

1 March: Australia

Pray for our sister Bible Societies around the world, many of whom were operating in difficult circumstances before COVID and dealing with extra pressures. Pray for good health and safety for staff and their families, and for help in its various forms to come quickly.

2 March: Vietnam

Please pray for the first Christian library in Vietnam. Please pray for the governance of the library, especially that the Board of Trustees and the Office of the Directors will function well and help the library to achieve its mission of 20,000 titles in the next three years.

3 March: Australia - CPX

Give thanks that CPX's bi-weekly social media column, 'Thinking Out Loud', has been reaching a wide audience. Please pray that these short reflections on current events would continue to be shared widely, sparking curiosity in many about the Christian faith.

4 March: China

Thank God for Bible college students and pastors in China, where the need for pastors is so great, and their resources are so few. Pray that this Bible Society project would bring them much encouragement and practical support, equipping both students and pastors with Bible resources they could not otherwise afford.

**5 March: World Day of Prayer**

Thank God for the World Day of Prayer being observed today across 170 countries. Pray that much support would be given to the women of Vanuatu, the focus country for this year, and that the day would result in 'informed prayer and powerful action'.

6 March: Testimony

Thank God for Chinese students like Sheng, from the Heilongjiang Bible School. Praise God that the Bible resources he received are useful to his studies. Sheng says, *"These biblical tools... are precious gems to Bible students like us, give us so much motivation to study, provide great resource for preaching in the future."*

7 March: Galatians 6:9

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

8 March: Australia

On International Women's Day, thank God for the women who serve him in our country, in our churches and in our families. Pray today for the women Bible Society is reaching out to around the world: thank God for the leadership of the Arab-Israeli Bible Society, led by a woman; for women gaining literacy skills in Pakistan and other countries; and for the girls and women receiving healing and future life skills through Project Esther in Cameroon.

9 March: United Bible Societies

Praise God that support has been raised to employ a Literacy Advisor for the Asia Pacific region. Pray that this work would result in tremendous support for existing Bible-based literacy projects in the regions and the development of new literacy projects.

10 March: Australia

Please pray for the planned face-to-face Thank You Events in Victoria this week. Pray that staff and supporters will be able to share Bible stories and fellowship together.

11 March: United Bible Societies - Global Literacy Coordination

Thank God for the work of the Global Literacy Coordination office and pray that the team would be able to expand effective support for French and Spanish speaking Bible Societies.

12 March: Australia

Please continue praying for BSA's LEAD campaign, that many would give to Bible Society's work in Languages, Engagement, Advocacy and Distribution. Pray that the campaign would result in both continued and new support for this life-transforming work.

13 March: Testimony

Thank God for Nina, who was reached through Bible Society Slovenia's trauma healing project. She says, *"I love my body again. I accept God's forgiveness to the perpetrator and also to myself for my hatred and resentment. God loves us unconditionally in every moment and in every situation of our life."*

14 March: James 5:7-8

'Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.'

15 March: Australia - Remote and Indigenous Ministry Support

Please pray for the distribution of the new revised Pitjantjatjara Hymnbook 'Nyiri Inmatjara'. This book has been very much in demand by Pitjantjatjara speakers in the APY Lands of northern South Australia, Western Australia and Northern Territory. Please pray that this hymnbook will be a wonderful resource for Pitjantjatjara speakers.

16 March: Arab-Israel

Thank God for the work and presence of Bible Society as it ministers to the Arab-Israeli population. Thank God for their core presence in Galilee, and the many ways they seek to encourage Christians and Open The Bible with women, children and families.



17 March: Australia - Koorong

Please pray that the renovations planned for Koorong stores this year, starting with Penrith store, will go ahead without any issues. Pray that all stores would be ready for the Easter season, so they may equip and resource customers and churches for this time of remembrance and celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection.

18 March: Papua New Guinea

Please pray for those undertaking the task of rebuilding the PNG Bible Society for sustainable Bible mission. Pray for the foundational stages of development, as they are vital in ensuring residents of PNG can access and engage with the word of God for many generations to come.



19 March: Australia - Publishing

Thank God for the release this month of Stuart Piggin's book Harry Goodhew: Godly Radical, Dynamic Anglican, published by Morningstar Press. Thank God for the faithful research, writing and editing of this book over many years; pray that it would be a blessing and inspiration for those who read it.

20 March: Testimony

Thank God for those like Naziha, who, after participating in an Arab-Israeli Bible Society event, was greatly impacted by the topic of self-esteem. She shared, "I was so encouraged from this meeting to see myself through the eyes of God..."

21 March: Psalms 126:5-6

'Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.'

22 March: Australia - Remote and Indigenous Ministry Support

Please continue to pray for the Diploma of Translation students who are currently completing their third and final year of study at Nungalinga College in Darwin. Pray also for Course Coordinator Lizz Martin and Course Consultant Dr Mally McLellan as they prepare and deliver their lessons.

23 March: The South Pacific

Pray for this project, which is building the capacity of the Bible Society of the South Pacific, to improve the effectiveness of their all-important Bible translation efforts. Pray for all involved as they set up a Bible translation centre in Vanuatu and train staff.

24 March: Australia - Ministry Partnerships

Praise God for the Alpha groups that went ahead last year despite COVID and the new Christians that now have their own Bible to study. Pray that many more people will find salvation and relationship with Jesus through engaging with God's word in Alpha groups this year.

25 March: United Bible Societies - Bible Society Strategy and Ministry Development

Please pray for this project, which seeks to build the capacity of other Bible Societies, so they can more effectively Open the Bible with their people. Pray the team will successfully provide consultancy and capacity building support to Bible Societies globally, but specifically for PNG, South Pacific and Syria.

26 March: Australia - Bibles for Bubs

Thank God for the incredible response to this year's Bibles for Bubs project, with over 3 300 families applying for Toddler Bibles for their new babies, born in 2020. Please pray that this project, which will connect with the families over the first five years of their child's life, would encourage them in Opening the Bible as a family every day.

27 March: South Africa

Please pray for George Whitfield College in South Africa, as they supply Greek and Hebrew Bibles in target African languages to theology students. Pray that the College can improve their internal capacity to deliver translation and other services to pastors and church leaders throughout Africa.

28 March: Matthew 6:33-34

'...seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

29 March: Australia - Eternity

Please continue praying for the work of Eternity, as the team reports news from a Christian perspective. Thank God for the encouragement brought by the Faith Stories, told by Naomi Reed, in which Australians share their testimonies and attest to God's work in their lives.

30 March: Vanuatu

Please pray for the internship position in Bible translation planned by SIL in Vanuatu. Pray for the intern, who will start in June this year, that they will flourish as they receive training and experience in the basic concepts of Bible Translation. Pray that they will take good direction for their future in Bible translation from the internship.

31 March: Australia

Please continue to pray for BSA's Board and Leadership team. Pray for wisdom, strength and encouragement as they strategize, meet and make decisions about Bible Society's work, direction and future.

