



BIBLE SOCIETY

Prayer letter

March 2019

1 Australia – Centre for Public Christianity (CPX): Please pray for the CPX team as they restart their weekly *Life & Faith* podcast this month. Pray for the planning and production of the podcast, and that through it many new listeners would be struck by the truth, beauty and goodness of the Christian story.

2 Arab Israeli: Pray for Director Dina Katanacho, her staff team and many volunteers. Praise God for the Scripture Community Centre in Galilee where so much takes place to strengthen families and empower women. Pray for the ministry to children and young people and the work to build strong church partnerships. Ask that the Bible message would bring much needed hope to many.

3 Word of the Day: Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

4 Australia – Eternity newspaper: Please give thanks for *Eternity* newspaper’s 100th edition milestone, which coincides with its 10th anniversary in 2019. Pray that telling the stories of what God is doing in Australia will continue to encourage Christians across our nation.

5 Australia: Pray for Kua Wee Seng from the China Partnership as he travels around Australia, updating supporters on what’s really going on in China. Wee Seng will thank donors and encourage them to continue supporting the printing and distribution of Bibles to China’s growing Christian population.



6 South Pacific: Pray for the new General Secretary Geoffrey Miller and the whole team as they minister out of Fiji across 16 islands. Pray for ongoing translation, publication and distribution of Scripture in several languages. Give thanks for the work with rural communities to help them better understand and apply the Bible to daily life. Pray for the ‘Kingdom Kids’ project, making the Bible available to children.

7 Australia: Today is BSA’s 202nd anniversary! Praise God for all that has been accomplished in Bible distribution over the last 202 years, and for the work still ahead of us. Please pray also for the event being hosted today by BSA for church leaders from around the country, looking at key themes facing our world.

8 Jordan: Pray that all people in Jordan – children and adults, Jordanians and refugees alike – will be reached with God’s word and discover who God is through the Bible. Pray for wisdom and protection for Bible Society staff in Jordan who are working in public book fairs. Pray for all those in Jordan who are refugees, that they will know God’s loving presence at a very difficult time of their lives.

9 Australia: Please pray for the China Partnership events taking place in Western Australia in the next few days: a Q&A event on the Chinese church at North Beach Baptist today and another at Lifestreams Christian Church on the 11th. Pray that many would attend these events and be encouraged by Kua Wee Seng’s message about our Christian brethren in China.

10 Word of the Day: This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.’ Matthew 6:9-10

11 Australia – Publishing: Tomorrow the publishing team meets to review publishing projects in production and manuscripts submitted for consideration. Pray for wisdom in their decisions and that production schedules will go smoothly and to plan.

12 Mozambique: Pray for the literacy programme in Beira which is run by Mission Educate. Pray for the facilitators and overseers of this project, that they may have wisdom as they teach people to read and write. Pray for each participant, that barriers to learning will be overcome, that they will be motivated and encouraged to continue studying and that through the programme and its materials, their knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ will be strengthened.

13 Australia – Centre for Public Christianity (CPX): Pray for CPX as they present the Richard Johnson lecture, held in Melbourne today. The topic is ‘Crossing the Great Divide: building bridges in an age of tribalism’. Please pray for speaker Tim Dixon and that those who attend would be challenged by a vision for how we might reunite increasingly fragmented societies.

14 Pakistan: Pray for ministry in this Muslim country where Bible work is difficult. Thank God for General Secretary Anthony Lamuel and the whole team who have found several ways to share the good news among people of other faiths. Pray for their translation work, sports ministry and programmes such as Beacon of Light, which teaches literacy to women.



15 Australia – Local Mission: Please pray for *Ignition* events being planned for the coming months, that they would reach many young people with the gospel and unite churches across Australia.

16 India: Pray for General Secretary Mani Chacko who oversees the vast ministry in India, which is divided into 16 Bible Society Auxiliaries. Pray for the many translation projects and the huge efforts to make the Bible available. Pray for the ministry to orphans and widows, for the distribution at festivals and for the close working relationship with the churches in India. Pray for strong partnerships and God’s ongoing provision.

17 Word of the Day: Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16

18 Australia: Pray that the China Partnership event today in Ryde, NSW would be informative, challenging and an encouragement to those supporting Bible work in China. Thank God for the China Partnership events which have been held so far in WA, Victoria and South Australia. Pray that Wee Seng's words will remain in the hearts of those who attended, and that much support would be raised for the Chinese church.

19 Russia: Give thanks for the gospel work led by Anatoly Rudenko across this huge country. Pray for the translation projects that are ongoing in five different spoken languages, and for the work to translate the New Testament into Russian Sign Language. Pray for the distribution of Scripture to the remote people groups living in the Siberian region.



20 Australia – Local Mission: Pray for our work among Australian students as we seek to engage them with God's word. Pray that the daily devotionals and Masterclass events would provide much needed encouragement and enrichment into the spiritual lives of young Australians. Pray that the *Ignition* outreach events would touch young hearts and set them towards the saving grace of Jesus.

21 New Zealand: This is an increasingly secularised society with fewer people attending church and following the Bible. Pray that more young people would engage with youth resources and that people of all ages would be drawn to the Bible. Pray for ongoing Maori and Tokelauan translations. The very first Tokelauan Bible should go to print this year. Pray for CEO Francis Burdett and the whole team.

22 Australia – Senior Leadership team: We praise and thank Jesus that 5.6 billion people now have the full Bible in their language. Please pray for the 1.5 billion people that still do not have a Bible in their language, and pray that God would help us plan our strategy with this in mind.

23 Austria: Pray for General Secretary Jutta Henner and all the work the team is engaged in. Give thanks for the many school children who visit the Bible Centre in Vienna and for the opportunities they have to take part in exhibitions, events, lectures and media programmes throughout the year. Pray for the ongoing ministry to migrants, particularly refugees, including those in detention centres or in prison.

24 Word of the Day: And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

25 Australia – Remote and Indigenous Ministry Support (RIMS): Pray for the commencement of the Diploma of Bible Translation Course being run at Nungalinga Aboriginal Theological College tomorrow, in partnership with Bible Society Australia. Please pray for the 22 students studying and guidance for Course Coordinator Lizz Martin. Pray that these new students will learn well and enjoy their time at Nungalinga and that there will be many more translations of Scripture into Aboriginal and Torres Strait languages as a result of this course.

26 Armenia: Give thanks for the ministry here led by General Secretary Yeznik Petrosyan. Pray for the huge efforts to bring the Bible to the more remote border villages of Armenia. Ask God to bless each person receiving Scripture including school children and the armed forces. Give thanks that the Bible is often welcomed warmly. Pray too for the work to create a New Testament in contemporary language as well as a Study New Testament.



27 Australia – Koorong: As Koorong begins its in-store and online marketing focus around the Easter story, pray that lives will be touched by the central message of the gospel – the death and resurrection of Jesus. Pray that many people will come to know Jesus through the Bibles and Easter resources that are sold and distributed across Australia over these next few weeks.

28 Georgia: Ask God to bless the ongoing free distribution of Children's Bibles to children whose families are in need or have been internally displaced; may these Bibles bring hope to whole families. Pray that the Youth New Testament will help many young people engage with the Bible and know God in their lives. Pray for the work of the board and staff led by Executive Director Avtandil Guruli.

29 Australia – Bike for Bibles: Please pray for the Melbourne Bike for Bibles, starting tomorrow and finishing on Sunday 31st. Participants will ride 240km around the Bay and raise funds to support Bible Society's literacy project for Syrian refugees. Pray for the successful organisation of the ride, for the safety of the participants, and that much support would be raised for Bible work.

30 Nepal: Pray for the successful translation, production and distribution of the Nepali Bible and related materials for Nepali speakers. Pray for the Scripture engagement programmes, especially those developed through holistic ministries. Pray for enough funding so that all projects can be carried out in full. Pray for the team led by CEO Tej Jirel.

31 Word of the Day: Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

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