

1 April: Ukraine

Please continue to pray for Ukraine, as citizens endure the horror of war. Please pray that there would continue to be an intense hunger for the Bible. Pray that God would keep the Bible Society Ukraine team safe as they distribute Scriptures and bless their partnerships with churches in Bible distribution and in extending humanitarian aid where there is the opportunity to do so. Pray for peace. Also, praise God for the outpouring of support from BSA donors for the emergency project.

2 April: Testimony

Praise God for the Bible Society team in Kyiv, who have been working tirelessly to help churches and people, assisting with evacuations, bringing food and other aid, along with the Bibles. Give special thanks for the mother of Viktor, the General Secretary of BS Kazakhstan, who was moved to safety by the team: "[she] received amazing care. I've just talked to the local presbyter - she had made a decision to follow Jesus! Praise the Lord!"


3 April: Matthew 22: 36-40 (NIV)

'...Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'..."

4 April: China

Thank God for the provision of Bible tools to preachers and students in China, through which millions of believers might be impacted. Pray that God will raise up more pastors and preachers in China, who will grow in knowledge of the Lord through these resources.

5 April: Australia – Donor Care

Please continue praying for those who have been affected by the floods in QLD and NSW. Pray for those who have lost their homes, personal belongings and who have had their livelihood affected. Pray for comfort, hope and financial assistance for all affected.

6 April: Vietnam

Thank God for success of the first ever public Christian library in Vietnam over the last two years, despite the restrictions of the pandemic. Please pray as they investigate e-books for ministry to those outside the city.

7 April: Australia - Publishing

Please pray for the Publishing team as they begin work on new editions of the CEV Big Rescue Bible and Youth Bibles. Please pray that their work will help make the beauty of God's word available to children and young people throughout Australia and the Pacific.

8 April: Arab-Israeli

Please pray for the Arab-Israeli Bible Society as they minister to a minority community facing political neglect, economic hardship, waves of COVID and violence. Thank God that thousands of Bibles and Bible resources were distributed in 2021 and that over 200,000 people were reached online.

9 April: Testimony

Thank God for Joe, who learned to accept himself with his physical limitations at an Arab-Israeli Bible Society conference for young adults on Pain and Healing. Joe was particularly touched by teaching on bringing one's pain and frustrations to the cross, "(This) helped me hand it all to God. I want to trust more in God, to develop my personal relationship with him and to grow in faith despite my handicap."

10 April: Psalm 127:1 (NIV)

'Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.'

11 April: Papua New Guinea

Thank God for the faithful service of Bible Society PNG's staff, and for the work on their properties which is 90% complete. Pray that these properties would begin to successfully generate income to fund the revitalisation of Bible work in PNG, especially the work of Bible translation.

12 April: Australia – Koorong

Pray that the resources and Bibles which are supplied to customers over the Easter period would be effective and powerful in changing lives for God. Pray that recent Bible Society publications - *Soar Above the Storm* by Nick Hawkes, and *The Storytellers* by Bernie Power - would reach many who need to read them.

13 April: South Pacific

Please pray for Bible Society South Pacific as they work to upgrade their essential IT infrastructure and security. Pray that in doing so, they will be able to accelerate Bible work within the Pacific region. Pray for those implementing this unseen but essential modern-day gift to the people of the South Pacific, that God would sustain them as they persevere.

14 April: Australia – Centre for Public Christianity

Pray for the writing team at the Centre for Public Christianity as they pitch articles to media outlets on the Easter story and how it speaks to all Australians. Pray their words will be accepted, read by many, and move people to look at Jesus with fresh eyes this Easter.

15 April: South Pacific

Please pray for the building of new headquarters for translation work in Vanuatu and the smooth relocation of the Bible Society South Pacific translation team there. Pray that this change would alleviate previous coordination issues and relational strain due to costs, distance and isolation.

16 April: Testimony

Thank God with Rev. Apenisa Lewatoro for new opportunities in Vanuatu. He said, "After my COVID-19 lockdown experience in Vanuatu, I would love to go back and work in Vanuatu and have the Translation Department based there; [this] would benefit the Bible Society South Pacific translation work in many ways."

17 April: Psalm 82:3-4 (NIV)

'Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.'

18 April: Australia - Koorong

Thank God that many external workers associated with Koorong – freight carriers, electricians, tradesmen, café delivery and drivers – take the opportunity to share with Koorong staff their fears and anxieties about the state of the world, and often comment on the peace they notice in the stores. Please pray for them, that they'd come to know Jesus.

19 April: United Bible Societies

Please pray for the United Bible Societies' work in consultancy and capacity building. Thank God for the support given to Bible Societies globally, especially to PNG, South Pacific and Syria. Pray that they will continue to help Bible Societies to be effective and sustainable in key functional areas, such as fundraising, property development, human resources and IT.

20 April: Australia – CEO & BOARD

Pray for our CEO Grant Thomson and the leadership team as they prepare for the next financial year. Pray for wisdom and generosity as they plan projects and mission for the 2023/24 year. Pray for the various Board committees as they meet this month and in May, in preparation for the Board Meeting.

21 April: Cameroon

Thank God that the Bible Society was able to relocate the families of two martyred literacy facilitators, and to ensure that the two widows and fifteen children are housed, fed, clothed, educated and supported through trauma counselling. Pray that the support and counselling would be a blessing amidst such hardship.

22 April: Australia

Pray that in the face of suffering from COVID and floods in QLD and NSW, our Supporter Care team would be wise, supportive and empathetic in their interactions with those who have been affected. Please pray for those in the Supporter Care and Church Relations teams who are facing challenges in their personal lives, for peace, protection and an overwhelming sense of God's love and care for them.

23 April: South Pacific, Jesus All About Life

Thank God that Bible Society South Pacific is able to run the Jesus. All About Life campaign over the Easter period. Pray that the campaign materials will open up conversations about Jesus. Thank God for the Easter production, which was held in Suva, the capital city of Fiji, with many local youth performers.

24 April: Jude 1:24-25 (NIV)

'To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.'

25 April: Australia – Events

Please pray for a variety of events scheduled to take place this week. Pray for the two Thank You fellowship gatherings in Adelaide tomorrow, and one in Mt Gambier on Wednesday. Pray for a Movie Night fundraiser happening in NSW at Avoca Beach on Thursday, and a youth Masterclass in Brisbane on the same day.

26 April: Vanuatu

Please pray for the women and girls of Vanuatu, almost half of whom have experienced violence. Pray that members of these communities would oppose domestic violence and child abuse, which tend to be embedded in gender, familial and power relations. Pray that trauma healing workshops which have been delayed by COVID will be able to run in 2022.

27 April: Australia – Centre for Public Christianity

Please pray as the first of CPX's Roadshows around the country – an evening of talks about how Christianity has a life-giving message to offer a thirsty and hurting world – kick off this week in the Gold Coast and Brisbane. Pray that many will attend and be encouraged in their role as "public Christians" in today's world.

28 April: United Bible Societies Literacy

Thank God for the UBS Literacy Advisor, Cito, who ensures that training is effective, and for his help with literacy teams in Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

29 April: Australia – Scripture Grants:

Thank God for our partners who work in women's ministry, who receive Scripture Grants. Pray that people with Gospel "feet" will effectively share God's Good News and disciple women in difficult environments and circumstances. Pray that these women would be touched by God's powerful and transformative word.

30 April: UBS Literacy work

Thank God for the work of United Bible Societies in conducting literacy facilitator training. Thank God for the literacy facilitators workshop hosted in India in September/October last year, which was attended by 24 staff from 9 partner organisations. They produced an incredible 82 new literacy books in just two weeks: praise God for their dedication and hard work!

