed at raising awareness of the Bible, producing the Audio Bible, engaging more children with God's Word, and providing teachers with their own Bibles. May God bless the United Bible Societies, its partners and donors.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Yerevan
- **Population:** 3 million
- **Language:** Armenia (official)
- **Religion:** Christian (99%; Armenian Apostolic Church with 90%), other religions (1%)

### Aruba

Please pray for the Bible Society team and the difficult situation the country is going through.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Oranjestad
- **Population:** 113,000
- **Language:** Dutch (official), Papiamentu (most spoken), Spanish, English, Chinese, others
- **Religion:** Catholic (75.3%), Protestant (4.9%), Jehovah's Witness (1.7%), other groups (12%), no religion (5.5%), not declared (0.5%)

## Australia

Pray for the translation work we are doing with our Indigenous Peoples groups, particularly in the Pitjantjatjara and Nyoongar languages. Please also pray for our work engaging young people with the Bible.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Oceania
- **Capital:** Canberra
- **Population:** 25.5 million
- **Language:** English, approximately 35 Australian indigenous languages
- **Religion:** Christian (52.1%, Committed Christians do not exceed 20%), Buddhist (2.4%), Muslim (2.6%), Hindu (1.9%), no religion (30%)

## January 19-25

## Austria

We provide Bibles to prison inmates and refugees in their mother tongues. Please pray for those who have left their homes because of persecution. Pray also for the young people visiting our Bible Center in Vienna.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Vienna
- **Population:** 8.7 million
- **Language:** German (main), Slovenian, Croatian, Hungarian
- **Religion:** Catholic (60.8%), no religion (12.6%), Muslim (6.7%), Protestant (3.6%), Orthodox Christian (2.9%), Jewish (0.2%), other groups (13.2%)

## Azerbaijan

Please pray for stability in Azerbaijan. Pray also for financial support to our Projects in 2020.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Baku
- **Population:** 10 million
- **Language:** Azerbaijani, Russian
- **Religion:** Muslim (96%)

## Bahamas\*

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Nassau
- **Population:** 327 thousand
- **Language:** English (official), Creole (Haitian immigrants)
- **Religion:** Protestant (69.9%), Catholic (12%), other Christian (11.9%), Jehovah's Witness (1.1%), other groups (0.6%), no religion (1.9%), not declared (2.6%)

*\* Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica; Bahamas; Belize; Turks & Caicos Islands; Cayman Islands.*

## January 26–February 1

## Bangladesh

Please pray for the development of Bangladesh Bible Society's different projects, including the construction of its new headquarters.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Dhaka
- **Population:** 156 million
- **Language:** Bengali (official)
- **Religion:** Muslim (90%), Hindu (8%), Buddhist (0.6%), Christian (0.4%), other groups (0.3%)

## Belarus

Please pray for the Bible work in our country, as well as for the successful distribution of Scriptures through our projects.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Minsk
- **Population:** 9.5 million
- **Language:** Belarusian, Russian
- **Religion:** Orthodox (70%), Catholic (14%), Protestant (13%), other groups (3%)

## Belgium

Thank God for the achievements made by the Belgian Bible Society (French) in support of the Bible Cause. Please ask that the projects implemented last year may continue to stimulate the population's interest in the Bible.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Brussels
- **Population:** 11.4 million
- **Language:** Dutch, French, German
- **Religion:** Catholic (49%), no religion (42%), Muslim (5%), Protestant (2.5%)

## February 2-8

## Belize\*

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America
- **Capital:** Belmopan
- **Population:** 353 thousand
- **Language:** English (official), Spanish, Creole, Mayan dialects Garifuna, German
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic (39.3%), Pentecostal (8.3%), Adventist (5.3%), Anglican (4.5%), Mennonite (3.7%), Baptist (3.5%), Methodist (2.8%), Nazarene (2.8%), Jehovah's Witness (1.6%), no religion (15.2%), other groups (9.9%), not declared (3.1%)

*\* Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica; Bahamas; Belize; Turks & Caicos Islands; Cayman Islands.*

## Benin

Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work carried out by the local Bible Society.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** New Port
- **Population:** 10.7 million
- **Language:** French, Fon, Goun, Yoruba, Aja, Baatonu, Ditammari, Lokpa
- **Religion:** Christian (42.8%), African traditional religions (25.2%), Muslim (24.4%), no religion (7.6%)

## **Bolivia**

Please ask the Lord to give us wisdom to use the best strategies to bring God's Word to the most distant places. Pray that the Bolivian authorities do not enact laws contrary to the Word of God. Ask also for the children, teenagers and women victims of violence.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Sucre; La Paz (Seat of Government)
- **Population:** 10.9 million
- **Language:** Spanish, Quechua and Aymara
- **Religion:** Catholic (78%), Protestant (19%), other groups (1%), no religion (2%)

# February 9-15

## **Botswana**

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Gaborone
- **Population:** 2.2 million
- **Language:** English, Setswana
- **Religion:** Christian (67%), indigenous beliefs (23%), Muslim, Hindu, and other groups (10%)

## **Brazil**

Praise God for the blessed year we had, even with the unfavorable economic and political scenario. Please pray for our country and for the Bible to bring hope to the population. Pray also for SBB's Volunteer Program and Bible Academy project of distance learning. Ask for the

arrangements for the 1st Youth Bible Conference in 2021 to be successful. Ask particularly for the Brazilian Sign Language Bible project to advance, so we can reach more effectively this segment of the population with the biblical message. And pray that we can have the human and financial resources needed to maintain and expand the Bible work in Brazil to reach all audiences, especially at-risk people.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Brasília
- **Population:** 210.867 million
- **Language:** Portuguese (official) and over 200 minority languages (including indigenous and immigrant languages)
- **Religion:** Catholic (64.6%), Protestant (22.2%), Spiritualist (2%), Afro-Brazilian beliefs (0.3%), no religion (8%)

## Brunei

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Bandar Seri Begawan
- **Population:** 436 thousand
- **Language:** Malay (official), English, Chinese
- **Religion:** Muslim (78.8%), Christian (8.7%), Buddhist (7.8%), other groups (4.7%)

*\* Bible Society of Singapore is in charge of Brunei.*

## Bulgaria

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Sofia
- **Population:** 7 million
- **Language:** Bulgarian (official), Turkish and Romany
- **Religion:** Eastern Orthodox (59.4%), Muslim (7.8%), other groups (1.7%), no religion (3.7%), not declared (27.4%)

## Burkina Faso

Thank the Lord for His blessings during such a difficult financial crisis. Pray for leadership renewal in our Board of Directors. Pray also for all our translation projects (Bissa, Lyélé, Birifor) and the publication of the Bible in Dagara and San. Ask for the security situation in our country, which has been suffering for four years with increasingly more frequent and lethal terrorist attacks. Pray especially for the Church of Burkina Faso that became the target of "jihadists" since early 2019.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Ouagadougou
- **Population:** 19.73 million
- **Language:** Mossi, Fula and Dyula
- **Religion:** Muslim (60.5%), Christian (23.2%), Animist (15.3%), other groups (1%)

## Burundi

Thank God for improving security in our country. Please pray for peace during the elections in Burundi scheduled for 2020. Ask for funding and the successful completion of all our projects.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Bujumbura
- **Population:** 10.74 million
- **Language:** Kirundi, French
- **Religion:** Catholic (60%), Protestant (15%), Muslim (5%), Animist and no religion (20%)

# February 23-29

## Cameroon

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Yaoundé
- **Population:** 20.1 million
- **Language:** French, English
- **Religion:** Catholic (38.4%), Protestant (26.3%), Muslim (20.9%), other Christian (4.5%), Animist (5.6%), other groups (1%), atheist (3.2%)

## Cambodia

Please pray for our projects in progress: *Children of the Word*; *Living Word for Everyone*; and *Literacy Program*. Ask for our Board and Advisory Committees. Pray also for two translation projects: Khmer Bible Study and revision of the Khmer Standard Version.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Phnom Penh
- **Population:** 16.1 million
- **Language:** Khmer
- **Religion:** Buddhist (84.8%), Christian (3.2%), Muslim: (2.2%), ethnic religions (7.4%), not declared (2.4%)

## Canada

Please pray for God's favor and open doors to connect with churches and other Christian organizations with whom CBS can have strong and productive partnerships. Pray for the Canadian Bible Society and everyone in the National Office, on the National Board, and each of the District Boards. Pray that God will give us all wisdom to continue to walk in integrity and to carry on in our commission to make God's Word available across Canada.

### General Data

- **Continent:** North America
- **Capital:** Ottawa
- **Population:** 36.15 million
- **Language:** English and French (official), indigenous and minority languages
- **Religion:** Christian (67%), no religion (24%), other groups (9%)

# March 1-7

## East Caribbean\*

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Bridgetown (Barbados; location of headquarters)
- **Population:** 2.3 million
- **Language:** English, Creole, French
- **Religion:** Christian, Muslim, Hindu

*\* Eastern Caribbean consists of 12 nations: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, and the US Virgin Islands.*

## Kazakhstan

Please pray that the authorities let the Bible Society operate smoothly. Ask for the success of our children and youth projects. And ask God to bless Bible Society's staff and their families.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Astana
- **Population:** 18.9 million
- **Language:** Kazakh (official), Russian
- **Religion:** Muslim (Sunni), Russian Orthodox, Protestant

## Chad

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** N'Djamena
- **Population:** 10.9 million
- **Language:** Arabic and French (official)
- **Religion:** Muslim (53.1%), Catholic (20.1%), Protestant (14.2%), Animist (7.3%), not declared (0.7%), other groups (0.5%), atheist (3.1%) (est. 1993)

# March 8-14

## Chile

Please pray for the Chilean Church that has been affected by claims of sexual abuse and financial corruption. Ask the Lord to guide and enlighten priests and pastors. Pray also for the highly secularized Chilean society. And ask for the Chilean Bible Society, its staff and Board.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Santiago
- **Population:** 17.2 million
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Religion:** Catholic (66.6%), Protestant (16.44%), no religion (5.5%), other groups (5.46%)

## China

Pray for the approval to print and distribute portions of the Scriptures amid stricter enforcement of religious policies in China. Pray also for our continued good partnership with the Church in China.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Beijing
- **Population:** 1.4 bilhões
- **Language:** Chinese, local dialects, minority languages
- **Religion:** no religion (44.4%), Chinese religions (28.5%), Buddhist (12.5%), Christian (5.3%), traditional ethnic religions (4.6%), Muslim (1.9%)

## Cyprus

Praise God for providing the Bible Society in Cyprus, which is a small organization, with all the necessary funds, despite the current financial crisis, so that we can continue to serve the people of Cyprus. Praise God for the New Testaments distributed by the Ministry of Education in schools.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia (Middle East)
- **Capital:** Nicosia
- **Population:** 1.19 million
- **Language:** Greek and Turkish (official), English, Romanian, Russian, Bulgarian, among others
- **Religion:** Orthodox Christian (89.1%), Roman Catholic (2.9%), Protestant, Anglican (2%), Muslim (1.8%)

# March 15-21

## Singapore

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Singapore
- **Population:** 5.3 million
- **Language:** English, Malay, Chinese, Tamil
- **Religion:** Buddhist (33%), Muslim (14%), Taoist (11.3%), Protestant (11%), Catholic (7.1%), Hindu (5.2%), no religion (17.4%), other groups (0.7%)

## Colombia

Please pray for internally displaced persons and immigrants from Venezuela in Colombia due to war and violence. Ask the Lord that educational institutions are run by people who convey biblical principles to our children. Pray also that translators may receive special protection from God.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Bogotá
- **Population:** 49 million
- **Language:** Spanish (official)
- **Religion:** Catholic (78%), Protestant (20%), other groups (5%)

## North Korea

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available to everyone.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Pyongyang
- **Population:** 24.72 million
- **Language:** Korean
- **Religion:** religious practice is restricted

## South Korea

The Korean Bible Society is planning to launch a New Korean Translation by 2021. This translation is in progress considering Bible readers who use digital media. Please pray for that this New Korean Translation to be a solid foundation for faith.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Seoul
- **Population:** 51.42 million
- **Language:** Korean
- **Religion:** Protestant (19.7%), Buddhist (15.5%), Catholic (7.9%), no religion (56.9%)

## March 22-28

## Côte D’ivoire

Please pray for the general elections in our country in 2020. Political parties are forming alliances that alarm people who remember the 2010 elections that led the country into a catastrophic situation. May the Lord calm all hearts so that everything goes well.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Yamoussoukro (Constitutional); Abidjan (Seat of Government)
- **Population:** 20 million
- **Language:** French
- **Religion:** Christian (33.9%), Muslim (42.9%), Animist (4%), no religion (19%), other groups (1%)

## Costa Rica

Please pray for our financial sustainability program so we can provide our Bible-based service to the people of Costa Rica.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America
- **Capital:** San José
- **Population:** 4.9 million
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Religion:** Catholic (69%), Protestant (20%), no religion (4%) other Christian groups (5.3%)

## Croatia

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Zagreb
- **Population:** 4.4 million
- **Language:** Croatian (official), Serbian, among others
- **Religion:** Catholic (86.3%), Orthodox (4.4%), Muslim (1.5%), other groups (1.5%), not declared (2.5%), no religion or atheist (3.8%)

## March 29–April 4

## Cuba

Praise the Lord for the *One Million Bibles Mission* celebration in Havana in June 2018. The event celebrated the conclusion a five-year project to provide one million Bibles to the rapidly growing Church in this Caribbean island nation. Pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Havana
- **Population:** 11 million
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Religion:** Catholic (nominal, 85%), Protestant, Jehovah's Witness, Jewish, and Afro-Cuban religions

## Denmark

Please pray that our current translation project of the full Bible into contemporary Danish will bear fruit and open many new eyes to the love and life of the biblical message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Copenhagen
- **Population:** 5.5 million
- **Language:** Danish
- **Religion:** Lutheran (75%)

## Egypt

We are still expanding areas of opportunity, such as increased Bible distribution, more engagement with the Bible, and growing interest in Bible products and programs. Pray for our fundraising efforts to make Scriptures available and offer essential Bible Engagement programs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa / Asia (Middle East)
- **Capital:** Cairo
- **Population:** 95 million
- **Language:** Arabic
- **Religion:** Muslim (90%), Christian (10%)

**April 5-11**

## El Salvador

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America
- **Capital:** San Salvador
- **Population:** 6.1 million
- **Language:** Spanish (official), Nahuatl (spoken by some Amerindian peoples)
- **Religion:** Catholic (50%), Protestant (36%), other groups (2%), no religion (12%)

## Ecuador

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Quito
- **Population:** 15.2 million
- **Language:** Spanish (official), Quechua, other indigenous languages
- **Religion:** Catholic (95%), other groups (5%)

## Eritrea

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Asmara
- **Population:** 5.8 million
- **Language:** Arabic, Tigrinya, and English (official)
- **Religion:** Muslim, Coptic Christian, Catholic, Protestant

## April 12-18

## Scotland\*, UK

Every day, everyone, everywhere, Bible2020.org encourages the church to proclaim God's Word through the power of technology. Please pray as we work with App developers, media companies and mission partners to engage thousands globally with scripture for the first time or in a new, dynamic way.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Edinburgh
- **Population:** 5.42 million
- **Language:** English (official), Scottish Gaelic, Scots
- **Religion:** Christian (54%), no religion (37%) In terms of the Christian denominations, 32% of the population state that they belong to the Church of Scotland, 16% state they are Roman Catholic. Just over 1% claim to be Muslim.

*\* Scotland is part of the United Kingdom, along with England and Wales, and Northern Ireland. The capital of the United Kingdom is London.*

## Slovakia

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Bratislava
- **Population:** 5.4 million
- **Language:** Slovak (official)
- **Religion:** Catholic (65.8%), atheist (11%), Lutheran (8.2%), other Christian denominations (3.4 %), other groups (11.6%)

## Slovenia

Please pray for an agreement with the Catholic church in Slovenia regarding the pending Bible text copyright issues. Ask for our translators who are working on the dynamic translation of the New Testament. Pray also for the expansion of the Trauma Healing program in Slovenia.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Ljubljana
- **Population:** 2.06 million
- **Language:** Slovene
- **Religion:** Catholic (60%), atheist/agnostic (35%), Orthodox (2%), Muslim (2%), Protestant (1%)

# April 19-25

## Spain

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Madrid
- **Population:** 4 million
- **Language:** Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic (94%), other groups (6%)

## Gulf States

Pray for the Trauma Healing ministry. It was first implemented in Bahrain in 2017, and we are now expanding it into more countries in the Gulf area. Ask for the upcoming Book Fair in Bahrain in March 2020. Pray also our new project, an adaptation of the New Testament in Arabic to the Gulf dialect.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Asia (Middle East)
- **Capital:** Kuwait City (Kuwait); Manama (Bahrain); Riyadh (Saudi Arabia); Doha (Qatar); Muscat (Oman); Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates); Sana'a (Yemen)
- **Population:** 81.6 million
- **Language:** Arabic (official), but English and many Asian languages are widely spoken
- **Religion:** Muslim (official), Hindu, Buddhist, Christian

*\*Bible Society in the Gulf is in charge of the seven countries in the Arabian Peninsula: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.*

## **United States of America**

Praise God for bringing the hope of his Word to those who call on him. Pray for ignited Bible engagement in the United States. Ask God to bless the development of the Faith and Liberty Discovery Center. Intercede for God's blessing over all global Trauma Healing and Bible translation ministry.

## General Data

- **Continent:** North America
- **Capital:** Washington D.C.
- **Population:** 327.17 million
- **Language:** English (but 350 languages are spoken in North American homes)
- **Religion:** Christian (70%), Jewish (1.9%), Muslim (9%), Hindu (7%), unaffiliated (22.8%)

## **April 26–May 2**

## **Estonia**

Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the Bible work carried out in this country.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Tallinn
- **Population:** 1.2 million
- **Language:** Estonian (official), Russian, Ukrainian
- **Religion:** Lutheran (9.9%), Orthodox (16.2%), other Christian groups (2.2%), other groups (0.9%), no religion (54.1%), unspecified (16.1%)

## Ethiopia

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Addis Ababa
- **Population:** 102 million
- **Language:** Amharic (official), English, Oromo, Somali, Tigrigna, Afar, Arabic, among others
- **Religion:** Ethiopian Orthodox (43.5%), Muslim (33.9%), Protestant (18.5%), traditional beliefs (2.7%), Catholic (0.7%), other groups (0.6%)

## Philippines

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Manila
- **Population:** 103 million
- **Language:** Filipino and English
- **Religion:** Christian (85%)

# May 3-9

## Finland

Please pray that we can complete the new translation of the New Testament into contemporary Finnish. Pray with us that those who read this modern translation will find faith, hope and love. Please pray that Churches and donors will continue to finance our projects. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Helsinki
- **Population:** 5.4 million
- **Language:** Finnish and Swedish (official); other Sami languages are officially recognized in Finland (North Sami, Skolt Sami, and Inari Sami)
- **Religion:** Lutheran (73%), Orthodox Christian (1.1%), other groups (1.6%), no religion (24.3%)

## France

Please pray for the launch of our project of Bible Courses. Ask for a deep and strong relationship between the French Bible Society and churches from all denominations. Pray also for the engagement of children and teenagers with biblical texts, as well as for the good acceptance of the Family's Bible and *ZeBible*.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Paris
- **Population:** 66 million
- **Language:** French
- **Religion:** Christian (58%), no religion (32%), Muslim (7%), Jewish (1%), other groups (2%)

## Gabon

Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work carried out by the local Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Libreville
- **Population:** 1.7 million
- **Language:** French (official), Fang, and Bantu dialects.
- **Religion:** Christian (55-75%), Animist and Muslim (1%)

# May 10-16

## Ghana

Pray for the Bible translation projects in progress. Ask for the preparations for the World Assembly that will be hosted by Bible Society of Ghana in 2022. Pray also for Bible Society's projects as it expands its activities to other regions of the country.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Accra
- **Population:** 25.2 million
- **Language:** English, Ga, Asante, Ewe, Fante, Bono, Dagomba, Dangme, Akuapem, among others.
- **Religion:** Christian (71.2%), Muslim (17.6%), traditional beliefs (5.2%), other groups (0.8%)

## Georgia

Please pray for peace before and during the next parliamentary elections. Ask that our publishing and distribution activities may influence many people.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Tbilisi
- **Population:** 4 million
- **Language:** Georgian
- **Religion:** Orthodox Christian (83.4%), Muslim (10.7%), Armenian Apostolic (2.9%), other groups (3%)

## Greece

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. This year, in particular, we want to honor God for all we have accomplished despite the current financial crisis. Thank the Lord for the successful event that celebrated the 200 years the Ionian Bible Society founding. Please ask for an increase in sales. The current financial crisis has been very severe.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Athens
- **Population:** 10.82 million
- **Language:** Greek (official), Albanian, Armenian, Turkish, Bulgarian, Romanian, Romany, Slavic dialects
- **Religion:** Greek Orthodox Christian (official: 98%), Muslim (1.3%), Catholic (0.46%), Protestant (0.21%)

# May 17-23

## Guatemala

Please pray that all at-risk children in Guatemala are reached by the Bible mission. Pray also that the Bible is relevant in the lives of young Guatemalans, and that more people in our country may have access to the Bible in the language of their hearts.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America
- **Capital:** Guatemala City
- **Population:** 14 million
- **Language:** Spanish, K'iche', Kaqchikel, Q'eqchi', Mam, Poqomchi, Achí, Tz'utujil, Q'anjob'al, Ixil, Akateco, Chuj, Poqomam, Popti, Ch'orti', Awakateco, Mopan, Sakapulteko, Tektiteko, Sipakapense, Uspanteko, Garifuna, Xinca
- **Religion:** Catholic (52.7%), Protestant (30.4%), other groups (5%), no religion (11%)

## Guyana

Please pray for work carried out by the Bible Society in Guyana, more donors and the relationships with churches. Pray also for our projects that benefit many target audiences, such as women, children, prison inmates and refugees.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Georgetown
- **Population:** 777.8 thousand
- **Language:** English, Guyanese Creole
- **Religion:** Christian, Hindu, Muslim, other groups

## French Guiana

Ask for God's wisdom and guidance so that the Bible's message of life can reach the people of French Guiana. Thank and praise the Lord for our volunteers.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Cayenne
- **Population:** 217 thousand
- **Language:** French, Guyanese Creole
- **Religion:** Christian (Catholic and Protestant), other groups

# May 24-30

## Guinea

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Conakry
- **Population:** 10.8 million
- **Language:** French (official), each ethnic group has its own language
- **Religion:** Muslim (85%), Christian (8%), Indigenous beliefs (7%)

## Haiti

We work in a difficult place, but, so far, the Lord has preserved us. Praise God for His daily protection. Pray for the development of our projects and the safety of our workplace and staff. Ask also for Haiti. Pray for our leaders.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Port-au-Prince
- **Population:** 9.8 million
- **Language:** Haitian Creole, French
- **Religion:** Catholic (56.8%), Protestant (29.6%), no religion (5.5%), other groups (3%)

## Netherlands

Please pray for our new Bible for Teenagers so that its powerful message may reach young people. Thank God that we are able to support digital Bible projects in the Netherlands, the Dutch-speaking region of Belgium and throughout the world, as well as for every donor who makes this possible.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Amsterdam
- **Population:** 17 million
- **Language:** Dutch (Frisian in one province)
- **Religion:** The Netherlands was predominantly Christian until late into the 20th Century. Although religious diversity remains, there has been a decline in religious adherence. In the Netherlands 50% of the population is religiously affiliated, and fewer than 20% attend church regularly.

# May 31–June 6

## Honduras

Please pray for wisdom to make God's Word more relevant, particularly to our children and young people. Ask for protection for our team, because we live in one of the most violent cities in the world. Murders and robberies are part of our daily lives.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America
- **Capital:** Tegucigalpa
- **Population:** 8.2 million
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Religion:** Catholic (65%), Protestant (35%)

## Hong Kong\*

Praise the Lord for the unity and growth of Christians with the Revised Chinese Unified Version, as well as for the celebration of its centennial last year.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:**
- **Population:** 7.1 million
- **Language:** Cantonese, English
- **Religion:** Christians (12%), Buddhist and Taoist, Muslim, Hindu

*\* Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China*

## Hungary

Thank God for the recently revised Károli Bible, our several Bible distribution projects, the online Bible contests and the Bible 2020. Please pray for their good reception. Pray also for the progress of the translation into sign language, all the hearts we touch and our team.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Budapest
- **Population:** 10 million
- **Language:** Hungarian
- **Religion:** Catholic (37.2%), Presbyterian (2.2%), Greek Catholic (1.8%), other groups (1.9%), no religion (18.2%), not declared (27.2%)

# June 7-13

## Réunion Island

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Saint Denis
- **Population:** 839.5 thousand
- **Language:** French and Creole
- **Religion:** Christian (86%)

## Rodrigues Island (autonomous island of Mauritius)

Please pray for the Bible Cause in this country, so that the Bible's message can reach the population. Ask God to guide the work of carried out by Bible Society's staff to make the Word available in formats that engage people of all ages.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Port Mathurin
- **Population:** 41.66 thousand
- **Language:** French, English, Creole
- **Religion:** Christian (99%)

## Cayman Islands

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Georgetown
- **Population:** 53.7 thousand
- **Language:** English (official), Spanish, Filipino, among others
- **Religion:** Protestant (67.8%), Rom. Catholic (14.1%), Jehovah's Witness (1.9%), other (7%), no religion (9.3%), not declared (0.7%)

*\* Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica; Bahamas; Belize; Turks & Caicos Islands; Cayman Islands.*

# June 14-20

## Comoros

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Moroni
- **Population:** 737 thousands
- **Language:** Arabic, French, Shikomori (Comorian)
- **Religion:** Muslim (98.3%), other groups (1.6%), no religion (0.1%)

## Faroe Islands

Please pray for our new full Bible translation and the revision of the contemporary New Testament.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Thorshavn
- **Population:** 52 thousand
- **Language:** Faroese
- **Religion:** Christian (89.3%; predominantly Lutheran)

## Mauritius

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** East Africa
- **Capital:** Port Louis
- **Population:** 1.3 million
- **Language:** English (official, spoken by less than 1% of the population), Creole, Bhojpuri, among others.
- **Religion:** Hindu (48.5%), Catholic (26.3%), Muslim (17.3%), other Christian religions (6.4%), other groups (0.6%), no religion (0.7%), not declared (0.1%)

# June 21-27

## Turks & Caicos Islands\*

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Cockburn Town
- **Population:** 47.75 thousand
- **Language:** English
- **Religion:** Protestant (72.8%), Roman Catholic (11.4%), Jehovah's Witness (1.8%), other groups (14%)

\* Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica; Bahamas; Belize; Turks & Caicos Islands; Cayman Islands.

## India

Please pray for the launch of the *Bible 2020*. Ask for the programs for children and young people: 5,000 Children; 5,000 Young People; 5,000 Young Ambassadors for Bible Society of India. Pray also for more Bible production and distribution initiatives.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** New Delhi
- **Population:** 1.37 bilhões
- **Language:** Hindi, English (main); Assamese, Bengali, Chhattisgarhi, Garo, Gujarati, Kannada, Kashmiri, Khasi, Kokborok, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Maithili, Mizo, Nepali, Odiya, Punjabi, Santhali, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Sanskrit, Adi, Angami, Ao, Bojpuri, Chakkesang, Kuki, Konyak, Nagamese, Nicobarese (Mon–Khmer) Phom, Sumi, etc.
- **Religion:** Hindu (82%), Muslim (12.1%), Christian (2.3%), Sikh (1.9%), Buddhist (0.8%), Jain (0.4%), other groups (0.4%), not declared (0.1%)

## Indonesia

Pray for the Thanksgiving Service celebrating the 66 years of the Indonesian Bible Society in February 2020. Ask for the implementation of literacy programs in East Sumba in 2020.

Pray also for funds so that the Bible in Love Program can distribute Bibles in remote areas in Indonesia.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Jakarta
- **Population:** 261.1 million
- **Language:** Indonesian
- **Religion:** Muslim (85.1%), Protestant (9.2%), Catholic (3.5%), Hindu (1.8%), Buddhist (0.4%)

# June 28–July 4

## England and Wales\*

In 2020 we will take a 360° film telling the Bible story to Britain's towns and cities. We are also producing a resource based on research into spiritual types, so Bible communicators can connect effectively with their audiences. We continue to grow our Open the Book storytelling project schools.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** London, Cardiff
- **Population:** 58.6 million
- **Language:** English, Welsh, Manx, Cornish
- **Religion:** Christian (59.1%), unaffiliated (31.2%), other groups (9.7%)

*\* England and Wales are part of the United Kingdom, along with Scotland and Northern Ireland. The capital of the United Kingdom is London.*

## Iraq

Despite the difficult situation in Iraq, specifically the hardships faced by Iraqi Christians, our trust in God and in His grace remains unchanged. Please pray for Bible distribution in the north and south of Iraq, for the Trauma Healing program and for the Bible Society's staff.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Asia (Middle East)
- **Capital:** Baghdad
- **Population:** 38 million
- **Language:** Arabic
- **Religion:** Muslim (95%), Christian (5%)

## Ireland

We are thankful for provision of both financial and human resources. Pray for the *Bible Course* to be facilitated in Autumn 2019 in Dublin. Pray also for *2020 Bible* as we partner with the Bible Society in Northern

Ireland to realize the vision of making Scripture accessible and available to all.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Dublin
- **Population:** 4.7 million
- **Language:** Irish and English (official); Gaelic
- **Religion:** Catholic (84.7%), Church of Ireland (2.7%), other Christian groups (2.7%), Muslim (1.1%), other groups (1.7%), no religion (5.7%), not declared (1.5%)

## Northern Ireland\*

Pray for the *Bible 2020* app as we promote it here and pray that people would engage with it. Pray that God would build our supporter base, strengthen our connections with churches and that more people would volunteer with us. Pray for the office staff led by General Secretary Catherine Little.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Belfast
- **Population:** 1.87 million
- **Language:** English
- **Religion:** Protestant (42%), Catholic (41%), other groups (17%)\*

*\* Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom, along with England and Wales and Scotland. The capital of the United Kingdom is London.*

# July 5-11

## Iceland

Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work carried out by the local Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe (islands in the North Atlantic between Greenland and Norway)
- **Capital:** Reykjavik
- **Population:** 334.25 thousand
- **Language:** Icelandic
- **Religion:** Lutheran (73.8%), Catholic (3.6%), Reykjavik Free Church (2.9%), Hafnarfjorour Free Church (2%), Independent Congregation (1%), other groups (3.9%), no religion (5.6%), not declared (7.2%)

## Israel

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia (Middle East)
- **Capital:** Jerusalem
- **Population:** 7.5 million
- **Language:** Hebrew, Arabic
- **Religion:** Jewish (75.1%), Muslim (17.4%), Christian (2%), Druze (1.6%), other groups (3.9%)

## Italy

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Rome
- **Population:** 61.2 million
- **Language:** Italian (official); with minorities speaking German, French and Slovene
- **Religion:** Christian (Catholic majority, with very small groups of Jehovah's Witnesses and Protestants: 80%), Muslim (from 800 thousand to 1 million), atheist and agnostic (20%)

# July 12-18

## Jamaica\*

Praise the Lord for the assistance that we receive from our Bible Society partners and colleagues. Please pray for successful outcomes of our strategies to increase fundraising, improve our social media presence and effectively execute our projects.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Kingston
- **Population:** 2.8 million
- **Language:** English, Jamaican Creole
- **Religion:** Christian (64% - Protestant: 62% and Roman Catholic: 2%), Jehovah's Witnesses (2%), no religion (3%), other groups (10%)

*\* Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica; Bahamas; Belize; Turks & Caicos Islands; Cayman Islands.*

## Japan

Please pray that Japan Bible Society's Interconfessional Version, the latest Bible translation into Japanese, is widely used. Ask for a smooth leadership transition and the subsequent reorganization of the institution. Pray also for Bible Society's mission of distributing God's Word in Japan.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Tokyo
- **Population:** 126 million
- **Language:** Japanese
- **Religion:** Shintoist (47%), Buddhist (43%), other groups (9%), Christian (1%)

## Jordan

Please pray for Bible Society in Jordan's plan of establishing a Ministry Center—a multi-purpose venue to serve God's Word—in the heart of Amman, the country's capital, a busy location where both the Bible and Bible Society can be much more accessible.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia (Middle East)
- **Capital:** Amman
- **Population:** 9.7 million
- **Language:** Arabic
- **Religion:** Muslim (97.2%), Christian (Greek Orthodox majority: 2.2%), Buddhist (0.4%), other groups (0.3%)

# July 19-25

## Laos

Please pray for our literacy projects. Pray also for the training of our local staff to carry out our literacy, translation, distribution and publication projects.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Vientiane
- **Population:** 6.75 million
- **Language:** Lao
- **Religion:** Buddhist (64.7%), Christian (1.7%), no religion (31.4%), other groups/not declared (2.1%) (est. 2015)

## Lesotho

Praise God for our competent Board of Directors and the constant support from churches. Please pray for peace, wisdom and guidance for our country's government.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Maseru
- **Population:** 1.9 million
- **Language:** English, Sesotho
- **Religion:** Christian (80%), indigenous beliefs (20%)

## Latvia

Please pray for the revision of the Bible in Latvian and that it becomes a sign of unity among churches.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Riga
- **Population:** 1.92 million
- **Language:** Latvian
- **Religion:** Christian (62.6%)\*, no religion (36.7%), other groups (0.7%) \*Russian Orthodox (19.7%), Roman Catholic (18.5%), Protestant (17.8%), old believers (6.1%), and smaller Christian denominations (0.5%. Source: ISSP, 2015.

# July 26–August 1

## Lebanon

Please pray for our Excellence Centers that serve the Church in the Middle East with God's transforming Word through translations, publications, digital apps, Bible distribution, engagement and Trauma Healing programs that assist children, young people and adults. Pray also for our supporters and staff.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia (Middle East)
- **Capital:** Beirut
- **Population:** 4.5 million
- **Language:** Arabic (official), Lebanese Arabic dialects. French and English as a second language.
- **Religion:** Muslim, and Druze minority (59.6%), Christian (40.4%)

## Liberia

Please ask God to help us devise strategies to develop better relationships and partnerships with churches in Liberia so that they see the need to support our work. Pray for an increase in our sales and distribution activities. Ask the Lord for help to rebuild our country's flagging economy.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Monrovia
- **Population:** 4.9 million
- **Language:** English (official), more than 16 indigenous languages
- **Religion:** Christian (85.6%), Muslim (12.2%), traditional beliefs (0.6%), other groups (0.2%), no religion (1.4%)

## Libya

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Tripoli
- **Population:** 6.7 million
- **Language:** Arabic (official); English and Italian widely understood by educated classes
- **Religion:** Muslim (Sunni majority: 97%), other groups (3%)

# August 2-8

## Lithuania

Please keep praying for the New Testament translation, both into modern Lithuanian and the Lithuanian Sign Language. Thank God for the passion, dedication and progress of our staff. Pray also for the growing success of the "Living Pictures" contest where children share the Bible's message through photography.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Vilnius
- **Population:** 2.8 million
- **Language:** Lithuanian
- **Religion:** Catholic (77%), Orthodox (4%), Old Orthodox (1%), Protestant (1%)

## Macedonia

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Skopje
- **Population:** 2.08 million
- **Language:** Macedonian, Albanian
- **Religion:** Macedonian Orthodox (64.7%), Muslim (33.3%), other Christian groups (0.37%), other groups/not declared (1.63%)

## Madagascar

The Malagasy Bible Society will celebrate its 55th anniversary and the 185 years of the Bible in Malagasy (the oldest Bible in Africa), so please pray that people in Madagascar can find Jesus Christ through the Bible work.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Antananarivo
- **Population:** 26 million
- **Language:** Malagasy, French and English
- **Religion:** Christian, Muslim

# August 9-15

## Malaysia

Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work carried out by the local Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Kuala Lumpur
- **Population:** 29.1 million
- **Language:** Malay, English, Chinese, Tamil
- **Religion:** Muslim (60%), Buddhist (27%), Christian (10%), Hindu and other groups (3%)

## Malawi

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Lilongwe
- **Population:** 17.6 million
- **Language:** English (official), Chewa
- **Religion:** Christian (82.6%), Muslim (13%), other groups (1.9%), no religion (2.5%)

## Mali

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Bamako
- **Population:** 14.5 million
- **Language:** French (official), Bambara, Peul, Dogon, among others. Mali has 13 national languages in addition to the official language.
- **Religion:** Muslim (94.8%), Christian (2.4%), Animist (2%), no religion (0.5%), not declared (0.3%)

# August 16-22

## Malta

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Valetta
- **Population:** 409 thousand
- **Language:** Maltese, English
- **Religion:** Catholic (85%), other Christian groups (12%), Muslim (3%)

## Morocco

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Rabat
- **Population:** 32.3 million
- **Language:** Arabic official), Berber languages, French
- **Religion:** Muslim (99%), other groups (1%)

## Mexico

Please pray for the Bible Cause in this country, so that the Bible's message can reach the population. Ask God to guide the work of carried out by Bible Society's staff to make the Word available in formats that engage people of all ages.

### General Data

- **Continent:** North America
- **Capital:** Mexico City
- **Population:** 114 million
- **Language:** Spanish, indigenous languages (minority)
- **Religion:** Catholic (82.7%), Pentecostal (1.6%), Jehovah's Witness (1.4%), other Evangelical Churches (5%), other groups (1.9%), no religion (4.7%), not declared (2.7%) (est. 2010)

# August 23-29

## Myanmar

Please pray for peace and democracy to build a nation where the Bible ministry can be carried out with freedom. Pray also for our first eight Bible translation projects. Ask God for help to distribute the Bible to our country's very poor population.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Naypyidaw
- **Population:** 54.34 million
- **Language:** Burmese (official)
- **Religion:** Buddhist (86%), Christian (6.3%), other groups

## Mozambique

Thank God for the launch of the four Gospels and the book of Acts in Chuwabu. Praise God for the Peace Agreement between the government and Renamo that ceased all hostilities that have been ravaging the country since 2013. Ask for the sustainability of our Bible translation projects into Xirhonga, Emakhuwa, Xichangana, Makhuwa-Marrevone, Cibalke, and Manyawa. Pray for the TAZI Project. TAZI is spreading in Mozambique putting the progress of evangelization at risk.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Maputo
- **Population:** 28.86 million
- **Language:** Portuguese, Emakhuwa, Cisena, Xironga, Xichangana, Elomwe, Cishona, Xitswa, Cicopi, Kimwani, Cinyungwe, Ciyao, Shimakonde, Ekoti, Kimwani, Swahili, Swazi, Zulu, among others
- **Religion:** Catholic (28.4%), Muslim (17.9%), Zionist Christian (15.5%), Protestant (12.2%), other groups (6.7%), no religion (18.7%), unspecified (0.7%)

## Mongolia

Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work carried out by the local Bible Society.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Ulan Bator
- **Population:** 3.1 million
- **Language:** Mongolian
- **Religion:** Buddhist (53%), atheist (38%), Christian (3%), Shamanist (3%), Muslim (3%)

# August 30–September 5

## Moldova

Please pray that everyone in Moldova is touched by God's Word in a suitable format and a language they can understand through our projects. Ask also for our partners.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Chisinau
- **Population:** 3.5 million
- **Language:** Moldovan, Romanian, Russian, Ukrainian, Gagauz, Bulgarian, Romany
- **Religion:** Orthodox Christian (93%), Protestant (2%), other groups (5%)

## Namibia

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Windhoek
- **Population:** 2.1 million
- **Language:** English, Afrikaans, Oshiwambo, Nama/Damara, Otjiherero, Kavango
- **Religion:** Christian majority

## Nauru

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Oceania (South Pacific)
- **Capital:** Nauru has no official capital, but government departments are located in the district of Yaren.
- **Population:** 11.5 thousand
- **Language:** Nauruan
- **Religion:** Christian (92.63%), other religions (7.37%)

# September 6-12

## Nepal

Please pray for the successful translation, production and distribution of the Nepali Bible and related materials for Nepali speakers. Ask for the Scripture engagement programs, especially those developed through holistic ministries. Pray for enough funding so that Nepal Bible Society may be able to carry out its projects.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Kathmandu
- **Population:** 29 million
- **Language:** Nepali (official)
- **Religion:** Hindu (80%), Buddhist (11%), Muslim (4.2%), Christian (1.4%)

## Niger

Please pray for our nation's security against jihadist groups, such as Boko Haram. Pray also for the churches to support the Bible Society.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Niamey
- **Population:** 16.89 million
- **Language:** French (official), Hausa, Djerma
- **Religion:** Muslim (80%), other groups (20%)

## Nigeria

Pray that God will speed up our translation projects so that the speakers of the several languages spoken in our country will have access to the Word of God in their mother tongues. Pray that God's Word is distributed to transform lives. Pray for increased support from Churches in Nigeria.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Abuja
- **Population:** 190 million
- **Language:** English, Yoruba, Hausa, Igbo (main).
- **Religion:** Christian (48.9%), Muslim (48.3%)

# September 13-19

## Niue

Please pray for the Bible Cause in this country, so that the Bible's message can reach the population. Ask God to guide the work of carried out by Bible Society's staff to make the Word available in formats that engage people of all ages.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Oceania (South Pacific)
- **Capital:** Alofi
- **Population:** 1.4 thousand
- **Language:** Niuean
- **Religion:** Christian (89%), other religions (6%), no religion (2%)

## Norway

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Oslo
- **Population:** 4.7 million
- **Language:** Norwegian (Bokmål, Nynorsk), Sami (Northern, Southern, Lule)
- **Religion:** Christian (83%), Muslim (2%), other groups (1%)

## New Zealand

Please pray for the Bible Cause in this country, so that the Bible's message can reach the population. Ask God to guide the work of carried out by Bible Society's staff to make the Word available in formats that engage people of all ages.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Oceania
- **Capital:** Wellington
- **Population:** 4.3 million
- **Language:** English, Maori, Sign Language (official); Samoan and other Pacific Islands and migrant languages.
- **Religion:** Christian (44.3%), Hindu (2%), Maori Christianity (1.3%), Buddhist (1%), Muslim (1%), other/no religion (39.9%), unspecified (10.5%)

# September 20-26

## South Pacific — Fiji

Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work carried out by the local Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Oceania
- **Capital:** Suva
- **Population:** 900 thousand
- **Language:** English, Fijian, Fiji Hindi
- **Religion:** Christian, Hindu, Muslim, other groups

## Palestine

Please pray for the new strategy and structure that the Palestinian Bible Society will implement in 2020 for a “better more focused” service. Ask for new engagement and partnership opportunities with the Palestinian church and society. Pray also for peace in Jerusalem and the suffering Palestinian nation.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia (Middle East)
- **Capital:** East Jerusalem (Political), Ramallah (Administrative)
- **Population:** 4.5 million
- **Language:** Arabic
- **Religion:** Muslim (majority), Christian, Samaritan

## Panama

Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work carried out by the local Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America
- **Capital:** Panama City
- **Population:** 3.5 million
- **Language:** Spanish, Kuna, Gnabe (official)
- **Religion:** Catholic (73%), Protestant (20%), other groups (7%)

# September 27–October 3

## Papua New Guinea

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Oceania
- **Capital:** Port Moresby
- **Population:** 6.3 million
- **Language:** Tok Pisin, English and Hiri Motu (official); about 700 indigenous dialects
- **Religion:** Protestant (69.4%), Catholic (27%), other groups (3.6%)

## Pakistan

Please pray for our future General Secretary, Rev. Azhar Mustaq. Ask for our translation and literacy programs. Pray also for our Bible contests. And pray for our safety, our country and our government.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Islamabad
- **Population:** 197 million
- **Language:** Urdu
- **Religion:** Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Sikh

## Paraguay

Please pray for the Bible Cause in this country, so that the Bible's message can reach the population. Ask God to guide the work of carried out by Bible Society's staff to make the Word available in formats that engage people of all ages.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Asunción
- **Population:** 6.5 million
- **Language:** Spain, Guarani
- **Religion:** Catholic (89.6%), Protestant (6.2%), other groups (4.2%)

# October 4-10

## Peru

Please pray for the translation projects into Quechua of Apurímac and Matsigenka. Ask for the “Bread of Life” project that offers spiritual and material nourishment to poor children. Pray also that we can accomplish our mission of transforming lives and society through biblical values in Peru.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Lima
- **Population:** 33 million
- **Language:** Spanish, Quechua
- **Religion:** Catholic (81.3%), Protestant (12.5%), other groups (3.3%), no religion (2.9%)

## Poland

Please pray that young people in our country recognize the need of God’s Word in their lives and for the free distribution of the New Testament in schools and churches. Ask for donors for this project and that it is well received by students and teachers. Thank God for the distribution of the Ecumenical Bible in Poland.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Warsaw
- **Population:** 38.4 million
- **Language:** Polish
- **Religion:** Catholic (87%), Orthodox Christian (0.5%), Protestant (0.4%), Muslim (0.05%), other groups (9.55%), no religion (2.5%)

## Puerto Rico

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** San Juan
- **Population:** 3.9 million
- **Language:** Spanish, English
- **Religion:** Catholic (85%), Protestant and other groups (15%)

# October 11-17

## Portugal

In 2019, we celebrated the 200 years of the first full edition of the Bible in the João Ferreira de Almeida translation, the oldest Bible translation into Portuguese, therefore, the Bible Society developed different projects with churches, universities and government agencies that we want to continue in 2020. Please pray for it.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Lisbon
- **Population:** 10 million
- **Language:** Portuguese
- **Religion:** Catholic (81%), Protestant (3.3%), other groups (0.6%), no religion (6.8%), not reported (8.3%)

## Kenya

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Nairobi
- **Population:** 44 million
- **Language:** English and Kiswahili (official), 53 other languages are spoken
- **Religion:** Christian (83%: Protestant 47.7%, Catholic 23.4%, other Christian 11.9%), Muslim (11.2%), Traditionalists (1.7%), other religion (1.6%), no religion (2.4%), unspecified (0.2%)

## Kyrgyzstan

Islam is growing more and more in Kyrgyzstan. Please pray that the country opens up to the true God.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Bishkek
- **Population:** 5.4 million
- **Language:** Kyrgyz, Russian
- **Religion:** Muslim (over 30%), Christian (12-14%), other groups (5%)

# October 18-24

## Central African Republic

Please pray for the definitive return of peace in our country. With over 30 years of war, an entire generation had its life sacrificed. Ask God to help us buy a vehicle because our work is very difficult without one. Pray also for the legislative and presidential elections of 2020. And ask for Bible Society's employees who work in unsafe environments.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Bangui
- **Population:** 4.74 million
- **Language:** English, Sangho, tribal languages
- **Religion:** Christian (70%)

## Democratic Republic of the Congo (former Zaire)

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Kinshasa
- **Population:** 73.5 million
- **Language:** French (official), Lingala (lingua franca and trade language), Kingwana, Kikongo, Tshiluba
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic (50%), Protestant (20%), Kimbanguiste (10%), Muslim (10%), other groups (10%)

## Republic of the Congo (Congo-Brazzaville)

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Brazzaville
- **Population:** 4.49 million
- **Language:** French (official), Lingala and Monokutuba (lingua franca and trade languages), many local languages and dialects
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic (33.1%), Renewed Christian (22.3%), Protestant (19.9%), Muslim (1.6%), Kimbanguiste (1.5%), other groups (10.3%), no religion (11.3%)

## October 25-31

### **Dominican Republic**

Please thank the Lord for allowing us to reach lives with His Holy Word through several projects: "A Bible in Every Backpack;" "Bibles for Weapons;" "They Will Hear God;" among others. Pray for our country and our team, so that God can help us spread His Word to those who need it.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Santo Domingo
- **Population:** 10.77 million
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Religion:** Catholic (70%), Protestant (28%), other groups (2%)

### **Czech Republic**

Please pray for the eight Czech Bible Society's employees who make sure the Bible is available to every church and resident of the Czech Republic. Ask God for our special projects, particularly the new bilingual New Testament editions for young people.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Prague
- **Population:** 10.6 million
- **Language:** Czech
- **Religion:** Agnostic (59%), Catholic (27%), Protestant (14%)

### **Romania**

Please pray for the resolution of the copyright lawsuits regarding the Cornilescu Bible, which have been dragging on for the last 7 years with. Ask for further development of our projects and publishing activities. Pray also for good cooperation with all affiliated Churches.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Bucharest
- **Population:** 19 million
- **Language:** Romanian
- **Religion:** Eastern Orthodox (86.4%), Protestant (5.8%), Catholic (4.6%), other groups (3.11%)

# November 1-7

## Rwanda

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Kigali
- **Population:** 11.6 million
- **Language:** Kinyarwanda, English, French
- **Religion:** Catholic (49.5%), Protestant (39.4%), other Christian groups (4.5%), Muslim (1.8%), Animist (0.1%), other groups (0.6%), no religion (3.6%), not declared (0.5%)

## Russia

Our warehouse will be torn down next year because it is located on the route of a new highway the city of Moscow will build. Please pray that the City Council grant us a similar piece of land to build a new warehouse. It is very important for the development of our ministry in Russia.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Moscow
- **Population:** 146 million
- **Language:** Russian (official), Tatar, German, Ukrainian, among others
- **Religion:** Russian Orthodox (15-20%), Muslim (10-15%), other Christian groups (2%)

## Senegal

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Dakar
- **Population:** 12.9 million
- **Language:** French (official), Wolof, Jola, Bambara, among others
- **Religion:** Muslim (Sufi: 94%), Christian (Catholic majority: 5%), indigenous beliefs (1%)

## November 8-14

## Sierra Leone

Please pray for peace and economic stability. May God guide all authorities in Sierra Leone with His wisdom. Pray also that our partners will remain interested in our work.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Freetown
- **Population:** 7 million
- **Language:** English (official), Creole, Mende, Limba, Temne
- **Religion:** Muslim (60%), traditional beliefs (30%), Christian (10%) (est. 1993)

## Serbia

Please pray for the Bible Cause in this country, so that the Bible's message can reach the population. Ask God to guide the work of carried out by Bible Society's staff to make the Word available in formats that engage people of all ages.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Belgrade
- **Population:** 7.2 million
- **Language:** Serbian (official: 83.3%), Hungarian, Bosnian, among others
- **Religion:** Serbian Orthodox (88.1%), Catholic (5%), Muslim (3.1%), Protestant (1%), atheist (1.1%), other groups (0.8%), no religion (4.7%), not declared or unknown (4.5%)

## Seychelles

Please pray for the construction of the Bible House in 2020, for peace and stability during the state elections of 2020, that young people will stay away from drugs and prostitution, and for family unity and prosperity in our country. Ask also for the Trauma Healing Project in the Seychelles.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa (Indian Ocean)
- **Capital:** Victoria
- **Population:** 90 thousand
- **Language:** Seselwa Creole, English, French
- **Religion:** Catholic (76.2%), Protestant (10.6%), other Christian groups (2.4%), Hindu (2.4%), Muslim (1.6%), other groups (1.1%), not declared (4.8%), no religion (0.9%)

## November 15-21

## Syria

Thank Jesus for all the support we had last year. Please pray for safety on our roads. Thank God for His Holy Word and that it is distributed to all areas of our country through the amazing effort made by our volunteers. Amen!

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia (Middle East)
- **Capital:** Damascus
- **Population:** 17 million
- **Language:** Arabic, Armenian, Kurdish, Syrian, Aramaic
- **Religion:** Muslim (87%), Christian (10%), Druze (3%)

## Sri Lanka

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Colombo (Commercial); Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte (Administrative)
- **Population:** 21.4 million
- **Language:** Sinhala and Tamil (official), English
- **Religion:** Buddhist (70,2%), Hindu (12,6%), Muslim (9,7%), Christian (7,4%)

## Swaziland

Please pray that the Bible message can impact political and business leaders, as well as other key leadership areas, in addition to marginalized groups, such as the hard of hearing, the visually impaired, orphans and people with albinism. Ask for resources so that the Bible Society can reach everyone with the Bible. Thank God for all the Bible Society's partners.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Mbabane
- **Population:** 1.4 million
- **Language:** English and Swazi (official)
- **Religion:** Afro-Christian Syncretism (40%), Catholic (20%), Muslim (10%), other groups (30%)

## November 22-28

## Sudan

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Khartoum
- **Population:** 34.2 million
- **Language:** Arabic and English (official)
- **Religion:** Muslim (Sunni), small Christian community

## South Sudan

Please pray for peace in our country. Ask the Lord for funding to build Bible Society's Bible Mission House. Bible Society is operating in a warehouse that was built in the early 1970's before the country was divided. Thank God for the Trauma Healing Program that has been helping a lot of people from every walk of life. People can forgive and reconcile with past mistakes made during the war.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Juba
- **Population:** 11 million
- **Language:** English, Arabic
- **Religion:** Christian (95%), Muslim (3%), traditional beliefs (0.8%)

## Sweden

Please ask God to bless the Bible translations in progress into indigenous and other minority languages, as well as for the good reception of the completed translations. Please pray that the Bible Adventure project will spread to more countries. Pray also for our staff members.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Stockholm
- **Population:** 10 million
- **Language:** Swedish, Sami, Finnish Due to immigration, many other languages are also spoken, such as Arabic, Persian and Dari.
- **Religion:** Christianity is the main religion and has a rich history. However, Sweden today is a very secularized country. Only 2% of the population attend church on Sundays. Due to migration, new churches have been established. About half a million residents have Muslim roots.

## Switzerland

Thank God for His love and protection. Please pray for all the refugees, prison inmates, the elderly, those experiencing injustice and all those in need in our small country. Pray also for our staff, members and donors for their dedicated work and support.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Bern
- **Population:** 8.5 million
- **Language:** German, French, Italian, Romansh
- **Religion:** Catholic (37.7%), Protestant (25.5%), no other Christian denominations (7.2%), no religion (23%), other groups (6.6%)

# November 29–December 5

## Suriname

Please pray for the Bible Cause in this country, so that the Bible's message can reach the population. Ask God to guide the work of carried out by Bible Society's staff to make the Word available in formats that engage people of all ages.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Paramaribo
- **Population:** 506 thousand
- **Language:** Dutch
- **Religion:** Christian (Protestant: 25%; Catholic: 23%), Hindu (22%), Muslim (14%), no religion (11%), other groups (5%)

## Tajikistan

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Dushanbe
- **Population:** 7.7 million
- **Language:** Tajik (official), Russian
- **Religion:** Sunni Muslim (85%), Shia Muslim (5%), other groups (10%)

## Thailand

Please pray for more writers to complete the study notes on the Minor Prophets. Ask for more people to help with the translation of the book of Acts into sign language. Pray also for our fundraising strategy so that we can distribute more than 5,000 copies of the Bible to schools. And ask for local churches to join our projects for school and the Christian Club.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Bangkok
- **Population:** 67 million
- **Language:** Thai, English (widely understood)
- **Religion:** Buddhist (94.6%), Muslim (4.2%), Christian (1.1%), other groups (0.4%)

# December 6-12

## Taiwan

Please pray that the work scheduled stays on track and is completed by 2025. Ask God to grant us wisdom and bless all the efforts made by our editorial group. Pray also for enough funding for such a unique project.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Taipei
- **Population:** 23.78 million
- **Language:** Chinese
- **Religion:** Buddhist, Christian

## Tanzania

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Dodoma
- **Population:** 43.6 million
- **Language:** Kiswahili or Swahili (official), Kiunguja (name for Swahili in Zanzibar), English (official), Arabic (spoken in Zanzibar), many local languages
- **Religion:** Continent: Muslim (35%), indigenous beliefs (35%), Christian (30%) Zanzibar: Muslim (over 99%)

## Togo

Please pray for the Bible Cause in this country, so that the Bible's message can reach the population. Ask God to guide the work of carried out by Bible Society's staff to make the Word available in formats that engage people of all ages.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Lomé
- **Population:** 6.9 million
- **Language:** French, Ewe, Mina, Kabye, among others
- **Religion:** Indigenous beliefs (51%), Christian (29%), Muslim (20%)

## Tonga

Please pray for the Tonga Mission Branch while the Bible Society in the South Pacific's Management Team works with Tongan Churches and translators to complete the Contemporary Bible Translation.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Oceania (South Pacific)
- **Capital:** Nuku'alofa
- **Population:** 108 thousand
- **Language:** Tongan
- **Religion:** Protestant (64.1%), Mormon (18.6%), Catholic (14.2%), other groups (2.4%), no religion (0.5%), not declared (0.1%)

## December 13-19

## Turkey

Please pray for the 200 years of the Bible Society in Turkey that will be celebrated in 2020. Ask that our activities can help the Turkish people learn about the Word of God. Pray also for the translation projects in progress in Turkey and the safety of our team.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe / Asia
- **Capital:** Ankara
- **Population:** 80 million
- **Language:** Turkish
- **Religion:** Muslim majority

## Uzbekistan

Please pray for the Bible Cause in this country, so that the Bible's message can reach the population. Ask God to guide the work of carried out by Bible Society's staff to make the Word available in formats that engage people of all ages.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Tashkent
- **Population:** 28.3 million
- **Language:** Uzbek (official), Russian, Tajik
- **Religion:** Muslim (88%; Sunni majority), Eastern Orthodox (9%), other groups (3%)

## Ukraine

Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work carried out by the local Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Europe
- **Capital:** Kiev
- **Population:** 44.57 million
- **Language:** Ukrainian (official), Russian, Romanian, Polish, Hungarian
- **Religion:** Orthodox, Ukrainian Orthodox (Kiev Patriarchate), Ukrainian Orthodox (Moscow Patriarchate), Greek Catholic, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Jewish

## December 20–26

## Uganda

Please pray for the Bible House renovation project. Ask that our members and donors will support it until its completion. Pray also for the successful and timely completion of our translation projects in progress.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Kampala
- **Population:** 44.27 million
- **Language:** English
- **Religion:** Christian (83.9%)

## Uruguay

Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Montevideo
- **Population:** 3.3 million
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Religion:** Uruguay is a secularized highly country, with continuous growth of agnosticism. Catholic (41%), Protestant (4%), agnostic (41%), other religions (14%)

## Venezuela

Please pray for our team that serves the Church during the severe social, political and economic crisis faced by our country. Ask for our translation projects into Huottöja, Curripaco, Pemón and the Venezuelan Sign Language. Pray for the safety of our translation teams.

### General Data

- **Continent:** South America
- **Capital:** Caracas
- **Population:** 28 million
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Religion:** Catholic (95%), Protestant (3%), other groups (2%)

## December 27-31

## Vietnam

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Asia
- **Capital:** Hanoi
- **Population:** 91.5 million
- **Language:** Vietnamese (official), Chinese, Khmer, Mon-Khmer and Polynesian Malay (mountains), English (preferential second language)
- **Religion:** Buddhist (8%), Catholic (7%), Protestant (2%), other groups (5%), no religion (78%)

## Zambia

Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work carried out by the local Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Lusaka
- **Population:** 14.3 million
- **Language:** English (official), Bembe, Kaonde, Lozi, Lunda, Luvale, Namwanga, Tonga
- **Religion:** Christian (95.5%; Protestant: 75.3%; Catholic: 20.2%), Muslim (0.5%), other groups (2%), no religion (1.8%)

# Zimbabwe

There are 16 official languages in our country and, so far, we have just three full Bibles translated. Please pray for funding and the quick translation into all our languages so that every Zimbabwean can read the Bible in their own language. Pray also for the recovery of our nation's economy.

## General Data

- **Continent:** Africa
- **Capital:** Harare
- **Population:** 14.03 million
- **Language:** English, Shona, Ndebele, Tonga, Ndau, Kalanga.
- **Religion:** Christian (87%), traditional beliefs (1.4%), Muslim (0.8%)



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