

1 July: China

Thank God for the provision of Bible resources to preachers and students in China. Please pray that these resources will strengthen the faith of many Christians. Pray that God will raise up more pastors and preachers in China.

**2 July: Testimony**

Thank God for lay preacher Wang who has a great passion to disciple brothers and sisters in his church and is eager to study God's word. Wang said, "Thank God for his supply and thank you for providing me the Bible reference books. The Chinese Study Bible is my favourite study Bible. It has useful background information of the Bible and helps me understand God's word better. It is the most precious gift for me."

3 July: 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

4 July: Australia

Thank God for the funds entrusted to BSA this last financial year. Please pray that Bible Society will be a good steward of the funds. Pray for our Bible Society partners around the world as they use the funds to Open The Bible with people, to see lives transformed, and to bring glory to God. Pray that all those who donate will be blessed through their support of Bible Society.

5 July: Arab Israel

Thank God for the work of the Arab Israeli Bible Society (AIBS), especially their provision of help for women and families. Pray that God will protect his people from violence and sickness. Pray that God will continue to lead the AIBS team as they serve him through hard times. Pray that God will grant them wisdom in reaching people with his word.

6 July: Australia

Give thanks along with Centre for Public Christianity (CPX) for opportunities to speak into the media, on topics that matter to people, in ways that are gracious and inviting. Please pray that God will open doors, inspire creative approaches to hot button issues, and grant energy and wisdom to CPX's writers.

7 July: Rwanda

Thank God for the partnership between Bible Society Rwanda and African Enterprise Rwanda. Please pray for the effectiveness of this large-scale literacy project. Pray that, through teaching about reconciliation and the witness of Christian teachers, God will transform the hearts of these students.

8 July: Australia

Praise God that the Board was able to meet in person in May and had a productive time together. Pray for the Board as they govern the BSA. Pray for CEO Grant Thomson as he leads Bible Society Australia in the new financial year. Pray for wisdom, grace and innovation for the year ahead.

9 July: Testimony

Thank God for Rami, a 12-year-old participant in the Arab Israeli Bible Society's Bible Quiz for youth. She says, "I loved being in the Bible Quiz, I have learned many stories from the Bible, especially how to live up to my faith when I face challenges at school. I do not care if I win the competition or not, I feel that I have already won Christ by knowing his commandments."

10 July: Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus".

11 July: Pakistan

Thank God that the Pakistan Bible Society is translating the Bible into 'Afghan Pashto', a widely spoken language in two provinces of Pakistan. Please pray that these provinces' reverence for the Pentateuch will extend to the rest of the Bible, enabling them to embrace the whole Gospel.

12 July: Australia

Please pray for the publishing team as they begin planning for a new edition of the children's Bible, the Big Rescue. Pray that they will be guided to exciting new ways to engage kids in the amazing story of God's big rescue of the whole world and them personally. Please pray also that, despite ever-rising paper and shipping prices, BSA can keep our Bibles affordable, and accessible to all.

13 July: Egypt

Please pray for Bible Society's Bible-based post-literacy work in Egypt. Pray for the staff who are running the program following the retirement of long-time leader Emad. Pray for the team as they seek to increase the reach of the project and develop a "Bible School" program for kids in various churches. Pray for creativity and wisdom in meeting new requirements for measuring literacy.

14 July: Australia

Pray for the CPX team as they speak to staff in Christian schools about the challenges and opportunities involved in serving as (among other things) a bridge between the church and the wider community in our cultural moment.

15 July: Pakistan

Thank God for the work of Bible Society Pakistan and partners, who are bringing education in literacy to those who need it most. Thank God for the 350 literacy classes which began in February, and for each of the over 5,500 students currently studying. Pray too for the 348 teachers and 34 supervisors, that God would give them wisdom and endurance.

16 July: Testimony

Thank God that the Pakistan Bible Society has made portions of the Afghan Pashto Bible available online. One reader said, "I downloaded the Bible and am reading it. When I read, my heart fills with joy and peace."

17 July: Acts 1:8 (NIV)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

18 July: Tanzania

Thank God for the work of three Anglican Dioceses in Tanzania, providing free Biblical materials to high schools and assisting in the teaching of the Bible Knowledge subject. Please pray that more schools will be interested in teaching the subject. Pray that as students learn about the Bible, they would know God's love for them and follow Jesus.

19 July: Australia

Thank God for the new Oceania Alliance between BSA, Bible Society South Pacific and Bible Society PNG. Please pray for the Oceania Gathering in Sydney which begins tomorrow and runs until Friday. Pray for the representatives from across the Oceania Region as they gather in Sydney to discuss Bible Translation needs.

20 July: Pakistan

Pray for the translation of the Bible into Saraiki, the language spoken by millions of people in Pakistan. Pray for the translators as they work, and for their training in biblical languages and translation principles. Pray that readers would be found to provide feedback on translation.

21 July: Australia

Please pray for the representatives from key agencies involved in Bible translation into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages who are attending the Oceania Gathering in Sydney. Pray that the gathering would be inclusive, inspiring, encouraging and productive. Please pray that Bible Society Australia will continue to work collaboratively with all our mission partners in a spirit of unity, love and fellowship.

22 July: Mongolia

Thank God that a new Mongolian Bible translation is about half completed. Please pray for the effective training of translators in Biblical Greek, Linguistics and Bible translation. Pray for good cooperation and understanding between translators, and good health for all the team members and their family, so they can work with peace and concentration. Pray for steady productivity and efficiency.

23 July: Testimony

Thank God for overcoming cultural barriers to bring his word to women like 53-year-old Raiway in Pakistan. She said, "I am thankful to the Lord that now I can read the Bible. We have established our women's Bible study group and share the Good News with our colony."

24 July: 1 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV)

"Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment."

25 July: Australia

Please pray for CPX Roadshow events this week in Melbourne and Adelaide, that lots of people will come along and enjoy a productive and hopeful conversation on the topic "We're All Public Christians Now". Pray too for the BSA Masterclass being held in Melbourne tomorrow, that many young people would gain wisdom and encouragement from the talks and be empowered to live their faith.

26 July: Syria

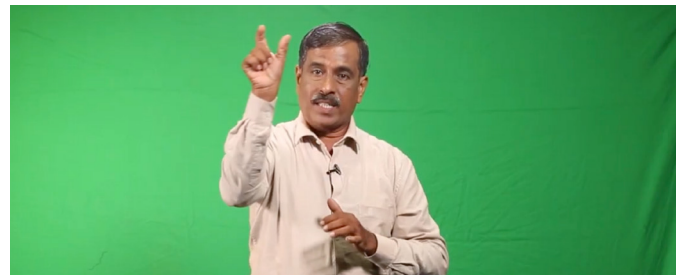
Thank God for the Trauma Healing seminars that Bible Society Syria is running, and for equipping local churches to run Trauma Healing Centres. Please pray that these centres will be a place of refuge and hope for Syrians who suffer trauma of many kinds. Pray for political stability to enable BSS to complete the program.

27 July: Australia

Pray for those attending the CPX Roadshow in Adelaide today, that they would be encouraged and inspired by the gathering, the talks, and wisdom from God's word on the topic of public Christianity.

28 July: Sri Lanka

Thank God that the Ceylon Bible Society is translating the Gospel parables of Jesus for the Christian deaf community in Sri Lanka. Pray for the editing of the first story in the series on 'The Life Story of Jesus'. Praise God for the wonderful work in progress and pray that it would be a blessing to the deaf community.



29 July: Australia

Thank God for BSA's Scripture Grants, which enable us to support many wonderful ministries. Pray for the evangelistic ministries, that they will have the Lord's discernment as they speak truth into people's lives. Pray that they are faithful, have boldness and energy and see much fruit for God's kingdom.

30 July: Testimony

Praise God that 10-year-old Kirillos was able to attend Bible Society Syria's trauma healing program at a summer camp. "I used to be afraid of the bombings around my school and it was hard for me to talk about my feelings," he says. "I learnt...the verse that says, 'Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.' Since then, till now, I lay all my difficulties and hard times in front of Jesus because I know that he is going to help us and take care of us. My faith in God taught me not to be afraid during the hard times of war." Kirillos asks that we pray for them, "to have food and warmth. Pray for us also so we can have toys and each one of us owns his own Bible to support him in his life."

31 July: Isaiah 25:4a (NIV)

"You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat."
