



BIBLE SOCIETY

Prayer letter

July 2018

S 1 Word for the Week: Keep his decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long in the land the LORD your God gives you for all time. Deuteronomy 4:40 NIV

M 2 Australia—CPX (Centre for Public Christianity): Please pray for this month's online release of the CPX documentary *For the Love of God: How the church is better and worse than you ever imagined*. Following the success of the cinema version, pray that the extended episodes will reach many and have significant impact.

T 3 Sierra Leone: Please pray for continued peace and unity in Sierra Leone as the country goes through transitions in government. Pray for clarity and strength for all who work for love and dignity by sharing God's word. Pray for the victims of exploitation, that they would know freedom and experience healing.



W 4 India: Please pray for Deacon Soma Bhatkar, the secretary of the Bible Society of India, who will soon become the first woman priest of Chotanagpur diocese of the Church of North India. Her anointment will break a 128-year-old tradition of an all-male clergy. Please ask God to bless and support Deacon Bhatkar's ministry.

T 5 Nicaragua: Please continue to pray for peace in this country. Pray for the suspension of violence, which flared up in April and has continued through June; at least 174 people have been killed. Pray for the Bible Society project in Nicaragua, which is providing Scriptures and support to families whose children are hospitalised with cancer.

F 6 Australia—Donor Care: Praise God for the generous hearts of our donors during June, the busiest financial month of the year. We're constantly amazed by the faithfulness of so many people who share our vision of championing the Bible worldwide. Please pray that we'll be responsible stewards of your generosity.

S 7 Lithuania: Please pray that Lithuania's Ecumenical Bible translation is fluent to read, accurate and clear to understand. Pray also for the impact of the Living Pictures contest in which school age children involve their peers.



S 8 Word for the Week: He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:4 NIV

M 9 North Korea: Pray for further good will between North Korea and the United States following last month's historic meeting between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and US president Donald Trump. Praise God that the two leaders signed an agreement "to build a lasting and stable peace regime". Pray that this new regime will be binding and enduring.

T 10 Australia—Church and Community Relations: Today marks the beginning of one of the biggest Christian Conferences in Australia—Hillsong Conference. Please be praying for meetings that are happening between Bible society staff and Hillsong pastors and churches during this time, that they will be fruitful for the ongoing ministry of God's word.

W 11 Vietnam: Please pray that the local Bible Society's distribution programme will allow God's word to reach more people in Vietnam. Pray also for Vietnam's hand-written Bible programme, that participants will keep in mind the importance of reading and meditating on the word of God daily.

T 12 Australia—Mission: Please pray for the upcoming Masterclass events which are running nationwide. Masterclass is a one-day event for Christian students in years 9-12, aimed at encouraging and inspiring our next generation of believers. Pray that these events would help equip students to live out their faith both at school and beyond.

F 13 Jamaica: Please pray that there will be funds to meet all our financial obligations related to maintaining Bible ministry. Pray also that partners will join us in supporting our various projects and that the staff will show commitment to meet the needs of our constituencies.

S 14 Australia—Fundraising and Community Relations: Please pray for those who are planning to hike Western Australia's Bibbulmun Track this September. The four-day trek will raise funds to provide Bibles for Australia's chaplains. Pray for good participation and safety, and that the funds raised would bring hope to those who are hurting and searching.

S 15 Word for the Week: Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Romans 12:9 NIV

M 16 Northeast Asia: Please pray for world leaders as they discuss the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula. Pray that decision makers would be guided by the Holy Spirit as they seek to overcome divisiveness and build trusting relationships. Please pray for lasting peace among the nations of northeast Asia.



T 17 Australia—Mission: Please pray for Ignition, a joint initiative between Bible Society and the United Evangelistic Council to equip churches to host cross-denominational youth events in 2019. Pray for the team preparing the resources, that numerous churches across Australia would be able to reach out to young people and truly engage them.

W 18 Jordan: Please pray for a Christian presence in Jordan, and for the current religious freedom. Pray for an acceptance of God's word by opening doors through which Bible Society staff can reach people from different backgrounds to help them find the truth of God's word, that will set them free and change their lives.

T 19 Australia—Events: Give thanks for the recent Hymnfest in Perth which brought together a large number of Bible Society donors and church partners. The event was a sell out and a wonderful celebration of God's greatness and his everlasting word.

F 20 Guyana: Praise God that Guyana has been ignited by Christianity in recent decades, leaving many Guyanese, especially those in minority ethnic groups, more open to the gospel. However, the church is in desperate need of unity. Please pray for ethnic congregations as they struggle to collaborate inter-denominationally.

S 21 Australia—Fundraising and Community Relations: Please pray for the Hope Valley Hymnfest in Adelaide, to be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church tomorrow. Pray that all who attend would be blessed by the music and the chance to support Bible Society work.

S 22 Word for the Week: Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.
Proverbs 3:3 NIV

M 23 Australia—Koorong: Thank the Lord for a successful 40th anniversary celebration last month. Please pray for a smooth leadership transition for Koorong as we farewell Rob Bootes and welcome a new general manager into the business this month.

T 24 Laos: Please pray for Bible Society literacy projects in Laos, the text of which has been approved for use by the Ministry of Education. Pray that Bible Society can develop their bookstore in order to make it the main distribution centre in the capital, Vientiane. Pray also for the training of local staff to carry out literacy, translation, distribution and publication projects.



W 25 Australia—Church and Community Relations: Bible Society will be sponsoring the 'Sweeter than Honey' Broken Bay Diocese Catholic Schools Conference today and tomorrow. Please pray for Mitch Hammond and Richard Allcock as they develop relationships with school teachers and help them with resources, taking the opportunity to share about our work with Remote and Indigenous Missions around Australia.

T 26 Cuba: Please pray for the families of victims in the recent plane crash in Cuba, in which more than 100 people were killed. Pray that God would heal the injured and lessen their pain. Ask God to wrap his loving arms around the victims' families while assuring them of his presence.

F 27 Australia—Remote and Indigenous Ministry Support (RIMS): Praise God for the completion and publication of the Kunwinjku New Testament, which is being dedicated on 1 August in Gunbalanya (Oenpelli), west Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory. This is the culmination of decades of translation work by local Kunwinjku speakers with the support of CMS missionaries and the Anglican Diocese of the Northern Territory. Bible Society is very honoured to have played a part in the process.

S 28 Lebanon: Thank the Lord for Bible distribution and effective programmes that reach all people, including the many refugees in Lebanon. Presently, one in three people in Lebanon have refugee status. Please pray for Trauma Healing and Education programmes for adults and children in refugee camps, which BSA is supporting.

S 29 Word for the Week: Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.
Psalm 72:19 NIV

M 30 Australia—Donor Care: Please pray for the Donor Care team following their busiest period of the year. Pray that new donor relationships will develop into meaningful long-standing partnerships that will help champion the Bible even further.

T 31 South Pacific: Please pray for the work of Bible Society in the South Pacific, as they seek to encourage the spiritual life of the people by providing Bible translations and revisions, as well as Scripture products, for many small island regions which lack access to God's word in their own language.

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