

1 June: Australia

Please pray for the CPX team as they hold their annual fundraising lunch in Sydney this Friday 4 June. Please pray that those who attend would give generously to support the work of CPX.

2 June: Israel

Please continue praying for the Holy Lands, where there is a lot of pain, insecurities, and violence. Our Christian brothers and sisters are crying out to God for mercy. Please pray with the three Bible Societies there (Israeli, Palestine and Arab-Israeli) that: their leaders become peacemakers; that the violence would stop and not escalate further; and that God would bless the followers of Christ and empower them to be light and salt during these difficult times.

3 June: Australia

Thank God for the success of recent Koorong Express stores in various locations, including shopping centres in Melbourne and Sydney and the ACC Conference. Please also continue praying for the relocation of the stores in Newcastle and Toowoomba, that they run smoothly.

4 June: Vietnam

Please pray for Vietnam as their COVID cases continue to increase. Pray that their vaccination plan would roll out more quickly, and the country would have relief from the pandemic. Please continue praying for the Learning through Listening program, that many people would be able to acquire the skills to read the Scriptures for their own personal growth and contribute to the development of their communities.

5 June: Testimony

Please pray with Pastor Sam in Vietnam, who says, "I pray that God will strengthen [my village's] faith and that literacy classes will be a new way to encourage spiritual growth as people learn to read God's word for themselves."

6 June: Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

7 June: Australia

Thank God for the opportunity our CEO, Grant Thomson, has to travel the country this month, meeting donors. Pray that all the meetings would be a time of mutual encouragement, as the work of Bible Society is talked about and prayed over.

8 June: Lebanon

Please keep praying for our brothers and sisters in this country, where they have been going through a series of partial and full lock downs due to COVID-19. Praise God that the Government has started a vaccination campaign. Please keep praying for the work educating marginalised and refugee children, which due to COVID, has largely shifted online. Thank God that the Literacy program is on track using a hybrid of both online and physical classes when possible.

9 June: Australia

Praise God that many schools around Australia are regularly using CPX's high-school classroom resources. Please pray that our material would continue to help young people consider the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Christian story.

**10 June: Pakistan**

Please pray for Pakistan, where a third wave of COVID-19 has been badly affecting the people, with over 18 000 deaths. Pray for them during the strict lockdown, and for Bible Society's work: while the women's literacy classes are continuing in rural areas, most of the work has slowed or ceased for now, with the office also closed. Praise God that the Bible Society staff and their families who have been ill have all recovered.

11 June: Australia

Thank the Lord for the ministry of World Day of Prayer all over Australia. Pray with thanksgiving for the wonderful financial support World Day of Prayer gives to Bible Society Projects. In 2021 this support is for our ministry in Vanuatu.

12 June: Testimony

Thank God for the testimony of Ram and Shkuntla from Pakistan. Thank God that when a Christian man paid off their debt, Ram began a journey which saw him come to Christ, gain an education and teacher's qualifications, and return to his village to share both God's love and literacy with his family and friends. "Now our families are all believers in Christ, and we love to read the Bible in our home," says Shkuntla.

13 June: John 1:5

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

14 June: Australia

Please pray for our BSA fundraising team who are visiting with church leaders and congregations to talk about our projects. Pray for new partnerships to be initiated and for ongoing partnership connection to deepen. Give thanks for the wonderful church relationships Bible Society has across the country.

15 June: Cambodia

Please pray for Cambodia, where the Learning through Literacy classes have all been put on hold. Cambodians have been battling against a huge surge in COVID-19 infections and have been in strict lockdown since February. Pray for residents in some zones of the city who cannot leave their homes except for medical reasons. Please pray for Bible Society staff living in these zones who don't have enough to eat.

16 June: Australia

Thank God for the completion of the Catholic Encyclopaedia Bible, which will now go to print. Pray that this beautiful volume will help many around Australia to Open The Bible and engage with God's wonderful message of life and hope. Pray too for other publishing projects underway, including the New Believer's Bible and the Australian Youth Bible. Pray for wisdom, insight and God's guidance as these Bible editions are planned and commissioned.

17 June: China

Please pray for the literacy courses being run in China, where most Christians live in rural areas and a high percentage of them are illiterate or semi-literate. Pray that rural Christians would learn to read the Bible, and thus come to a deeper understanding of the Christian faith.

18 June: Australia

Please pray for the Scripture (Religious instruction) teachers we support through our Scripture Grants and Bibles in Schools. Thank God for the opportunity and privilege it is to teach God's word to these children. Pray that classes will keep running despite various lockdowns, that God would draw many children to himself, and that the children would develop a love of God's word.

19 June: Testimony

Please pray for and with the General Secretary of Bible Society Cambodia, who has been trying to help his staff. He says: "our projects are on hold. We all live in fear and anxiety, losing hope and do not know how to cope with it. Please pray for us and that our staff in the RED zone can access food."

20 June: John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

21 June: Australia

Please pray for the work of the Remote and Indigenous Ministry Support (RIMS) team. Thank God for the Bible engagement resources being developed to help Indigenous Christians connect with Scripture, showing how God's word is both relevant and practical in daily life. Pray especially for the children who receive them, that they will learn about God through the books, apps and recordings.

**22 June: Ghana**

Please pray for the literacy project in Ghana, which seeks to assist over 1,000,000 non-literates in 10 languages in communities where the literacy rate is below 35%. Pray that those who attend would gain literacy skills as well as skills and knowledge to improve their quality of life.

23 June: Australia

Praise God for the start of the first Nyoongar Bible Translators workshop in Perth. Thank God especially for translator Tom Little who has a burning passion to see more of the Bible put into his heart language, Nyoongar. Pray that this course will plant the seeds for a future generation of Nyoongar translators and continuing revival of the language as well as a further connection to Christian faith for our Nyoongar brothers and sisters in the Southwest of WA.

24 June: Egypt

Please pray for the post literacy program run by Bible Society in Egypt, which aims to develop a lifestyle of literacy for students of all ages and prevent a relapse into illiteracy. Pray that each student participating would develop personally and spiritually as they accept responsibility and take initiative for their ongoing learning.

25 June: Australia

Please pray as our Open The Bible at Home appeal goes out to our supporters for the end of financial year. Pray that the appeal will be well received, and that much needed funds will be raised to support the work of our Remote and Indigenous Ministry Support, youth MasterClass, Bibles for Bubs, Eternity news and the work of Centre for Public Christianity.

26 June: Cameroon

Please pray for Bible Society's literacy project for the Podoko and Mafa language groups, as they seek to educate the people through Scripture. Pray that students will learn literacy skills and how to think like entrepreneurs to diversify their income.

27 June: Ephesians 5:8

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

28 June: Australia

Thank God for Bible Society's Daily Bible devotions, which are sent out daily via email to subscribers, and are available online at bible.com.au. Pray that many would be encouraged by the daily Scripture and the thoughts from the various authors who contribute.

29 June: Iraq

Pray that Iraqi Christians will persevere during difficult times and will not lose trust in God. Pray that the Christians will be strengthened in their faith through Scripture. Thank God that even in the midst of COVID lockdowns, Bible Society has been able to continue to distribute relief packages to the displaced, and encourage them with God's word.

30 June: Australia

Thank God for Pastor Keith, one of the students at the Nyoongar Bible Translators workshop in Perth. He woke up in the morning singing with joy: "I'm a Bible translator! I'm a Nyoongar Bible Translator...". Thank God that he is fulfilling a dream - "a seed" - planted in him decades ago (by Wilf Douglas) to translate the Book of James in Nyoongar.
