

# Prayer booklet of the United Bible Societies

## 2018

### **About this Publication**

Developed to be a guide to prayer for the Bible Cause around the world, the *Prayer Booklet* presents reasons to pray for more than a hundred countries where there is a Bible Society. The booklet is divided into sections to be covered in one week, with information about each country, including its population, religion, location, in addition to contact information for the Bible Society operating in that nation.

Further information on the work carried out for the Bible Cause in a particular country can be obtained by accessing the website of the Bible Society in charge of the region.

### **Prayer Guidelines**

Prayer is part of Christian life, being equally important whether it is done in group or individually. In your weekly prayer, please remember important questions for the continuity of the Bible work, whether in local, national or international scope.

One of them is fund-raising, which allows Bible Societies to maintain the subsidized and free distribution of Scriptures and their outreach programs of biblical nature that assist people at risk and socially vulnerable.

Please remember also those who are part of this work, both indirectly-volunteers, partners and supporters—and directly-employees who work in different areas like Human Resources, Distribution, Communications and Finances, among others.

The production of Scriptures and the relationship with Churches are also key parts of the Bible work. Pray also for the translation teams

so that they can have their needs met in their effort to spread the Word to the different nations.

And ask for the development of Scriptures in digital media that will contribute to extending the access of new generations to the biblical message.

Finally, please remember to pray that the shipment of Scriptures will be made without obstacles from the place of production to the point of distribution.

## **United Bible Societies**

The United Bible Societies (UBS) are a global alliance of Bible Societies, founded in 1946, in order to facilitate the process of translating, producing and distributing Holy Scriptures through strategies of mutual cooperation. This movement started in London, in 1804, with the establishment of the British & Foreign Bible Society, focused on the distribution of the Scriptures in England and Wales.

With a tradition of more than two centuries, Bible Societies around the world have already benefited millions of people with the hope and the teachings of God's Word. UBS joins together 148 national Bible Societies, operating in more than 200 countries and territories, and is headquartered in the English town of Swindon.

Guided by the mission of bringing the Bible to all people, in a language they can understand and for a price they can afford, the United Bible Societies work with all Christian Churches and many national and international Non-Governmental Organizations.

They are committed to finding new and creative ways to encourage people to interact with the Holy Book.

Translating the Bible is at the essence of UBS. At least part of the Holy Scriptures is available in 3,225 languages spoken by 6,251 billion people. Bible Societies are committed to develop and deliver new translations—anywhere in the world—to people who never had a Bible in their own language.

# January 1-6

## South Africa

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for every Bible distributed in our country and for progress made with our Bible translation projects. Pray for all our programs: literacy, Bibles for Grade 7 learners, for prisoners, and for the poor. Pray too that more people will become aware of Bible Society and the work we do.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Pretoria

**Population:** 56.5 million

**Language:** Afrikaans, English, isiNdebele, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Siswati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga (official)

**Religion:** Christian (86%), no religion (5.2%), Muslims (1.9%), Hindu (0.9%), other groups (6%)

### Contact

Bible Society of South Africa

**Website:** [www.biblesociety.co.za](http://www.biblesociety.co.za)

**Email:** [bibpe@biblesociety.co.za](mailto:bibpe@biblesociety.co.za)

## Albania

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Tirana

**Population:** 2.9 million

**Language:** Albanian

**Religion:** Muslim (56.7%), Catholic (10%), Orthodox Christian (6.8%),

no religion (2.5%), other groups (7.8%), not informed (16.2%)\*  
*\* All mosques and churches were closed in 1967, and religious practice was banned. In November 1990, Albania started to allow private religious practice.*

### Contact

Interconfessional Bible Society of Albania  
**Website:** [www.albanianbiblesociety.com](http://www.albanianbiblesociety.com)

## Germany

**Prayer Request:** Pray for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Gute Nachricht* Bible ("Good News" in German). There will be a campaign for people to interact with this Bible. We have also increased our efforts to complete the translation of the Old Testament of the Basic Bible. Pray that Churches and donors will continue to finance UBS' projects.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Berlin

**Population:** 82.2 million

**Language:** German

**Religion:** Catholic (28.9%), Protestant (30.9%), no religion (31.7%), Muslim (5.5%), other groups (3.0%)

### Contact

German Bible Society  
**Website:** [www.die-bibel.de](http://www.die-bibel.de)

## January 7-13

### Angola

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire

population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Luanda

**Population:** 12.6 million

**Language:** Portuguese (official), Umbundu, Kikongo, among others

**Religion:** Catholic (41.1%), Protestant (38.1%), other groups (8.6%), no religion (12.3%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Angola

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-angola.org](http://www.biblesociety-angola.org)

## Algeria

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the Bible Society in Algeria is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Algiers

**Population:** 39.93 million

**Language:** Arabic (official), French (lingua franca), Berber dialects

**Religion:** Muslim (99%; Sunni majority), other groups (including Christians and Jewish; less than 1%)

**January 14-20**

## Argentina

**Prayer Request:** Pray for Biblical Influence projects that help Christians get in touch with the Word of God, and God's Word to interact with culture and society. Ask God for the Bible translation project for children in Argentine Sign Language. Thank God for the growing distribution of Bibles in our territory.

### General Data

**Continent:** South America

**Capital:** Buenos Aires

**Population:** 43.13 million

**Language:** Spanish (official); minority languages: Toba Qom, Wichí, West Toba, Araucano, Quechua, Mocoví, Pilagá, Chorote.

**Religion:** Catholic (76.5%), Protestant (9%), other groups (3.2%), not declared/agnostic (11.3%)

### Contact

Argentine Bible Society

**Website:** [www.sba.org.ar](http://www.sba.org.ar)

**Email:** [info@biblica.org](mailto:info@biblica.org)

## Armenia

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Yerevan

**Population:** 2.92 million

**Language:** Armenian, Russian, English

**Religion:** Christian (99%; Armenian Apostolic Church with 90%), other groups (1%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Armenia

**Website:** [www.biblesociety.am](http://www.biblesociety.am)

## Aruba

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that God's Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)

**Capital:** Oranjestad

**Population:** 110,660

**Language:** Dutch (official), Papiamentu (most spoken), Spanish, English, Chinese, others.

**Religion:** Catholic (75.3%), Protestant (4.9%), Jehovah's Witness (1.7%), other groups (12%), no religion (5.5%), not declared (0.5%)

### Contact

Bible Society in the Netherlands Antilles & Aruba

**Website:** *biblesocietynet.org*

## January 21-27

## Australia

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the UBS *Roundtable Exchange* in Sydney and our bicentenary events in 2017. Give thanks for the success of our art book *Our Mob, God's Story*, awarded 2017 Christian Book of the Year. Pray for the Indigenous Scripture publishing projects which receive all sales proceeds of the art book.

### General Data

**Continent:** Oceania

**Capital:** Canberra

**Population:** 24.7 million

**Language:** English, approximately 35 Australian indigenous

languages

**Religion:** Christian\* (52.1%), Buddhist (2.4%), Muslim (2.6%), Hindu (1.9%), no religion (30%)

\* *Note: Committed Christians do not exceed 20%.*

### Contact

Bible Society Australia

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**Email:** [phil.clifford@biblesociety.org.au](mailto:phil.clifford@biblesociety.org.au) (Phil Clifford – Ministry Assistant)

## Austria

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for our ministry "Bibles for Refugees and Prisoners," for the Bible Center in Vienna which engages children, young people and adults with the bible, and for our Handwritten Bible project. After completing the New Testament, we now want to finish the Old Testament.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Vienna

**Population:** 8.6 million

**Language:** German (main), Slovenian, Croatian, Hungarian

**Religion:** Catholic (60.8%), no religion (12.6%), Muslim (6.7%), Protestant (3.6%), Orthodox Christian (2.9%), Jewish (0.2%), other groups (13.2%)

### Contact

Austrian Bible Society

**Website:** <https://en.bibelgesellschaft.at/>

**Email:** [schaberger@bibelgesellschaft.at](mailto:schaberger@bibelgesellschaft.at)

## Bahamas

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations,



especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)

**Capital:** Nassau

**Population:** 388,000

**Language:** English (official), Creole (Haitian immigrants)

**Religion:** Protestant (69.9%), Catholic (12%), other Christian (11.9%), Jehovah's Witness (1.1%), other groups (0.6%), no religion (1.9%), not declared (2.6%)

### Contact

Bible Society of the West Indies\*

**Website:** [www.biblesocietywi.org](http://www.biblesocietywi.org)

*\* Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica; Bahamas; Belize; Turks & Caicos Islands; Cayman Islands.*

## January 28-February 3

### Bangladesh

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia (South)

**Capital:** Dhaka

**Population:** 165 million

**Language:** Bengali

**Religion:** Muslim (90%), Hindu (8%), Buddhist and followers of popular religions (1.4%), Christian (0.6%)

## Contact

Bangladesh Bible Society

**Website:** [www.bsbangladesh.org](http://www.bsbangladesh.org)

**Email:** [spholia@biblesocietybd.org](mailto:spholia@biblesocietybd.org)

## Belgium

**Prayer Request:** Thank God for the achievements made by the Belgian Bible Society (French) in 2017 in support of the Bible Cause. Please ask that the projects implemented last year may continue to stimulate the population's interest in the Bible.

## General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Brussels

**Population:** 11 million

**Language:** Dutch, French, German

**Religion:** Catholic (49%), no religion (42%), Muslim (5%), Protestant (2.5%)

## Contact

Belgian Bible Society (French)

**Website:** [www.la-bible.be](http://www.la-bible.be)

# February 4-10

## Belize

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

## General Data

**Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)

**Capital:** Belmopan

**Population:** 359,380

**Language:** English (official), Spanish, Creole, Mayan dialects  
Garifuna, German.

**Religion:** Roman Catholic (39.3%), Pentecostal (8.3%), Adventist (5.3%), Anglican (4.5%), Mennonite (3.7%), Baptist (3.5%), Methodist (2.8%), Nazarene (2.8%), Jehovah's Witness (1.6%), no religion (15.2%), other groups (9.9%), not declared (3.1%)

### Contact

Bible Society of the West Indies\*

**Website:** [www.biblesocietywi.org](http://www.biblesocietywi.org)

*\* Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica; Bahamas; Belize; Turks & Caicos Islands; Cayman Islands.*

## Benin

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Cotonou

**Population:** 10 million

**Language:** French, Fon, Goun, Yoruba, Aja, Baatonu, Ditammari, Lokpa.

**Religion:** Christian (42.8%), African traditional religions (25.2%), Muslim (24.4%), no religion (7.6%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Benin

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-benin.org](http://www.biblesociety-benin.org)

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## Bolivia

**Prayer Request:** Please support us by praying that we can spread the Word of God in Bolivia. Pray for God's protection and guidance for our staff that go to the farthest corners of Bolivia to bring the Good News and the Plan of Salvation. Pray for our Senior Management and Administration teams. Pray, too, for our projects that assist people with visual and hearing impairments.

### General Data

**Continent:** South America

**Capital:** Sucre

**Population:** 11.4 million

**Language:** Spanish, Quechua, Aymara, Guarani, among others.

**Religion:** Catholic (70%), Protestant (15%), other groups (12.3%)

### Contact

Bolivian Bible Society

**Website:** [www.sociedadbiblicaboliviana.org](http://www.sociedadbiblicaboliviana.org)

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## Botswana

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Gaborone

**Population:** 2.26 million

**Language:** English, Setswana

**Religion:** Christian (67%), indigenous beliefs (23%), Muslim, Hindu and other groups (10%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Botswana

**Website:** [www.info.bw/biblesoc/index.html](http://www.info.bw/biblesoc/index.html)

# February 11-17

## Brazil

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the widespread distribution of His Word during the political and economic crisis that Brazil has been facing. Please ask for the activities that will be carried out during the celebration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of the Bible in 2018, so that people will interact more with the Holy Bible to bring about social transformation. Thank God for 70 years of Bible Society of Brazil in June 2018, and for the opportunities to carry out its mission in such a complex and needy country. Thank for the completion of the Almeida Revised and Updated translation revision, known as the New Almeida Updated, and ask that this translation can be an instrument to spread the teachings of the Bible, especially among new generations. Pray for the new SBB's Board of Directors that will be elected in August, asking God for wisdom so the new leaders can continue this great and important work. Please also pray for the general elections, which will be held in October, when Brazil will choose its new President, Governors, Senators, and State and Federal Deputies. May God guide the Brazilian population when they vote.

## General Data

**Continent:** South America

**Capital:** Brasília

**Population:** 207.7 million

**Religion:** Catholic (64.6%), Protestant (22.2%), Spiritualist (2%), Afro-Brazilian beliefs (0.3%), no religion (8%)

**Language:** Portuguese (official) and over 200 minority languages (including indigenous and immigrant languages)

## Contact

Bible Society of Brazil

**Website:** [www.sbb.org.br](http://www.sbb.org.br)

**Email:** [contato@sbb.org.br](mailto:contato@sbb.org.br)

## Brunei

**Prayer Request:** Thank God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Bandar Seri Begawan

**Population:** 415,710

**Language:** Malay (official), English, Chinese

**Religion:** Muslim (78.8%), Christian (8.7%), Buddhist (7.8%), other groups (4.7%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Singapore\*

**Website:** [www.bible.org.sg](http://www.bible.org.sg)

\* *Bible Society of Singapore is in charge of Brunei.*

## Bulgaria

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Sofia

**Population:** 7.15 million

**Language:** Bulgarian (official), Turkish and Romany

**Religion:** Eastern Orthodox (59.4%), Muslim (7.8%), other groups (1.7%), no religion (3.7%), not declared (27.4%)

### Contact

Bulgarian Bible Society

**Website:** <https://biblesociety.bg>

## February 18-24

### Burkina Faso

**Prayer Request:** Praise the Lord for the launch of the Bible in Gulmancema, in September 2016, and pray for the Word to have impact in the lives of readers. Please pray for the translation projects (Lyélé, Bissa and Birifor) and for the publication of the Bible in Dagara, scheduled for 2018. Pray also for evangelization of the TAZI people. And pray for our country that has been facing terrorist attacks for some years.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Ouagadougou

**Population:** 18.6 million

**Language:** French (official), Mooré, San, Fulfuldé, Gulmancema, Jula, Dagara, among others

**Religion:** Muslim (60.5%), Christian (23.2%, including Catholic and Protestant), Animist (15.3%), other groups (1%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Burkina Faso

**Website:** <http://alliancebiblique-bf.org/>

### IMAGE

**Legenda:** Pastor Dramane Yankiné, Bible Society of Burkina Faso's Director, and Bishop Pierre Claver Yenpaabu, from the Diocese of Fada N'Gourma, during the launch of the Bible in Gulmancema.

### Burundi

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

## General Data

**Continent:** East Africa

**Capital:** Bujumbura

**Population:** 10.74 million

**Language:** Kirundi, French

**Religion:** Catholic (60%), Protestant (15%), Muslim (5%), Animist and no religion (20%)

## Contact

Bible Society of Burundi

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## Cameroon

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

## General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Yaoundé

**Population:** 23.92 million

**Language:** French, English

**Religion:** Catholic (38.4%), Protestant (26.3%), Muslim (20.9%), other Christian (4.5%), Animist (5.6%), other groups (1%), atheist (3.2%)

## Contact

Bible Society of Cameroon

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-cameroon.org](http://www.biblesociety-cameroon.org)

## Cambodia

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the planning of our Bible Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, in March, and the establishment of partnerships with churches. Pray that God will bless our ministry.



Pray also for the elections for Prime Minister, in July, because there is always violence. And pray for protection for the new Prime Minister so that he can help us with our ministry.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Phnom Penh

**Population:** 15.57 million

**Language:** Khmer

**Religion:** Buddhist (84.8%), Christian (3.2%), Muslim: (2.2%), ethnic religions (7.4%), not declared (2.4%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Cambodia

**Website:** [www.biblecambodia.org](http://www.biblecambodia.org)

## February 25-March 3

### Canada

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

**Continent:** North America

**Capital:** Ottawa

**Population:** 36.15 million

**Language:** English and French (official), indigenous and minority languages (Spanish, Italian, German, Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Dutch, Tagalog, Hindi, Portuguese, Polish, Urdu, Russian, Ukrainian, Greek, Persian, Tamil, Korean).

**Religion:** Catholic (43%), Protestant (29%), no religion (16%), Muslim (2%), Hindu (1%), Sikh (1%), Buddhist (1%)

### Contact

Canadian Bible Society  
**Website:** <https:biblesociety.ca/>  
**Email:** [info@biblesociety.ca](mailto:info@biblesociety.ca)

## East Caribbean\*

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)  
**Capital:** Bridgetown (Barbados; location of headquarters)  
**Population:** 2.3 million  
**Language:** English, Creole, French  
**Religion:** Christian, Muslim, Hindu

*\* Eastern Caribbean consists of 12 nations: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, and the US Virgin Islands.*

### Contact

Bible Society in the East Caribbean  
**Website:** [www.biblesocietyeca.org](http://www.biblesocietyeca.org)

## Kazakhstan

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that we can reach all Kazakhs with the Gospel. Pray for the work carried out by Bible Society of Kazakhstan in conditions of persecution of Christians. Pray also for the implementation of Bible Society of Kazakhstan's projects.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia  
**Capital:** Astana  
**Population:** 17.8 million

**Language:** Kazakh (official), Russian  
**Religion:** Muslim (Sunni), Russian Orthodox, Protestant

### Contact

Bible Society of Kazakhstan  
**Website:** *biblia.kz*  
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## March 4-10

### Chad

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Capital:** N'Djamena  
**Population:** 13.21 million  
**Language:** Arabic and French (official)  
**Religion:** Muslim (53.1%), Catholic (20.1%), Protestant (14.2%), Animist (7.3%), not declared (0.7%), other groups (0.5%), atheist (3.1%) (est. 1993)

### Contact

Bible Society of Chad  
**Email:** *abt@intnet.td*

### Chile

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the translation project of the Old Testament into the Mapudungun language of the Mapuche people. Pray for the translators, for dialog, for understanding and peace in

southern Chile. Pray also for the costing project over the next eight years.

### General Data

**Continent:** South America

**Capital:** Santiago

**Population:** 17.9 million

**Language:** Spanish.

**Religion:** Catholic (67.6%), Protestant (16.7%), other groups

### Contact

Chilean Bible Society

**Website:** [www.sbch.cl](http://www.sbch.cl)

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## China

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the approximately 4 million copies of the Bible that are printed and distributed annually. Pray that the Word of God will bring about transformation, for the development of suitable Bible Portions, for improvements in our Bible App, and also for pastors and preachers during their preaching ministry.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Beijing

**Population:** 1.38 billion

**Language:** Chinese, local dialects, minority languages.

**Religion:** no religion (44.4%), Chinese religions (28.5%), Buddhist (12.5%), Christian (5.3%), traditional ethnic religions (4.6%), Muslim (1.9%)

### Contact

United Bible Societies' China Partnership

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**Legenda:** Bible Translation

**Legenda:** Digital Scriptures

## Cyprus

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the New Testaments distributed by the Ministry of Education in schools. Ask that this donation will continue to be a chance for students to learn about God's Word. Pray also that the distribution of Holy Scriptures worldwide is strengthened through collaboration with all churches and friends of the Bible Society.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia (Middle East)

**Capital:** Nicosia

**Population:** 1.15 million

**Language:** Greek and Turkish (official), English, Romanian, Russian, Bulgarian, among others

**Religion:** Russian Orthodox (78%), Muslim (18%), other groups (4%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Cyprus

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## March 11-17

## Singapore

**Prayer Request:** Pray for our Bible Engagement and Advocacy programs happening throughout the year, especially "Colors of the Bible," "Declare," and "D6 Family Conference." Pray that Christians will grow in their love and understanding of the Word of God and that non-believers will come to the saving faith in Christ.

### General Data

**Continent:** Southeast Asia

**Capital:** Singapore

**Population:** 5.6 million

**Language:** English, Malay, Chinese, Tamil

**Religion:** Buddhist (33.2%), Christian (18.8%), no religion (18.5%),

Muslim (14%), Taoist and popular religions (10%), Hindu (5%), other groups (0.6%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Singapore

**Website:** [www.bible.org.sg](http://www.bible.org.sg)

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## Colombia

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** South America

**Capital:** Bogotá

**Population:** 48.65 million

**Language:** Spanish (official)

**Religion:** Catholic (90%), other groups (10%)

### Contact

Colombian Bible Society

**Website:** [www.sociedadbiblicacolombiana.com](http://www.sociedadbiblicacolombiana.com)

## March 18-24

## North Korea

**Prayer Request:** Due to political and economic restrictions, people do not have access to the Bible and cannot read God's Word. Please pray that the Word of God may reach North Korea where the Gospel is forbidden, and that churches may take root and be revived through

His Word.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia  
**Capital:** Pyongyang  
**Population:** 25.1 million  
**Language:** Korean  
**Religion:** religious practice is restricted.

### Contact

Korean Bible Society  
**Website:** <http://www.koreanbible.or.kr/>  
**Email:** [bible@bskorea.or.kr](mailto:bible@bskorea.or.kr)

### South Korea

**Prayer Request:** Since 2012, we have been working on the project of a new Bible translation. Please pray that this translation may serve people in their time of worship, education, and living. Pray also that the project may progress well so that our next generation of Bible readers may understand it better.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia  
**Capital:** Seoul  
**Population:** 51.7 million  
**Language:** Korean  
**Religion:** Christian (29.2%; Protestant 18.3%, Roman Catholic 10.9%), Buddhist (22.8%), other groups or not declared (48%)

### Contact

Korean Bible Society  
**Website:** <http://www.koreanbible.or.kr/>  
**Email:** [bible@bskorea.or.kr](mailto:bible@bskorea.or.kr)

### Côte d'Ivoire

**Prayer Request:** pray for the Bible Society of Côte d'Ivoire. We face

difficulties in obtaining Bibles. We estimate that we need from 500 to 800 thousand Bibles a year. Pray also that all our orders are approved so we can satisfy our customers.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Yamoussoukro (Constitutional); Abidjan (Seat of Government)

**Population:** 23.7 million

**Language:** French

**Religion:** Christian (33.9%), Muslim (42.9%), Animist (4%), no religion (19%), other groups (1%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Côte d'Ivoire

**Website:** [alliancebibliqueci.org](http://alliancebibliqueci.org)

**Email:** [dngbesso@biblesocieties.org](mailto:dngbesso@biblesocieties.org)

## March 25-31

### Costa Rica

**Prayer Request:** Pray for the progress of Bible distribution in a secular society, for the project for translation into the Nögbe language, of the Nögbe people in the south of the country, and for the services we provide to churches so that the Bible is promoted in the most effective manner.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America

**Capital:** San José

**Population:** 4.8 million

**Language:** Spanish.

**Religion:** Catholic (62%), Protestant (28%), other groups (10%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Costa Rica



**Website:** [www.crbiblica.com](http://www.crbiblica.com)  
**Email:** [mugalde@crbiblica.com](mailto:mugalde@crbiblica.com)

## Croatia

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Zagreb

**Population:** 4.27 million

**Language:** Croatian (official), Serbian, among others

**Religion:** Catholic (86.3%), Orthodox (4.4%), Muslim (1.5%), other groups (1.5%), not declared (2.5%), no religion or atheist (3.8%)

### Contact

Croatian Bible Society  
**Website:** [www.hbd.hr](http://www.hbd.hr)

## Cuba

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)

**Capital:** Havana

**Population:** 11.48 million

**Language:** Spanish.

**Religion:** Catholic (nominal, 85%), Protestant, Jehovah's Witness, Jewish, and Afro-Cuban religions

## April 1-7

### Denmark

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Copenhagen

**Population:** 5.63 million

**Language:** Danish

**Religion:** Lutheran (83%), Catholic (0.6%), Muslim (2.3%), other groups (14%)

### Contact

Danish Bible Society

**Website:** [www.bibelselskabet.dk](http://www.bibelselskabet.dk)

### Egypt

**Prayer Request:** We have been working for many years on the production of the Van Dyck Study Bible in Arabic. We have already printed the New Testament and two books of the Old Testament. Please pray that we will be able to complete this great work by the end of 2018.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa / Asia (Middle East)

**Capital:** Cairo

**Population:** 95.6 million

**Language:** Arabic.

**Religion:** Muslim (90%), Christian (10%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Egypt  
**Website:** <http://bibles4egypt.com>  
**Email:** [admin@bsoe.org](mailto:admin@bsoe.org)

## El Salvador

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America

**Capital:** San Salvador

**Population:** 6.38 million

**Language:** Spanish (official), Nahuatl (spoken by some Amerindian peoples)

**Religion:** Catholic (57.1%), Protestant (21.2%), Jehovah's Witness (1.9%), Mormon (0.7%), other groups (2.3%), no religion (16.8%)

### Contact

Bible Society of El Salvador

**Website:** [www.sbuelsalvador.org](http://www.sbuelsalvador.org)

## April 8-14

## Ecuador

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** South America

**Capital:** Quito

**Population:** 15.98 million

**Language:** Spanish (official), Quechua, other indigenous languages

**Religion:** Catholic (95%), other groups (5%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Ecuador

**Website:** [www.sbuecuador.com](http://www.sbuecuador.com)

## Eritrea

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** East Africa

**Capital:** Asmara

**Population:** 5.53 million

**Language:** Arabic, Tigrinya, and English (official)

**Religion:** Muslim, Coptic Christian, Catholic, Protestant

### Contact

Bible Society of Eritrea

**Email:** [biblesociety7@yahoo.com](mailto:biblesociety7@yahoo.com)

## Scotland\*

**Prayer Request:** Scotland's children are being brought up in an increasingly secular society with limited exposure to the Bible. Pray for our *Bibleworld Books* resource to help children in church-based after school clubs to improve their literacy and reading abilities whilst learning more about the Bible.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe  
**Capital:** Edinburgh  
**Population:** 5.4 million  
**Language:** English (official), Scottish Gaelic, Scots  
**Religion:** no religion (36.7%), Protestant (32%, Church of Scotland), Catholic (16%), other Christian (5.5%), Muslim (1.4%), Hindu (0.3%), Buddhist (0.2%), Sikh (0.2%), Jewish (0.1%)

### Contact

Scottish Bible Society

**Website:** [www.scottishbiblesociety.org](http://www.scottishbiblesociety.org)

**Email:** [info@scottishbiblesociety.org](mailto:info@scottishbiblesociety.org)

*\* Scotland is part of the United Kingdom, along with England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The capital of the United Kingdom is London.*

## April 15-21

### Slovakia

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe  
**Capital:** Bratislava  
**Population:** 5.4 million  
**Language:** Slovak (official), Hungarian (widely spoken in the South), Ruthenian (spoken in some parts of the Northeast)  
**Religion:** Christian (Catholic 65.8%; Lutheran 5.9%; other Christian 3.4 %), atheist (13.4 %), other groups (11.5%)

### Contact

Slovak Bible Society

**Website:** [www.biblickaspolocnost.sk](http://www.biblickaspolocnost.sk)

Email: [office@biblickaspolocnost.sk](mailto:office@biblickaspolocnost.sk)

## Slovenia

**Prayer Request:** Pray for Bible Society of Slovenia and that people will begin to look to the Gospel as their source of hope. Pray for all our programs: Bible advocacy projects; projects to promote God's Word in new media; and all other ongoing projects. Pray also for the staff of our Bible Society.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Ljubljana

**Population:** 2.06 million

**Language:** Slovene

**Religion:** Roman Catholic (57.8%), not declared (15.7%), non-practicing (10.2%), unknown religion (7.1%), no religion (3.5%), Muslim (2.4%), Eastern Orthodox (2.3%), Lutheran (0.8%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Slovenia

**Website:** <https://www.svetopismo.si> and <http://slovenian.bible/>

**Email:** [eva.strajnar@svetopismo.si](mailto:eva.strajnar@svetopismo.si)

## April 22-28

## Spain

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe  
**Capital:** Madrid  
**Population:** 47.06 million  
**Language:** Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque  
**Religion:** Roman Catholic (94%), other groups (6%)

## Gulf States

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for our Scripture distribution programs targeting migrant workers and the literacy program for semi-literate people. Pray also for our storytelling training, that church leaders carry out their ministry's outreach activities, for Bible distribution to young people and children, and for the International Book Fair in Bahrain.

## General Data

**Continent:** Asia (Middle East)  
**Capitals:** Kuwait City (Kuwait); Manama (Bahrain); Riyadh (Saudi Arabia); Doha (Qatar); Muscat (Oman); Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates); Sana'a (Yemen)  
**Population:** 81.6 million  
**Language:** Arabic (official), among others  
**Religion:** Muslim (official), Hindu, Buddhist, Christian

## Contact

Bible Society in the Gulf\*

*\*Bible Society in the Gulf is in charge of the seven countries in the Arabian Peninsula: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.*

## United States of America

**Prayer Request:** Please join us as we pray for God to ignite Scripture engagement across the U.S. Pray for Bible-based trauma healing efforts and plans for the Philadelphia-based Faith and Liberty Discovery Center to flourish, bringing the transformative message of hope and healing through God's Word.

## General Data

**Continent:** North America

**Capital:** Washington, D.C.

**Population:** 326.8 million

**Language:** English.

**Religion:** Protestant (46.5%), Roman Catholic (20.8%), Mormon (1.6%), other Christian religions (0.9%), Jehovah's Witness (0.8%), Jewish (1.9%), Muslim (0.9%), Buddhist (0.7%), Hindu (0.7%), other groups (1.8%), no religion (22.8%), not declared (0.6%)

## Contact

American Bible Society

**Website:** [www.americanbible.org](http://www.americanbible.org)

**Email:** [lgish@americanbible.org](mailto:lgish@americanbible.org)

## Estonia

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

## General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Tallinn

**Population:** 1.31 million

**Language:** Estonian (official), Russian, Ukrainian

**Religion:** Lutheran (9.9%), Orthodox (16.2%), other Christian religions (2.2%), other groups (0.9%), no religion (54.1%), unspecified (16.1%)

## Contact

Estonian Bible Society

**Website:** [www.piibliselts.ee](http://www.piibliselts.ee)

**April 29-May 5**



## Ethiopia

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** East Africa

**Capital:** Addis Ababa

**Population:** 102.4 million

**Language:** Amharic (official), English, Oromo, Somali, Tigrigna, Afar, Arabic, among others

**Religion:** Ethiopian Orthodox (43.5%), Muslim (33.9%), Protestant (18.5%), traditional beliefs (2.7%), Catholic (0.7%), other groups (0.6%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Ethiopia

**Website:** [biblesociety-ethiopia.org](http://biblesociety-ethiopia.org)

## Philippines

**Prayer Request:** Pray for wider and deeper engagement with our new Scripture offerings. Pray for the construction of the Philippine Bible Society's PBS building that will the Bible ministry in the country. Pray also for the *May They Be One Plus* Campaign featuring new programs to produce more Bibles, starting with young people.

### General Data

**Continent:** Southeast Asia

**Capital:** Manila

**Population:** 103.3 million

**Language:** Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, and other indigenous languages

**Religion:** Christian (85%)

### Contact

Philippine Bible Society

**Website:** <http://www.bible.org.ph>

## Finland

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Helsinki

**Population:** 5.5 million

**Language:** Finnish and Swedish (official); other Sami languages are officially recognized in Finland (North Sami, Skolt Sami, and Inari Sami)

**Religion:** Lutheran (73%), Orthodox Christian (1.1%), other groups (1.6%), no religion (24.3%)

### Contact

Finnish Bible Society

**Website:** [www.piplia.fi](http://www.piplia.fi)

## May 6-12

## France

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Paris

**Population:** 66.9 million

**Language:** French

**Religion:** Christian (58%), no religion (32%), Muslim (7%), Jewish (1%), other groups (2%)

### Contact

French Bible Society

**Website:** [www.alliancebiblique.fr](http://www.alliancebiblique.fr)

**Email:** [alliance.biblique@sbfr.fr](mailto:alliance.biblique@sbfr.fr)

## Gabon

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central Africa

**Capital:** Libreville

**Population:** 1.98 million

**Language:** French (official), Fang, and Bantu dialects.

**Religion:** Christian (55-75%), Animist and Muslim (1%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Gabon

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-gabon.org](http://www.biblesociety-gabon.org)

## Ghana

**Prayer Request:** Pray for the Bono Bible Translation Project and other ongoing Bible translations. Pray for the preparation towards the World Assembly that will be hosted by Bible Society of Ghana in 2022. Pray also for Bible Society's projects as it expands its activities to other parts of the country.

## General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Accra

**Population:** 28.2 million

**Language:** English, Ga, Asante, Ewe, Fante, Bono, Dagomba, Dangme, Akuapem, among others.

**Religion:** Christian (71.2%), Muslim (17.6%), traditional beliefs (5.2%), other groups (0.8%)

## Contact

Bible Society of Ghana

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-ghana.org](http://www.biblesociety-ghana.org)

**Email:** [catherine@biblesociety-ghana.org](mailto:catherine@biblesociety-ghana.org)

# May 13-19

## Georgia

**Prayer Request:** We give thanks to God for His grace and guidance regarding our work, especially our Youth Translation Project, which is being successfully developed. We expect to complete the full New Testament translation in 2018. Pray that God will offer comfort to all marginalized and forgotten people, including internally displaced, for whom we plan a large free distribution project within the next two years.

## General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Tbilisi

**Population:** 3.72 million

**Language:** Georgian

**Religion:** Orthodox Christian (83.4%), Muslim (10.7%), the Armenian Apostolic (2.9%), other groups (3%)

## Contact

Bible Society in Georgia

**Website:** *bible.ge*  
**Email:** *office@bible.ge*

## Greece

**Prayer Request:** Thank you God for the continuity of the work carried out by the Hellenic Bible Society in our country, despite the ever-increasing economic crisis we are facing. Thank God for the distribution of God's Word in schools, churches, universities and to Army. Ask also that the Word of God will be the light on the path of every reader. And pray that He will fill everybody with faith, hope and strength.

## General Data

**Capital:** Athens

**Population:** 10.75 million

**Language:** Greek (official), Turkish, Albanian, Vlach, and Bulgarian

**Religion:** Greek Orthodox Christian (official religion: 98%), Muslim (1.3%), Catholic (0.46%), Protestant (0.21%)

## Contact

Hellenic Bible Society

**Website:** *hellenicbiblesociety.gr*

## Guatemala

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

## General Data

**Continent:** Central America

**Capital:** Guatemala City

**Population:** 15.58 million

**Language:** Spanish, K'iche', Kaqchikel, Q'eqchi', Mam, Poqomchi, Achí, Tz'utujil, Q'anjob'al, Ixil, Akateco, Chuj, Poqomam, Popti, Ch'orti', Awakateco, Mopan, Sakapulteko, Tektiteko,

Sipakapense, Uspanteko, Garifuna, Xinca  
**Religion:** Catholic (47%), Protestant (15%), other groups (12.3%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Guatemala  
**Website:** [www.sbiblica.org](http://www.sbiblica.org)

## May 20-26

### Guyana

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** South America  
**Capital:** Georgetown  
**Population:** 773,300  
**Language:** English, Guyanese Creole.  
**Religion:** Christian, Hindu, Muslim, other groups

### Contact

Suriname Bible Society  
**Website:** [surinamebiblesociety.org](http://surinamebiblesociety.org)

### French Guiana

**Prayer Request:** Ask for God's wisdom and guidance so that the Bible's message of life can reach the people of French Guiana. Thank and praise the Lord for our volunteers.

### General Data

**Continent:** South America

**Capital:** Cayenne

**Population:** 250,370

**Language:** French, Guyanese Creole.

**Religion:** Christian (Catholic and Protestant), other groups

### Contact

Suriname Bible Society

**Website:** *surinamebiblesociety.org*

## Guinea

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Conakry

**Population:** 12.4 million

**Language:** French (official), each ethnic group has its own language

**Religion:** Muslim (85%), Christian (8%), Indigenous beliefs (7%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Guinea-Conakry

**Email:** *alliancegn@yahoo.com*

## May 27-June 2

## Haiti

**Prayer Request:** Pray that God will help us continue the work of spreading the Bible message across the country. Pray for the translation of the Study Bible into Haitian Creole. Pray for safety and

development in Haiti. Pray also for our different projects: literacy, fighting domestic violence, and Trauma Healing. Thank the Lord for allowing us to make the Bible available to our different audiences.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)

**Capital:** Port-au-Prince

**Population:** 10.8 million

**Language:** Haitian Creole, French.

**Religion:** Catholic (56.8%), Protestant (29.6%), no religion (5.5%), other groups (3%)

### Contact

Haitian Bible Society

**Website:** [www.societebiblique-haiti.org](http://www.societebiblique-haiti.org)

## Netherlands

**Prayer Request:** Please thank God that the Bible got so much attention in the last year because of its election as the most important book for the people of the Netherlands. Together with the Bible Society of Belgium (Flemish), we focus on the Bible for children. So please pray for the readers of our magazine for children called *Alef*. And ask for a blessing upon *BibleBasics*, a new Sunday school program in Dutch.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Amsterdam

**Population:** 17 million

**Language:** Dutch (Frisian in one province).

**Religion:** Catholic (24.4%), Protestant (15.8%), other groups (10.6%), no religion (49.2%)

### Contact

Netherlands Bible Society

**Website:** [www.bijbelgenootschap.nl](http://www.bijbelgenootschap.nl)



## Honduras

**Prayer Request:** We need wisdom to know where the Word can be more effective. Honduras struggles with the effects of violence, corruption and disenchantment with the country's leadership. Our population has a high percentage of young people, and we want to impact them. Pray also for public safety.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America

**Capital:** Tegucigalpa

**Population:** 9.11 million

**Language:** Spanish.

**Religion:** Catholic (70%), Protestant (30%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Honduras

**Website:** [sbuhn.org](http://sbuhn.org)

## June 3-9

## Hong Kong\*

**Prayer Request:** Pray for the preparation for the centennial thanksgiving service of the Chinese Union Bible in 2019, which will renew the unity that Christ preached for all Chinese-speaking Christians and Christian churches.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Population:** 7.4 million

**Language:** Cantonese, English.

**Religion:** Christians (5%), Buddhist and Taoist, Muslim, Hindu

### Contact

Hong Kong Bible Society

**Website:** [www.hkbs.org.hk](http://www.hkbs.org.hk)

\* *Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China*

## Hungary

**Prayer Request:** Thank God for the Ukrainian-Hungarian New Testament, and for the "Bible and the Reformation" travelling exhibition. Please pray for our staff and programs, including the NT translation project into Sign Language, and Bible distribution in hospitals, prisons and schools, as well as to refugees and Gypsy communities.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Budapest

**Population:** 9.82 million

**Language:** Hungarian

**Religion:** Roman Catholic (37.2%), Calvinist (11.6%), Lutheran (2.2%), Greek Catholic (1.8%), other groups (1.9%), no religion (18.2%), not declared (27.2%)

### Contact

Hungarian Bible Society

**Website:** *bibliatarsulat.hu*

**Email:** *otto.pecsuk@bibliatarsulat.hu*

## Cayman Islands

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)

**Capital:** George Town

**Population:** 60,760

**Language:** English (official), Spanish, Filipino, among others

**Religion:** Protestant (67.8%), Roman Catholic (14.1%), Jehovah's Witness (1.9%), other groups (7%), no religion (9.3%), not declared (0.7%)

### Contact

Bible Society of the West Indies\*

**Website:** [www.biblesocietywi.org](http://www.biblesocietywi.org)

*\* Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica; Bahamas; Belize; Turks & Caicos Islands; Cayman Islands.*

## June 10-16

### Comoros

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Moroni

**Population:** 795,600

**Language:** Arabic, French, Shikomori (Comorian)

**Religion:** Muslim (98.3%), other groups (1.6%), no religion (0.1%)

### Faroe Islands

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for our new translation of the New Testament for young people and new believers.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Thorshavn

**Population:** 49,120

**Language:** Faroese.

**Religion:** Christian (Lutheran, Pentecostal: 95%)

### Contact

Faroese Bible Society

**Website:** [www.biblia.fo](http://www.biblia.fo)

**Email:** [gunnar@biblia.fo](mailto:gunnar@biblia.fo)

## Turks & Caicos Islands\*

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)

**Capital:** Cockburn Town

**Population:** 39,900

**Language:** English.

**Religion:** Protestant (72.8%), Roman Catholic (11.4%), Jehovah's Witness (1.8%), other groups (14%)

### Contact

Bible Society of the West Indies\*

**Website:** [www.biblesocietywi.org](http://www.biblesocietywi.org)

*\* Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica; Bahamas; Belize; Turks & Caicos Islands; Cayman Islands.*

# June 17-23

## India

**Prayer Request:** Pray for the translation, production and distribution of the Bible, and the engagement with Scriptures promoted by the Central Office. Also ask for the Sales Depot with islands of excellence and for creative challenges with support from leadership teams and National and Auxiliary Committees' employees, as well as volunteers from all denominations.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** New Delhi

**Population:** 1.28 billion

**Language:** Hindi, English (main); Assamese, Bengali, Chhattisgarhi, Garo, Gujarati, Kannada, Kashmiri, Khasi, Kokborok, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Maithili, Mizo, Nepali, Odiya, Punjabi, Santhali, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Sanskrit, Adi, Angami, Ao, Bojpuri, Chakkesang, Kuki, Konyak, Nagamese, Nicobarese (Mon-Khmer) Phom, Sumi, etc.

**Religion:** Hindu (82%), Muslim (12.1%), Christian (2.3%), Sikh (1.9%), Buddhist (0.8%), Jain (0.4%), other groups (0.4%), not declared (0.1%)

### Contact

Bible Society of India

**Website:** [www.bsind.org](http://www.bsind.org)

**Email:** [bsicrrmd@biblesociety.in](mailto:bsicrrmd@biblesociety.in)

### Indonesia

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the National Consultation on the revision of the Indonesian Bible TB2 translation, in Cipayung, West Java. Pray for the Churches' Synods leaders and Bishops to attend the event and approve the translation. Pray also that the improvements in TB2 will be accepted by the Church and Christians in Indonesia.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Jakarta

**Population:** 259.9 million (2016)

**Language:** Indonesian.

**Religion:** Muslim (85.1%), Protestant (9.2%), Catholic (3.5%), Hindu (1.8%), Buddhist (0.4%)

### Contact

Indonesian Bible Society

**Website:** [www.alkitab.or.id](http://www.alkitab.or.id)

**Email:** [budifk@alkitab.or.id](mailto:budifk@alkitab.or.id) (Budi Fajar – Head of Communications)

## June 24-30

### England and Wales\*

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for our work and our staff as we develop a strategy for the coming years that will inspire Christians to be confident in the Scriptures, change the conversation about the Bible in culture and bring transformative application of the Bible in the world.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** London, Cardiff

**Population:** 58.4 million

**Language:** English, Welsh, Manx, Cornish

**Religion:** Christian (48.8%), no religion (47.1%), other groups (7.8%)

### Contact

British & Foreign Bible Society

**Website:** [www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk)

**Email:** [oldi.morava@biblesociety.org.uk](mailto:oldi.morava@biblesociety.org.uk) (Oldi Morava – Director of International Programme)

*\* England and Wales are part of the United Kingdom, along with Scotland and Northern Ireland. The capital of the United Kingdom is London.*

## Iraq

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for peace and safety so that Christian refugees can return to their homelands. Pray also for the distribution of Holy Bibles to reach many non-Christians, and for our Trauma Healing sessions that try to help people facing difficult moments.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia (Middle East)

**Capital:** Baghdad

**Population:** 37.2 million

**Language:** Arabic.

**Religion:** Muslim (87%), Christian (5%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Iraq

**Email:** [biblesocietyiraq@gmail.com](mailto:biblesocietyiraq@gmail.com)

## Ireland

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Dublin

**Population:** 4.77 million

**Language:** Irish and English (official); Gaelic.

**Religion:** Catholic (84.7%), Church of Ireland (2.7%), other Christian groups (2.7%), Muslim (1.1%), other groups (1.7%), no religion (5.7%), not declared (1.5%)

### Contact

National Bible Society of Ireland

**Website:** <http://www.nationalbiblesocietyofireland.ie>

**Email:** [info@nbsi.ie](mailto:info@nbsi.ie)

## July 1-7

### Northern Ireland

**Prayer Request:** Pray for us as we continue to build partnerships and strengthen relationships with Churches and other Christian agencies so that we might have a deeper impact at home. Pray also for fresh ways to attract new supporters and partners who are passionate about the spread of the Bible around the world.

#### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Belfast

**Population:** 1.81 million

**Language:** English.

**Religion:** Catholic (41%), Protestant (42%), other groups (17%)\*

*\*Note: There are increasingly more nominal Christians and people with no religion.*

#### Contact

Bible Society in Northern Ireland

**Website:** [www.bsni.co.uk](http://www.bsni.co.uk)

**Email:** [julie@bsni.co.uk](mailto:julie@bsni.co.uk)

### Iceland

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

#### General Data

**Continent:** Europe (island in the North Atlantic, between Greenland and Norway)

**Capital:** Reykjavik

**Population:** 334,250

**Language:** Icelandic.



**Religion:** Lutheran (73.8%), Catholic (3.6%), Reykjavik Free Church (2.9%), Hafnarfjorour Free Church (2%), Independent Congregation (1%), other groups (3.9%), no religion (5.6%), not declared (7.2%)

### Contact

Icelandic Bible Society  
**Website:** *biblian.is*  
**Email:** *hib@biblian.is*

### Israel

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the local Bible Society.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia (Middle East)  
**Capital:** Jerusalem  
**Population:** 8.54 million  
**Language:** Hebrew, Arabic.  
**Religion:** Jewish (75.1%), Muslim (17.4%), Christian (2%), Druze (1.6%), other groups (3.9%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Israel  
**Website:** *www.biblesocietyinisrael.com*  
**Email:** *info@biblesocietyinisrael.com*

**July 8-14**

### Italy

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this

country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the local Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Rome

**Population:** 60.6 million

**Language:** Italian (official); with minorities speaking German, French and Slovene

**Religion:** Christian (Catholic majority, with very small groups of Jehovah's Witnesses and Protestants: 80%), Muslim (from 800 thousand to 1 million), atheist and agnostic (20%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Italy

**Website:** [www.societabiblica.it](http://www.societabiblica.it)

### Jamaica\*

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that there will be funds to meet all our financial obligations related to maintaining this ministry. Pray also that partners will join us in supporting our various projects and that the staff will show commitment to meet the needs of our constituencies.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)

**Capital:** Kingston

**Population:** 2.88 million

**Language:** English, Jamaican Creole.

**Religion:** Protestant (several denominations: 64.8%), Catholic (2.2%), Jehovah's Witness (1.9%), Rastafari (1.1%), other groups (6.5%), no religion (21.2%), not declared (2.3%)

### Contact

Bible Society of the West Indies

*\* Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica; Bahamas; Belize; Turks & Caicos Islands; Cayman*

*Islands.*

**Website:** [www.biblesocietywi.org](http://www.biblesocietywi.org), [www.jamaican.bible](http://www.jamaican.bible)

**Email:** [castewart@biblesocietywi.org](mailto:castewart@biblesocietywi.org)

## Japan

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that Japan Bible Society is able to encourage different generations to read the Bible, especially young people and children.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Tokyo

**Population:** 127 million

**Language:** Japanese.

**Religion:** Shintoist (48%), Buddhist (46%), Christian (1%), other groups (5%)

### Contact

Japan Bible Society

**Website:** <http://www.bible.or.jp/e/index.html>

**Email:** [info@bible.or.jp](mailto:info@bible.or.jp)

## July 15-21

## Jordan

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for Christian presence and the current religious freedom, as well for acceptance of God's Word by opening doors through which we can reach people from different backgrounds to help them find the truth that will set them free and change their lives.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia (Middle East)

**Capital:** Amman

**Population:** 9.45 million

**Language:** Arabic.

**Religion:** Muslim (97.2%), Christian (Greek Orthodox majority: 2.2%), Buddhist (0.4%), other groups (0.3%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Jordan

**Email:** *rama@bsoj.org*

## Laos

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for our literacy projects, whose text has been approved for use by the Ministry of Education. Pray that we can develop our bookstore in order to make it the main Distribution Center in our capital. Pray also for the training of our local staff to carry out our literacy, translation, distribution and publication projects.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Vientiane

**Population:** 6.75 million

**Language:** Lao.

**Religion:** Buddhist (64.7%), Christian (1.7%), no religion (31.4%), other groups/not declared (2.1%) (est. 2015)

### Contact

Laos Partnership

**Email:** *yelemis@biblevietnam.org*

## Lesotho

**Prayer Request:** Thank God for the success of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations that took place on March 26, 2017. Thank God for the new government of Lesotho that took office on June 3, 2017, and pray for peace and political stability in the country. Thank God for the new Board that took office effective in May 2017, and pray for

God's guidance and wisdom. Thank God for the Bible Society's good relationship with churches, and pray for wisdom to carry out our fund-raising and distribution programs successfully.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Maseru

**Population:** 2.2 million

**Language:** English, Sesotho.

**Religion:** Christian (80%), indigenous beliefs (20%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Lesotho

**Website:** [www.biblesociety.org.ls](http://www.biblesociety.org.ls)

## July 22-28

### Latvia

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the Bible revision we are going to start at the end of 2017.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe (East)

**Capital:** Riga

**Population:** 1.96 million

**Language:** Latvian.

**Religion:** Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Orthodox

### Contact

Latvian Bible Society

**Website:** [www.bibelesbiedriba.lv](http://www.bibelesbiedriba.lv)

**Email:** [lbb@apollo.lv](mailto:lbb@apollo.lv)

### Lebanon

**Prayer Request:** Thank the Lord for Bible distribution and effective programs that reach all parts of society. Please pray for Trauma Healing programs for adults and children, as well as for the projects that bring hope to refugees and disadvantaged communities. Pray also for our supporters and teams that spread the Word and empower Churches in the Middle East.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia (Middle East)

**Capital:** Beirut

**Population:** 6 million

**Language:** Arabic (official), Lebanese Arabic dialects, French, English.

**Religion:** Muslim, and Druze minority (59.6%), Christian (40.4%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Lebanon

**Website:** [www.biblesociety.org.lb](http://www.biblesociety.org.lb)

**Email:** [bsl@biblesociety.org.lb](mailto:bsl@biblesociety.org.lb)

## Liberia

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the local Bible Society.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Monrovia

**Population:** 4.61 million

**Language:** English (official), more than 16 indigenous languages.

**Religion:** Christian (85.6%), Muslim (12.2%), traditional beliefs (0.6%), other groups (0.2%), no religion (1.4%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Liberia

**Website:** [biblesociety-liberia.org](http://biblesociety-liberia.org)

## July 29-August 4

### Libya

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Tripoli

**Population:** 6.29 million

**Language:** Arabic (official); English and Italian widely understood by educated classes.

**Religion:** Muslim (Sunni majority: 97%), other groups (3%)

### Lithuania

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that the Ecumenical Bible translation is fluent to read, clear to understand and accurate. Pray that the Bible in Sign Language make the Word accessible to the deaf community for the first time in their language. Pray also for the Living Pictures contest in which school age children involve their colleagues.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe (East)

**Capital:** Vilnius

**Population:** 2.87 million

**Language:** Lithuanian.

**Religion:** Catholic (79%), Russian Orthodox (4%), Old Orthodox (1%), Protestant (1%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Lithuania

**Website:** [www.biblijosdraugija.lt](http://www.biblijosdraugija.lt)

Email: [tomas@biblijosdraugija.lt](mailto:tomas@biblijosdraugija.lt)

## Macedonia

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

## General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Skopje

**Population:** 2.08 million

**Language:** Macedonian, Albanian.

**Religion:** Macedonian Orthodox (64.7%), Muslim (33.3%), other Christian religions (0.37%), other groups/not declared (1.63%)

## Contact

Bible Society of the Republic of Macedonia

**Website:** [mkbiblija.org](http://mkbiblija.org)

# August 5-11

## Madagascar

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the recovery of the Malagasy Bible Society after the layoffs. Pray for the unity of Christians in Madagascar, which is the Bible Society's basis of support. Pray also for the fund-raising campaign to rebuild our headquarters, as well as for the "Faith Comes by Hearing" and literacy projects.

## General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Antananarivo



**Population:** 22.4 million (est. 2014)  
**Language:** Malagasy, French and English.  
**Religion:** Christian, Muslim, Traditionalist

### Contact

Malagasy Bible Society

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/Fikambanana-Mampiel-Baiboly-Malagasy-953287388084008/>

**Email:** [fmbm@biblesociety-malagasy.org](mailto:fmbm@biblesociety-malagasy.org) (Elsa Rason – Communications Officer)

## Malaysia

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Kuala Lumpur

**Population:** 31.2 million

**Language:** Malay, English, Chinese, Tamil.

**Religion:** Muslim (60%), Buddhist (27%), Christian (10%), Hindu and other groups (3%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Malaysia

**Website:** [www.biblemalaysia.org](http://www.biblemalaysia.org)

## Malawi

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

## General Data

**Continent:** East Africa

**Capital:** Lilongwe

**Population:** 18.1 million

**Language:** English (official), Chewa.

**Religion:** Christian (82.6%), Muslim (13%), other groups (1.9%), no religion (2.5%)

## Contact

Bible Society of Malawi

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-malawi.org](http://www.biblesociety-malawi.org)

# August 12-18

## Mali

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

## General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Bamako

**Population:** 17.99 million

**Language:** French (official), Bambara, Peul, Dogon, among others\*

\* *Mali has 13 national languages in addition to the official language.*

**Religion:** Muslim (94.8%), Christian (2.4%), Animist (2%), no religion (0.5%), not declared (0.3%)

## Contact

Bible Society in Mali

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-mali.org](http://www.biblesociety-mali.org)

## Malta

**Prayer Request:** Please thank the Lord for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Bible Society with a prayer/translation of the Maltese National Anthem.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Valetta

**Population:** 436,900

**Language:** Maltese, English.

**Religion:** Catholic (85%), other Christian groups (12%), Muslim (3%)

### Contact

Malta Bible Society

**Website:** [www.maltabiblesociety.com](http://www.maltabiblesociety.com) (under construction)

**Email:** [office@maltabible.com](mailto:office@maltabible.com)

## Morocco

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** North Africa

**Capital:** Rabat

**Population:** 35.28 million

**Language:** Arabic official), Berber languages, French.

**Religion:** Muslim (99%), others (1%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Morocco

**Website:** [www.biblesociety.ma](http://www.biblesociety.ma)

**August 19-25**

## Mauritius

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that God's Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** East Africa

**Capital:** Port Louis

**Population:** 1.26 million

**Language:** English (official, spoken by less than 1% of the population), Creole, Bhojpuri, among others.

**Religion:** Hindu (48.5%), Catholic (26.3%), Muslim (17.3%), other Christian religions (6.4%), other groups (0.6%), no religion (0.7%), not declared (0.1%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Mauritius

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-mauritius.org](http://www.biblesociety-mauritius.org)

## Mexico

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the Bible Cause in this country, so that the Bible's message can reach the population. Ask God to guide the work of carried out by the Bible Society's staff to make the Word available in formats that engage people of all ages.

### General Data

**Continent:** North America

**Capital:** Mexico City

**Population:** 127.5 million

**Language:** Spanish, indigenous languages (minority).

**Religion:** Catholic (82.7%), Pentecostal (1.6%), Jehovah's Witness (1.4%), other Evangelical Churches (5%), other groups (1.9%), no religion (4.7%), not declared (2.7%) (est. 2010)

### Contact

Bible Society of Mexico

**Website:** [www.socbiblicademexico.com.mx](http://www.socbiblicademexico.com.mx)

## Myanmar

**Prayer Request:** Thank God for the divine provision and protection of His Holy Word through the Bible Society. Pray for the 19 translation projects in progress, the renovation of the Bible House, for freedom to print and import Bibles, and for peace across the nation.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Naypyidaw

**Population:** 52.89 million

**Language:** Burmese (official).

**Religion:** Buddhist (86%), Christian (6.3%), other groups

### Contact

Bible Society of Myanmar

**Email:** [khoi@biblesocieties.org](mailto:khoi@biblesocieties.org)

## August 26-September 1

## Mozambique

**Prayer Request:** Pray for effective peace in Mozambique, after military hostilities that killed and injured many people and made so many displaced. Pray for our Good Samaritan Holistic Project that is bringing back hope and life to the suffering people. Pray for our expansion project that allows us to create BS Hubs throughout our country. Pray for our translation projects and thank God for the launch of Gitonga, Txitxopi and Elomwe First Bibles that our people were blessed with recently. Pray for our FCBH Project to continue to bring revival as people are transformed through listening sessions.

General Data

**Continent:** East Africa

**Capital:** Maputo

**Population:** 28.83 million

**Language:** Portuguese (official), Makonde, Shona, Tsonga, Cisenga, other regional dialects.

**Religion:** Catholic (28.4%), Muslim (17.9%), Protestant (12.2%), other groups (22.2%), no religion (18.7%), not declared (0.7%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Mozambique

**Website:** *biblesociety-mozambique.org*

## Moldova

**Prayer Request:** Thank God for blessing our work. Please pray for the Bible work in our country, as well as for a successful distribution of Scriptures through our projects. Pray also for political and economic stability in our country. And ask God to guide the work carried out by the Bible Society's staff.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Chisinau

**Population:** 3.6 million

**Language:** Romanian/Moldovan, Russian, Ukrainian, Gagauz, Bulgarian, Romany.

**Religion:** Orthodox Christian (93%), Protestant (2%), other groups (5%)

### Contact

Interconfessional Society of Moldova

**Website:** *www.ibs.md*

**Email:** *ibs\_moldova@hotmail.com* (Anton Placinta – Executive Director)

## Mongolia

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that Bible Society can reach all families

with the Bible. Pray for the "Standard Version in Mongolian" translation project. Pray also for the publication of biblical materials for children.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Ulan Bator

**Population:** 3.1 million

**Language:** Mongolian.

**Religion:** Buddhist (53%), atheist (38%), Christian (3%), Shamanist (3%), Muslim (3%)

### Contact

Mongolian Union Bible Society

**Website:** [www.mubs.mn](http://www.mubs.mn)

**Email:** [director@mubs.mn](mailto:director@mubs.mn) (Bayarmagnai – Executive Director)

## September 2-8

### Namibia

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the work of the Bible Society in a very volatile economy. The translation of the new Oshiwambo Bible is well underway. Pray for funds for this project and other fund-raising initiatives. Pray also for every donor, partner, Partner in Prayer and friend of the Bible Society.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Windhoek

**Population:** 2.48 million

**Language:** English, Afrikaans, Oshiwambo, Nama/Damara, Otjiherero, Kavango.

**Religion:** Christian majority

### Contact

Bible Society of Namibia

**Website:** [www.nambible.org.na](http://www.nambible.org.na)  
**Email:** [fr.man@nambible.org.na](mailto:fr.man@nambible.org.na)

## Nepal

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia (South)  
**Capital:** Kathmandu  
**Population:** 26.49 million  
**Language:** Nepali (official), Maithili, Bhojpuri, Tharu, Tamang, Newar  
**Religion:** Hindu (81.3%), Buddhist (9%), Muslim (4.4%), Kirant (3.1%), Christian (1.4%), other groups (0.5%), not declared (0.2%)

### Contact

Nepal Bible Society  
**Website:** [www.nepalbiblesociety.org](http://www.nepalbiblesociety.org), [www.ncrd.org.np](http://www.ncrd.org.np)

## Niger

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa  
**Capital:** Niamey  
**Population:** 17.14 million  
**Language:** French (official), Hausa, Djerma  
**Religion:** Muslim (80%), other groups (20%)



## Nigeria

**Prayer Request:** Pray that the Word of God we are distributing will transform the lives of Nigerians. Pray that God will protect our staff members who are working in different parts of the country to make Bibles available. Pray also for donors to support our work.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Abuja

**Population:** 186 million

**Language:** English, Yoruba, Hausa, Igbo, among others.

**Religion:** Christian (51%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Nigeria

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-nigeria.org](http://www.biblesociety-nigeria.org)

**Email:** [mordi@biblesociety-nigeria.org](mailto:mordi@biblesociety-nigeria.org)

## Norway

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the final stages of the new Bible translation into Northern Sami and the translation projects into Lule Sami and Southern Sami. Pray for the publication and distribution of the Word of God. Pray also for the churches in Norway, so that they can engage in encouraging people to read the Bible.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Oslo

**Population:** 5.23 million

**Language:** Norwegian (Bokmål, Nynorsk), Sami (Northern, Southern, Lule).

**Religion:** Christian (84%), Muslim (2%), other groups (1%)

### Contact

Norwegian Bible Society

**Website:** [www.bibel.no](http://www.bibel.no)

**Email:** [hjs@bibel.no](mailto:hjs@bibel.no)

# September 9-15

## New Zealand

**Prayer Request:** Pray for our goal of helping 100,000 children and youth engage with the Bible. Pray also for our Good for Life initiative, seeking to equip people of all ages to read the Bible. Give thanks for the ongoing translation work of the Bible in contemporary Māori and the publication of the Tokelauan Bible.

### General Data

**Continent:** Oceania

**Capital:** Wellington

**Population:** 4.8 million

**Language:** English, Māori, Sign Language.

**Religion:** Christian (44%), no religion (39%), Hindu (2%), Buddhist (1%), Muslim (1%), other groups (3%), not declared (9%)

### Contact

New Zealand Bible Society

**Website:** [www.biblesociety.org.nz](http://www.biblesociety.org.nz)

**Email:** [stephen.opie@biblesociety.org.nz](mailto:stephen.opie@biblesociety.org.nz) (Stephen Opie – Programme Director)

## South Pacific\* – Fiji

**Prayer Request:** We thank God for the support from churches and other Christian organizations working in partnership with the Bible Society in Bible translation, printing and distribution. Please pray for strengthening relations with churches and for more Bible Society promotions and awareness programs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Oceania

**Capital:** Suva

**Population:** 900,000

**Language:** English, Fijian, Fiji Hindi.

**Religion:** Christian, Hindu, Muslim, other groups

### Contact

Bible Society of the South Pacific – Fiji Branch

**Website:** [www.bible.org.fj](http://www.bible.org.fj)

**Email:** [lturaganivalu@bible.org.fj](mailto:lturaganivalu@bible.org.fj)

*\* Bible Society of the South Pacific is in charge of 16 countries.*

## Palestine

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that lots of Palestinians are reached every year with the Word of God. Pray for the different special programs for children and young people. Many seeds have been sown that are already sprouting, but we want more. Pray also for the political, economic and spiritual situation of the country. May hope prevail.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia (Middle East)

**Capital:** East Jerusalem (Political), Ramallah (Administrative)

**Population:** 5 million

**Language:** Arabic.

**Religion:** Muslim, Christian, Samaritan

### Contact

Palestinian Bible Society

**Website:** [www.pbs-web.com](http://www.pbs-web.com)

**Email:** [nashatfl@gmail.com](mailto:nashatfl@gmail.com) (Nashat Filmon – General Secretary)

# September 16-22

## Panama

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that God's Word can reach the hearts of the entire

population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America

**Capital:** Panama City

**Population:** 4.03 million

**Language:** Spanish, Kuna, Gnabe (official).

**Religion:** Catholic (73%), Protestant (20%), other groups (7%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Panama

**Email:** *sbp@sinfo.net*

## Papua New Guinea

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Oceania

**Capital:** Port Moresby

**Population:** 7.47 million

**Language:** Tok Pisin, English and Hiri Motu (official), 839 indigenous languages.

**Religion:** Protestant (69.4%), Catholic (27%), other groups (3.6%)

## September 23-29

### Pakistan

**Prayer Request:** Thank the Lord for the Women Literacy Project that is running smoothly and benefited more than 5,600 women in 2017. All these women can now read the Bible. Pray also for the expansion of the Bible Museum. And pray for Bible Contest programs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Islamabad

**Population:** 207.7 million

**Language:** Urdu.

**Religion:** Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Sikh, other groups

### Contact

Pakistan Bible Society

**Website:** [www.pbs.org.pk](http://www.pbs.org.pk)

**Email:** [justusnasir65@gmail.com](mailto:justusnasir65@gmail.com)

## Paraguay

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God for the progress of the Enhlit Bible revision, Nivaclé Bible revision and the Guarani Study Bible projects. Pray that our beloved Lord will continue to provide the members of our Board of Directors with wisdom and for the families represented by each employee.

### General Data

**Continent:** South America

**Capital:** Asunción

**Population:** 6.9 million (est. 2017)

**Language:** Spain, Guarani.

**Religion:** Catholic (89.6%), Protestant (6.2%), other groups (4.2%)

### Contact

Paraguayan Bible Society

**Website:** [www.sbp.org.py](http://www.sbp.org.py)

**Email:** [pescobar@sbp.org.py](mailto:pescobar@sbp.org.py)

## Peru

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that we can continue to benefit destitute children by offering them full assistance. Pray also for the efforts to reduce family violence and child abuse. And pray for our work in prisons that aims at the social reintegration of prisoners by studying God's Word.

### General Data

**Continent:** South America

**Capital:** Lima

**Population:** 31.4 million

**Language:** Spanish, Quechua.

**Religion:** Catholic (81.3%), Protestant (15%)

### Contact

Peruvian Bible Society

**Website:** [www.sbp.org.pe](http://www.sbp.org.pe)

**Email:** [pgutierrez@sbp.org.pe](mailto:pgutierrez@sbp.org.pe)

## Poland

**Prayer Request:** Thank God for our success in the past, more than 200 years of history in Poland, the influence of the Reformation, our present and the publication of the Ecumenical Bible in Polish, a translation made by Biblicists from 11 churches. Ask God to provide us and the whole Fellowship with guidance and wisdom.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Warsaw

**Population:** 38.4 million

**Language:** Polish.

**Religion:** Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran, Reformed Christian, Methodist, Baptist, Old Catholic, Pentecostal, among other groups

### Contact

Bible Society in Poland

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Email: [m.platajs@tb.org.pl](mailto:m.platajs@tb.org.pl)

## Puerto Rico

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that God's Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America

**Capital:** San Juan

**Population:** 3.62 million

**Language:** Spanish, English.

**Religion:** Catholic (85%), Protestant and other groups (15%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Puerto Rico

Email: [sbpri@sbpri.com](mailto:sbpri@sbpri.com)

## September 30-October 6

## Portugal

**Prayer Request:** We have been developing for 3 years a project to reach 1 million children between the ages of 4 and 14. This will be the last year of the project and we ask for your prayers so that it bear fruits! Pray also for our Bible Moov competition, a strategy to reach young adults with the Word of God.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Lisbon

**Population:** 10.3 million

**Language:** Portuguese.

**Religion:** Catholic (88%), Evangelical/Protestant (2%), other groups (3%), no religion (7%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Portugal

**Website:** [www.sociedade-biblica.pt](http://www.sociedade-biblica.pt)

**Email:** [m.jeronimo@sociedade-biblica.pt](mailto:m.jeronimo@sociedade-biblica.pt)

## Kenya

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Nairobi

**Population:** 48.46 million

**Language:** English and Kiswahili (official), 53 other languages.

**Religion:** Christian (80%), Muslim (4%), other groups (16%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Kenya

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-kenya.org](http://www.biblesociety-kenya.org)

## Kyrgyzstan

**Prayer Request:** Islam is growing more and more in Kyrgyzstan. Please pray that the country opens up to the true God.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Bishkek

**Population:** 6 million

**Language:** Kyrgyz, Russian.



**Religion:** Muslim (over 30%), Christian (12-14%), other groups (5%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Kyrgyzstan

**Website:** *bible.kg*

**Email:** *kadyrkulovich@gmail.com*

## October 7-13

### Central African Republic

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the return of security in the capital Bangui. Thank God for the continuity of the biblical work in the country despite the many challenges associated with the long civil war that has raged in the country for over 30 years. Pray for a return to peace throughout the country as some areas are still under the control of rebel groups who kill, plunder, and violate. Pray for the development of the work of bible Society in the Central African Republic facing many cyclical difficulties. Pray for the increase of the diffusion, the project of construction of the headquarters of the Bible Society. Pray for increased fundraising, strengthening relationships with churches.

General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Bangui

**Population:** 4.59 million

**Language:** French (official), Sangho (lingua franca and national language), tribal languages.

**Religion:** Christian (80%), Muslim (10%)

### Contact

Bible Society in the Central African Republic

**Email:** *sbcentrafique@yahoo.fr*

### Belarus

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that people to overcome drug dependence in Christian rehabilitation centers. Ask also for blessings during the celebration of the 500 years of the first Bible in Belarusian. And pray that God will to awaken the interest of young people in studying the Bible and that the Bible Society's cooperation with the local Churches can change the lives of Belarusians.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe (East)

**Capital:** Minsk

**Population:** 9.5 million

**Language:** Belarusian, Russian.

**Religion:** Orthodox, Catholic, Pentecostal, Adventist, Baptist

### Contact

Bible Society of the Republic of Belarus

**Website:** *belbiblia.by*

**Email:** *goshgrosh@gmail.com*

## Democratic Republic of the Congo (former Zaire)

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that God's Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central Africa

**Capital:** Kinshasa

**Population:** 78.74 million

**Language:** French (official), Lingala (lingua franca and trade language), Kingwana, Kikongo, Tshiluba.

**Religion:** Roman Catholic (50%), Protestant (20%), Kimbanguiste (10%), Muslim (10%), other groups (10%)

### Contact

Bible Society of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

**Website:** *biblesociety-cd.org*

## Republic of the Congo (Congo-Brazzaville)

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central Africa

**Capital:** Brazzaville

**Population:** 5.12 million

**Language:** French (official), Lingala and Monokutuba (lingua franca and trade languages), many local languages and dialects.

**Religion:** Roman Catholic (33.1%), Renewed Christian (22.3%), Protestant (19.9%), Salvation Army (2.2%), Muslim (1.6%), Kimbanguiste (1.5%), other groups (8.1%), no religion (11.3%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Congo

**Website:** [aliancebiblique-congo.org](http://aliancebiblique-congo.org)

## October 14-20

## Dominican Republic

**Prayer Request:** Thank God for allowing us to distribute His Word. Thank also for the lives changed through the project "No to Violence, Bibles for Weapons," among others. Pray for our country. Pray for our Board of Directors, staff, partners, churches and other associates.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central America (Caribbean)

**Capital:** Santo Domingo

**Population:** 10.7 million (est. 2017)

**Language:** Spanish.

**Religion:** Catholic (70%), Protestant (28%), other groups (2%)

## Contact

Dominican Bible Society

**Website:** *sociedadbiblicard.org*

**Email:** *esthernoboa@hotmail.com*

## Czech Republic

**Prayer Request:** May God empower Christians in the Czech Republic to share God's Word with the rest of the nation. Please pray for our youth, so that they are not led astray for living in an agnostic society. Thank the Lord for the Bible for Teenagers, which was published and began to be distributed in 2016.

## General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Prague

**Population:** 10.56 million

**Language:** Czech.

**Religion:** Agnostic (59%), Catholic (27%), Protestant (14%)

## Contact

Czech Bible Society

**Website:** *www.dumbible.cz*

**Email:** *dary@dumbible.cz*

## Romania

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that God's Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

## General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Bucharest

**Population:** 21 million

**Language:** Romanian, Hungarian, German.

**Religion:** Eastern Orthodox (81.9%), Protestant (6.4%), Roman Catholic (4.3%), other groups (0.9%), no religion or atheist (0.2%), not declared (6.3%)

### Contact

Interconfessional Bible Society in Romania

**Website:** [www.societateabiblica.org](http://www.societateabiblica.org)

## October 21-27

### Rwanda

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the local fund-raising strategy based on using telecommunication companies operating in Rwanda, for the commitment of every Church member to contributing financially to the Bible Cause, and for more funds for advocacy projects.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Kigali

**Population:** 11.92 million

**Language:** Kinyarwanda, English, French.

**Religion:** Catholic (49.5%), Protestant (39.4%), other Christian groups (4.5%), Muslim (1.8%), Animist (0.1%), other groups (0.6%), no religion (3.6%), not declared (0.5%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Rwanda

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### Russia\*

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible

Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Capital:** Europe (East)

**Capital:** Moscow

**Population:** 144.3 million

**Language:** Russian (official), Tatar, German, Ukrainian, among others.

**Religion:** Russian Orthodox (15-20%), Muslim (10-15%), other Christian groups (2%)

*\* Russia has many believers who do not practice their religion and non-believers, which is a legacy of more than seven decades of Soviet rule. Russia officially recognizes Orthodox Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism as traditional religions.*

### Contact

Bible Society in Russia

**Website:** [www.biblia.ru](http://www.biblia.ru)

## Seychelles

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the three projects we plan to carry out in 2018: Children and Youth: The danger of drugs and substance abuse; Faith Comes by Bearing; and Trauma Healing. Please pray for potential donors to fund our projects and for them to be successful.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa (Indian Ocean)

**Capital:** Victoria

**Population:** 95,000

**Language:** Seselwa Creole, English, French.

**Religion:** Catholic (76.2%), Protestant (10.6%), other Christian religions (2.4%), Hindu (2.4%), Muslim (1.6%), other groups (1.1%), no (4.8%), no religion (0.9%)

### Contact

Bible Society in the Seychelles

**Website:** [www.unitedbiblesocieties.org/society/bible-society-in-](http://www.unitedbiblesocieties.org/society/bible-society-in-)

*the-seychelles*  
Email: *biblesoc@seychelles.net*

## October 28-November 3

### Senegal

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that God's Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

#### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Dakar

**Population:** 14.55 million

**Language:** French (official), Wolof, Jola, Bambara, among others.

**Religion:** Muslim (Sufi: 94%), Christian (Catholic majority: 5%), indigenous beliefs: (1%)

#### Contact

Bible Society in Senegal  
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### Sierra Leone

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that God's Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

#### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Freetown

**Population:** 7.39 million

**Language:** English (official), Creole, Mende, Limba, Temne.

**Religion:** Muslim (60%), traditional beliefs (30%), Christian (10%)  
(est. 1993)

### Contact

Bible Society in Sierra Leone

**Website:** *biblesociety-sierraleone.org*

**Email:** *bssl@multinet.sl*

### Serbia

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** Southern Europe

**Capital:** Belgrade

**Population:** 9.47 million

**Language:** Serbian (official: 83.3%), Hungarian, Bosnian, among others.

**Religion:** Serbian Orthodox (88.1%), Catholic (5%), Muslim (3.1%), Protestant (1%), atheist (1.1%), other groups (0.8%), no religion (4.7%), not declared or unknown (4.5%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Serbia

**Website:** *biblijskodrustvo.org.rs*

**November 4-10**



## Syria

**Prayer Request:** Pray for our country that continues to face enormous challenges. Pray also that God will guide us as we continue to distribute the Holy Word to people, take part in book fairs, and offer hold Trauma Healing training to more and more people. Pray also for safety in Syria.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia (Middle East)

**Capital:** Damascus

**Population:** 18.43 million

**Languages:** Arabic, Armenian, Kurdish, Syrian, Aramaic.

**Religion:** Muslim (87%), Christian (10%), Druze (3%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Syria

**Email:** [biblehouse@scs-net.org](mailto:biblehouse@scs-net.org)

## Sri Lanka

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that God's Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Colombo (Commercial); Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte (Administrative)

**Population:** 20.33 million

**Language:** Sinhala and Tamil (official), English.

**Religion:** Buddhist (70,2%), Hindu (12,6%), Muslim (9,7%), Christian (7,4%)

### Contact

Ceylon Bible Society

**Website:** [www.ceylonbiblesociety.org](http://www.ceylonbiblesociety.org)

## Swaziland

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to make the Bible's message more widely known across this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

### General Data

**Continent:** Southern Africa

**Capital:** Mbabane

**Population:** 1.27 million

**Language:** English and Swazi (official).

**Religion:** Afro-Christian Syncretism (40%), Catholic (20%), Muslim (10%), other groups (30%)

### Contact

Bible Society in Swaziland

**Website:** *biblesociety-swaziland.org*

## Sudan

**Prayer Request:** Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society is able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

### General Data

**Continent:** North Africa

**Capital:** Khartoum

**Population:** 39.58 million

**Language:** Arabic and English (official).

**Religion:** Muslim (Sunni), small Christian community

### Contact

Bible Society in Sudan

**Website:** *biblesociety-sudan.org*

# November 11-17

## South Sudan

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for peace and the Trauma Healing project.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Juba

**Population:** 12.23 million

**Language:** English, Arabic, Swahili.

**Religion:** Christian (90%), Muslim (10%)

### Contact

Bible Society in South Sudan

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## Sweden

**Prayer Request:** Ask God to increase the reach of the Adventures of the Bible project from 30 thousand to 50 thousand children in school age (ages 10 and 11) over the next two years. Pray also for the international Adventures of the Bible initiative in the Balkans. Pray for our donors and their support.

### General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Stockholm

**Population:** 10 million

**Language:** Swedish, Sami, Finnish. Due to immigration, many other languages are also spoken, such as Arabic, Persian and Dari.

**Religion:** Christianity is the main religion and has a rich history.

However, Sweden today is a very secularized country. Only 2% of the population attend church on Sundays. Due to migration, new churches have been established. About half a million residents have Muslim roots.

## Contact

Swedish Bible Society

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**Email:** [anders.blaberg@bibeln.se](mailto:anders.blaberg@bibeln.se)

## Switzerland

**Prayer Request:** Thank God for His love and protection. Please pray for all the refugees, prison inmates, the elderly, those experiencing social injustices and all those in need in our small country. Pray also for our staff, members and donors for their dedicated work and support.

## General Data

**Continent:** Europe

**Capital:** Bern

**Population:** 8.37 million

**Language:** German, French, Italian, Romansh.

**Religion:** Catholic (37.3%), Protestant (25.5%), atheist (7.4%), other groups

## Contact

Swiss Bible Society

**Website:** [www.die-bibel.ch](http://www.die-bibel.ch)

**Email:** [eva.thomi@die-bibel.ch](mailto:eva.thomi@die-bibel.ch)

# November 18-24

## Suriname

**Prayer Request:** Thank and praise to the Lord for the completion of the full Bible into Suriname Javanese translation. Pray for the translation projects into Aukan, Saramaccan, French Guiana Creole, Wapishana, and Patamuna. Pray for economic and political stability, as well as for peace, in Suriname, Guyana and French Guiana.

## General Data

**Continent:** South America

**Capital:** Paramaribo

**Population:** 558,370

**Language:** Dutch.

**Religion:** Christian (Protestant: 25%; Catholic: 23%), Hindu (22%), Muslim (14%), no religion (11%), other groups (5%)

## Contact

Suriname Bible Society

**Website:** *surinamese.bible*

**Email:** *surbs@sr.net*

## Tajikistan

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that God's Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

## General Data

**Continent:** Central Asia

**Capital:** Dushanbe

**Population:** 8.73 million

**Language:** Tajik (official), Russian.

**Religion:** Sunni Muslim (85%), Shia Muslim (5%), other groups (10%)

## Thailand

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the publication of the Study Notes on the Psalms and Song of Songs, and for the translation of the Acts into Thai Sign Language scheduled to start in 2018 and finish in 2019. Pray for the full revision of the Pentateuch in Thai-Urak Lawoi. Pray for the creation of 100 songs using Bible verses. Pray that all primary schools will have a Bible for Children. Pray also that more children will enter in our contests, and for enough funds.

## General Data

**Continent:** Southeast Asia

**Capital:** Bangkok

**Population:** 67 million

**Language:** Thai, English (widely understood).

**Religion:** Buddhist (94.6%), Muslim (4.2%), Christian (1.1%), other groups (0.4%)

## Contact

Thailand Bible Society

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**Email:** [seree@thaibible.or.th](mailto:seree@thaibible.or.th)

# November 25-December 1

## Taiwan

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the activities and Bible Forums organized to celebrate our anniversary. Pray also that the Lord will touch hearts of our brothers and sisters during those events.

## General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Taipei

**Population:** 23.55 million

**Language:** Chinese.

**Religion:** Buddhist, Taoist, Christian

## Contact

Bible Society in Taiwan

**Website:** [www.bstwn.org](http://www.bstwn.org)

**Email:** [joychen@bstwn.org](mailto:joychen@bstwn.org)

## Tanzania

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that God's Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Dodoma

**Population:** 55.57 million

**Language:** Kiswahili or Swahili (official), Kiunguja (name for Swahili in Zanzibar), English (official), Arabic (spoken in Zanzibar), many local languages.

**Religion:** Continent: Muslim (35%), indigenous beliefs (35%), Christian (30%) Zanzibar: Muslim (over 99%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Tanzania

**Website:** *biblesociety-tanzania.org*

## December 2-8

### Togo

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the launch of the Ewe Bible with the Deuterocanonical Books, and for the start of new translation projects (Nawdm, Ngangam, Adele). Pray for the completion of the Ikposo translation project. Pray also for the political situation in the country.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Lomé

**Population:** 7.6 million

**Language:** French, Ewe, Mina, Kabye, among others.

**Religion:** Indigenous beliefs (51%), Christian (29%), Muslim (20%)

## Contact

Bible Society of Togo

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-togo.org](http://www.biblesociety-togo.org)

## Turkey

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that more people will read the Word of God and touch their hearts. Pray also for our bookstore so that we can share the Gospel with more people.

## General Data

**Continent:** Europe / Asia

**Capital:** Ankara

**Population:** 79.51 million

**Language:** Turkish.

**Religion:** Muslim majority

## Contact

Bible Society in Turkey

**Website:** [www.kitabimukaddes.com](http://www.kitabimukaddes.com)

**Email:** [bilgi@kitabimukaddes.com](mailto:bilgi@kitabimukaddes.com)

# December 9-15

## Ukraine

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible work in this country. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

## General Data

**Continent:** Europe (East)

**Capital:** Kiev

**Population:** 44.94 million



**Language:** Ukrainian (official), Russian, Romanian, Polish, Hungarian.

**Religion:** Orthodox, Ukrainian Orthodox (Kiev Patriarchate), Ukrainian Orthodox (Moscow Patriarchate), Greek Catholic, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Jewish

### Contact

Ukrainian Bible Society

**Website:** [www.ukrbs.org](http://www.ukrbs.org)

## Uganda

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for resources for the new Bible House project, and for the Board of Directors that will lead the development of the next five-year strategic plan (2018-2022). Pray also for the refugees, as well as for the ABIEH (A Bible in Every Home, Hand, Heart, Hospital and Hotel) project.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Kampala

**Population:** 40.9 million

**Language:** English.

**Religion:** Christian (83.9%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Uganda

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-uganda.org](http://www.biblesociety-uganda.org)

**Email:** [catehrine@biblesociety-uganda.org](mailto:catehrine@biblesociety-uganda.org)

## December 16-22

### Uruguay

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the approval of more projects, for

the organization's economic and financial situation, for the United Bible Societies' staff, and for new strategies to spread God's Word across the country.

### General Data

**Continent:** South America

**Capital:** Montevideo

**Population:** 3.44 million

**Language:** Spanish.

**Religion:** Catholic, Protestant, different Christian groups

### Contact

Bible Society of Uruguay

**Website:** [www.sociedadbiblica.org.uy](http://www.sociedadbiblica.org.uy)

**Email:** [info@sociedadbiblica.org.uy](mailto:info@sociedadbiblica.org.uy)

## Uzbekistan

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that God's Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Central Asia

**Capital:** Tashkent

**Population:** 23.32 million

**Language:** Uzbek (official), Russian, Tajik.

**Religion:** Muslim (88%; Sunni majority), Eastern Orthodox (9%), other groups (3%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Uzbekistan

**Website:** [bibles.us](http://bibles.us)

**December 23-29**

## Venezuela

**Prayer Request:** Thank God for guiding us in these times of crisis that affect Bible distribution. Please pray that the Church will continue to be an instrument of change through God's Word. Pray also for the churches, the people and our projects.

### General Data

**Continent:** South America

**Capital:** Caracas

**Population:** 31.57 million

**Language:** Spanish.

**Religion:** Catholic (95%), Protestant (3%), other groups (2%)

### Contact

United Bible Societies in Venezuela

**Website:** [www.sociedadesbiblicas.org.ve](http://www.sociedadesbiblicas.org.ve)

**Email:** [jchacon@sociedadesbiblicas.org.ve](mailto:jchacon@sociedadesbiblicas.org.ve)

## Vietnam

**Prayer Request:** Thank God for the publication of the New Testament in some minority languages, even with limited freedom. Please pray for the continued safety of our staff and translators, as well as for the government to allow us to carry out our work. Pray also for the development of our relations with the Catholic Church.

### General Data

**Continent:** Asia

**Capital:** Hanoi

**Population:** 92.7 million

**Language:** Vietnamese.

**Religion:** Buddhist (7.9%), Catholic (6.6%), Hoa Hao (1.7%), Cao Dai (0.9%), Protestant (0.9%), Muslim (0.1%), no religion (81.8%) (est. 2009)

### Contact

Vietnam Partnership

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# December 30-31

## Zambia

**Prayer Request:** Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Lusaka

**Population:** 16.59 million

**Language:** English (official), Bembe, Kaonde, Lozi, Lunda, Luvale, Namwanga, Tonga.

**Religion:** Christian (95.5%; Protestant: 75.3%; Catholic: 20.2%), Muslim (0.5%), other groups (2%), no religion (1.8%)

### Contact

Bible Society of Zambia

**Website:** [www.biblesociety-zambia.org](http://www.biblesociety-zambia.org)

## Zimbabwe

**Prayer Request:** Please pray for the completion on time of the Shona Study Bible and the Chikunda Old Testament in 2018, as well as for them to have a huge impact on the target audience in Zimbabwe. Pray also for the Peace Building project to have a positive impact on society because there will be presidential elections in 2018.

### General Data

**Continent:** Africa

**Capital:** Harare

**Population:** 16.15 million

**Language:** Shona, Ndebele and English (official); Chewa, Chibarwe, Kalanga, Koisan, Nambya, Ndau, Shangani, Sign Language,

Sotho, Tonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa.  
**Religion:** Christian (87%), not declared (7.9%), traditional (3.8%),  
Muslim (0.9%), other groups and no religion (0.4%)

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