



BIBLE SOCIETY

Prayer letter

May 2018

T 1 Australia – Mission: Please pray for the recently launched Invisible Book project, a Bible Society Australia initiative highlighting the undeniable influence that the Bible has had on the great books of Western culture, starting with Shakespeare. Pray that those taking part would be blessed with creativity and that this contest would create engaging, Bible-based content for youth across Australia.

W 2 Turkey: Please pray for the impact of *Christianity: Fundamental Teachings*, a new book published by the Bible Society in Turkey. It's a 95-page presentation of the common beliefs of all Turkish churches, including the nature of God and salvation through Jesus. Available free through most churches, pray that the book helps unify Christians in Turkey.



T 3 United States of America: Today is America's National Day of Prayer with this year's theme of 'unity' (Ephesians 4:3). Warwick Marsh from the National Day of Prayer and Fasting team says, "We are thankful for America's strong Christian heritage, but this will not save America, only the blood of Christ can. America and Australia need revival and reformation, as does the whole world."

F 4 Australia – Events: Please pray for the many Thank You events that we stage across Australia. Pray they will be well attended by our generous donors. Pray also for our presence at Sydney Writers Festival, GLS+, Mandorla Art Award, and the WA Religious Arts Festival, asking God that many more people will come to know of the work of Bible Society and be inspired to assist us in our mission.

S 5 Romania: Please pray for the Interconfessional Bible Society of Romania as they work with parents of Down Syndrome children. This project aims to build relationships with those parents who desperately need love and support. Pray that God's word will provide encouragement, direction and comfort as it is shared within these Romanian families.

S 6 Word for the Week: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unending love and his wonderful deeds for mankind. Psalm 107:31 (NIV)

M 7 Ghana: Pray for the Abroon or Bono Bible Translation Project and other ongoing Bible translations. Pray for the preparation towards 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 parts of the country.



T 8 United Bible Societies (UBS): Tomorrow is United Bible Society's annual Day of Prayer and the 72nd anniversary of UBS. Thank God for his generous provision to us as we continue to seek new ways to share his word. Let's celebrate our unity in Christ and earnestly seek God's guidance and wisdom for all we do in his name.

W 9 Australia – CPX (Centre for Public Christianity): Today marks the long-anticipated release of CPX's documentary *For the Love of God: How the church is better and worse than you ever imagined* in cinemas around Australia. Give thanks to God for his faithfulness, and pray that the final product will reach many people nationally and internationally.

T 10 UAE (United Arab Emirates): Pray for Christians in Dubai following the strict implementation of the law that church gatherings can take place only within church compounds. Groups meeting in restaurants, labour camps, and hotels have found themselves without a place to gather. Christians are afraid that more restrictive measures may be implemented. Pray that they would continue to trust in God, and that he would give them strength and courage.

F 11 China: Please pray that the huge demand for Bibles in China can be met, despite reports that Bibles are being removed from the shelves of online stores and bookshops. Pray for the success of BSA's special appeal for China, to help ensure that registered Chinese churches have enough Bibles to meet the growing demand.

S 12 Australia – Church and Community relations: Please pray that tonight's Hobart Trivia Night would be an evening of great fun and generous fundraising. Churches are coming together from across the Tasmanian capital to help us share the hope of God's word for our 2018 Get The Word Out project, for the families of children facing cancer in Nicaragua.

S 13 Word for the Week: Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30 (NIV)

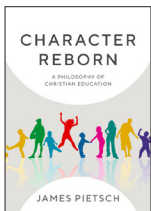
M 14 Australia – Remote and Indigenous Ministry Support (RIMS): Give thanks that we have completed the recording of the Pitjantjatjara New Testament. Give thanks for the positive effect on the readers as they read the Bible in their own language. The recording is now being sent to the US for editing and production, with release scheduled for late 2018.



T 15 Philippines: Please pray for wider and deeper engagement with our latest Scripture offerings. Pray for the construction of the Philippine Bible Society's PBS building that will facilitate Bible ministry. Pray also for the May They Be One Plus campaign featuring new programmes to produce more Bibles, starting with young people.

W 16 Algeria: Please pray for the families of the victims of last month's air disaster in Algeria. More than 250 people were killed when an Algerian military plane crashed just after take-off. The majority of the victims were Algerian soldiers and their relatives. Please pray that their surviving families members will find consolation in prayer and God's word.

T 17 Australia – Content and Publishing: Please pray for a new book published by Acorn Press this month: *Character Reborn* by James Pietsch. More than a million students in Australia attend schools founded by churches and Christian organisations. Pray that Christian educators would take up Dr Pietsch's challenge to consider how they might share the good news of Jesus with the wider community that is drawn to Christian schooling.



F 18 Namibia: Praise God for a newly translated version of the Khoekhoegowab Bible. This revised translation from the Hebrew and Greek languages is due for completion shortly, replacing the original 1966 version. The new version is more consistent with the language being used in Namibian schools.

S 19 Egypt: Praise God that despite continued persecution from extremists, Christians in Egypt remain unwavering in their faith, compelling a multitude to come to Christ. Church leaders believe more and more Egyptians are hungry for the gospel. The mood amongst Christians in Cairo in particular has been described as "very, very good."

S 20 Word for the Week: Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in obedience to him. Psalm 128:1 (NIV)

M 21 Australia – Mission: Bible Society Australia has partnered with the United Evangelistic Council to create Ignition, a resource to fund and equip evangelistic youth events across Australia. Please pray for wisdom for those who will be working to create these resources, for unity among churches working together and for young people to be drawn to these events.

T 22 Georgia (western Asia): Give thanks to God for Georgia's Youth Translation Project which is being successfully developed in 2018. Pray also that God will offer comfort to all marginalised and forgotten people, including the internally displaced in Georgia. These people will be the focus of a free Bible distribution project over the next two years.



W 23 Honduras: Please pray for wisdom for the Bible Society of Honduras to know where the word of God can be more effective. Honduras struggles with the effects of violence, juvenile delinquency, corruption and disenchantment with the country's leadership. Pray also for public safety.

T 24 Australia – BSA group: The Bible Society Australia board meets today, prior to the Annual General Meeting. Please pray that the directors would have God's wisdom as they exercise their responsibility in matters of governance and strategic planning.

F 25 Netherlands: Thank the Lord that the Bible has received so much local attention in the past 12 months following its election as the most important book in the Netherlands. Pray for the readers of a Christian magazine for children called *Alef*, and ask for a blessing upon BibleBasics, a new Dutch Sunday school programme.

S 26 Australia – Church Relations and Fundraising: Please pray that the day-to-day efforts of our teams will bear fruit. Pray that many more churches will welcome us in to share of our work with their congregations. Pray also that we will practically serve churches of all denominations in the furtherance of his kingdom.

S 27 Word for the Week: In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us. Titus 2: 7-8 (NIV)

M 28 Australia – Koorong: Australia's largest retailer of Christian books and media turns 40 on 8 June 2018. Praise God that he has sustained Koorong's ministry for four decades and pray for the

success of marketing and promotions during this anniversary period. Pray also that many customers will be drawn to the Bible.

T 29 India: Pray for Bible distribution in India, that every Bible reaches its destination and those who need it. Pray also for the Government of India, that laws will be changed to allow Bibles to be delivered in all states. Praise God that the gospel is spreading throughout India and more Bibles are being shared.



W 30 Australia – CPX: Pray for more screening opportunities for our new documentary: *For the Love of God: How the church is better and worse than you ever imagined*. As public screenings take place over the next few months, pray that people will bring sceptical friends along for a fresh perspective on Christianity and its impact on the world, and would come to know its founder for themselves.

T 31 Greece: Thank God for the continuity of the work carried out by the Hellenic Bible Society, despite the ever-increasing economic crisis in the country. Thank God for the distribution of God's word in Greek schools, churches, universities and to the defence forces. Ask that the word of God will be the light on the path of every reader.

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