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PRAYER DIARY

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**'Jesus said: 'Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.'**

*Matthew 7:24 (NLT)*

As we enter the New Year, 2022, our resilience continues to be tested. Uncertainty at personal, national, and global levels can leave us feeling quite fragile and vulnerable. And, of course, the longer we experience these demanding situations, the more our resilience (and maybe our faith) is stretched.

This is exactly when we need the reassurance of God's presence with us. Let us pray for one another that as we read the Bible daily, we will encounter God himself and grow in our trust that he has our lives and the whole world in his hands. Whatever the challenges we face, our God is bigger and his love for us deeper than we can imagine.

As we pray for Bible Societies around the world over these next weeks, you will notice that many are encouraging families to read the Bible and pray together. Putting down good foundations in life is so important and helps us all to build the resilience and courage we need to face the storms of life when they come. These foundations can be built and reinforced at any age, but what a delight when young people respond to the teaching of Jesus and entrust their lives to him.

Thank you for praying with us and for us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Elaine Duncan'.

**Elaine Duncan**  
*Chief Executive*

# January 2022



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A teenage girl who is blind reads from part of the Mongolian Braille Bible.

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## 1 January - Matthew 19:1-12

Praise God that, at the beginning of 2022 we can trust him for all that lies ahead. Let's give thanks for his love and faithfulness and let us draw near to him, fully submitting our lives to him and asking that we might get to know him in a deeper way each day.

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## 2 January - Psalm 27

The *Bible-a-month* partner for January is the Mongolian Union Bible Society. At present, there isn't a whole Bible text in Braille for the 12,000 people in **Mongolia** living with visual impairment. Praise God, that now a team has begun work to provide a complete Braille Bible.

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## 3 January - Matthew 19:13-15

Through *Hope at the Edge* the Bible Society of **Lithuania** reached out to school-aged children including those in social care last year. Please pray that the *Compass Bible*, which was published online, will help them to discover Jesus.

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## 4 January - Matthew 19:16-30

Remember the people of **Madagascar** today. The Malagasy Bible Society seeks to provide them with spiritual support via the Word of God as they continue to live with the impact of COVID-19.



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**5 January - Matthew 20: 1-16**

In **Malawi**, *Family Scripture Engagement Packs* are being distributed by 'promoters' to families in rural areas. Praise God, there have been encouraging reports of people's lives being changed as a result of having regular access to God's Word.

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**6 January - Matthew 20:17-28**

Pray for the *Bible-based Trauma Healing* work here in **Scotland** as training and healing groups move from online to face-to-face. Ask God to bless those taking part as they share around his Word.

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**7 January - Matthew 20:29-34**

The *Dina Project* in **Mali** aims to support young girls who are mothers and women who have been victims of violence. Many of these women experience feelings of hopelessness and despair. Pray that through encountering Jesus they might know healing and restoration.

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**8 January - Matthew 21: 1-11**

Please remember the Bible Society of **Mauritius** as they seek prayer and financial assistance in order to increase their Bible work in that country.

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**9 January - Psalm 28**

The Bible Society of **Mexico** is working to translate Matthew, Mark, Luke and John into the *Chinantec of Ojitlán* language. Pray that people's lives will be transformed through the power of God's Word.

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**10 January - Matthew 21:12-22**

The Micronesia Partnership aims to make Bibles available and affordable to the population of the remote **Micronesian Islands**. Pray that the Spirit of God will touch hearts and change many lives in that place.

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**11 January - Matthew 21: 23-27**

The Crieff Fellowship is taking place over three days, beginning today. Give thanks that the meeting can take place in person once again at **Crieff Hydro**, and pray for good fellowship and fruitful discussion for this group of evangelical church leaders.

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**12 January - Matthew 21:28-32**

Give thanks with Christians in **Morocco** for the translation of the full *Bible in Moroccan Arabic*. This has been approved by the translation consultant and the steering committee of the project and is ready for print and digital publishing this year.

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**13 January - Matthew 21:33-46**

Cyclone Eloise hit **Mozambique** in January 2021 resulting in loss of lives, damage to buildings and widespread flooding. Please pray for the Bible Society in Mozambique, as the cyclone also destroyed their depot in Beira and all the stock there was lost. Pray that God will lead them to find a new depot in a safer location.

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**14 January - Matthew 22:1-14**

This year in **Myanmar**, as part of the local Bible Society's literacy programme, classes in reading and writing will be offered to 1,500 adult *Karen* speakers from rural areas. Pray that the Bibles given out to every student will result in changed lives.

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**15 January - Matthew 22:15-22**

Please pray that youth leaders will download the new resources which accompany *Dear Theo*. These are available on our website. Ask that the lives of many young people would be transformed as they engage with the books of Luke and Acts.

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**16 January - Psalm 29**

The Nepal Bible Society is working to provide a standard Nepali Bible for Nepali speakers and churches within and outside of **Nepal**. Pray that this translation will be used by God to encourage the hearts of believers.

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**17 January - Matthew 22:23-33**

Pray for the Bible Society of Nicaragua as they partner with *Bethel Baptist Missionary Estate* to provide Bibles and training to pastors and young leaders in **Nicaragua**. Pray that church leaders there will grow in their knowledge of God.

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**18 January - Matthew 22:34-46**

In 2021 SBS published a new book for teenagers, *Joseph and the Triumph of Grace*, which has been well received. Please pray for good sales throughout 2022 and that young people across **Scotland** will engage with the Bible through this excellent resource.

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**19 January - Matthew 23:1-12**

The Psalms are being translated into modern poetic Macedonian, by the Bible Society in that country. Ask the Lord to speak to people living in **Macedonia**, and pray that through engaging with the Psalms they will become curious to read more of the Bible.

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**20 January - Matthew 23:13-39**

In **Pakistan** an updated version of the *Urdu* New Testament is being prepared which will include Greek alongside *Urdu* text. Pray that this testament will help serious scholars to understand the Bible in a deeper way.

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**21 January - Numbers 3:1-16**

The Bible Society of **Panama** is reaching out to indigenous communities there with an Audio New Testament and showings of the *Jesus Film*. Pray that through hearing the message and watching the film many will respond to the message of the Gospel.

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**22 January - Numbers 4:1-28**

Pray for the Bible Society of **Papua New Guinea** as they renovate their old warehouse and a former office. Pray that income generated from letting out one of these properties will serve to strengthen Bible ministry in that country.

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23 January - Psalm 30

Elaine Duncan is speaking at Auldhouse Community Church in **Glasgow** today. Give thanks for the continued support of this congregation for our work.

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24 January - Numbers 5:1-31

Pray that the Peruvian Bible Society's target of training 50 new *Bible-based Trauma Healing Facilitators* to work with children throughout **Peru** will be realised this year. Pray that God will work through each facilitator to bring emotional support and healing.

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25 January - Numbers 6:1-21

As John's Gospels are given out to first-time church visitors in the **Philippines** pray that they will be well-received. Pray that the Philippine Bible Society and participating churches will be encouraged as people respond positively to the unexpected gift.

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26 January - Numbers 6:22 - 7:11

Pray for the Bible Society of **Portugal** as they develop a website which will allow people to engage with the Bible in a deeper way. All Portuguese and English texts will be available for free, and a voucher code will provide access to original texts and study Bibles.

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27 January - Numbers 7:89 - 8:26

Pray for the *Essential Christian* Board, of which Elaine Duncan is a member, as it meets today. Pray for good discussion and wisdom as they consider the various activities *Essential Christian* is responsible for – like Spring Harvest.

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28 January - Numbers 9:1-23

In **Romania** the Interconfessional Bible Society is reaching out to various groups with New Testaments and Bibles. Pray for the groups of children, adults and the elderly who will receive God's Word. Pray that the Good News will find its home in many hearts.

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29 January - Numbers 10:1-13, 33-36

Please pray for the distribution of *Light and Life* - our Gospel of John. This brightly illustrated magazine is aimed at those outside the church and who don't yet know the love of God. Pray that many people will be drawn to pick it up and read it.

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30 January - Psalm 31

By listening to a radio programme by the local Bible Society, people in **Rwanda** will be able to acquire knowledge and skills about dealing with past traumas and hear a message of comfort from the Bible. Please pray that as the radio broadcasts go out, the people who most need the message will hear it.

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31 January - Numbers 11:1-35

Around 500 theology students in **Senegal** need the Bible in Hebrew and New Testament in Greek. Please pray that funding will be provided so that the Bible Society in Senegal can provide these essential text books.

# February 2022



▲ A young girl enjoys a Bible storybook given to her by the Bible Society of Guatemala.

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## 1 February - Numbers 12:1-16

February's *Bible-a-month* partner is the Bible Society of **Guatemala**. The Bible Society is working to provide specially adapted Bible materials for children with learning difficulties. Please pray for the Bible message to be communicated in a way that is accessible and understandable to this special group of children.

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**2 February - Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33**

A new series of animated films are being created to complement the *Joseph and the Triumph of Grace* book for teenagers. Please pray for everyone involved in making these films. Pray that the films will draw teenagers to the book of Genesis.

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**3 February - Numbers 14:1-25**

The **Seychelles** Bible Society has been struggling since the beginning of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Seychelles' main source of income is from tourism and the pandemic has had a devastating impact on people's livelihoods. The dwindling economy and low Bible sales mean that the Bible Society will not be able to sustain its operations in the long term. Please pray for God to provide in this situation and to show them the way ahead.

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**4 February - Numbers 14:26-45**

Give thanks for the people in **Sierra Leone** who have started to interact with the Scriptures through the *Jesus Film* and the *Faith Comes by Hearing* listening groups. Pray that listening group members who are literate will also benefit from their free printed copy of the Bible.

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**5 February - Numbers 15:22-41**

Due to improved fundraising and the development of a new e-shop, the Slovak Bible Society has gathered the resources to start several new projects. Pray that their ministry will have a growing impact in **Slovakia**.

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**6 February - Psalm 32**

Priests and Catholic pastoral lay workers are partnering with the Bible Society of Slovenia to form small Bible reading groups. Pray that the groups will encourage Catholic Christians in **Slovenia** to engage with the Word of God, apply it to their lives and share it with friends.

7

**7 February - Numbers 16:1-50**

Please pray for Norman Liddle as he shares about on the work of the Scottish Bible Society with the Guild at Cellardyke Parish Church in **Fife** today. Pray that people will be inspired as they hear about what God is doing around the world.

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**8 February - Numbers 17:1-13**

Give thanks that an IT upgrade has been implemented within the Bible Society of the **South Pacific**. Staff there are now able to work remotely and also continue with networking and planned activities through online meetings.

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**9 February - Numbers 18:1-32**

Please pray for church small groups meeting across **Scotland** and using SBS *Equip* resources to study the Bible together.

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**10 February - Numbers 19:1-22**

The Bible Society of **Spain** works to provide *Hebrew and Greek Bible Texts* to students of theology. Pray that future leaders and translators will be helped to grow and develop spiritually through having access to these resources.



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**11 February - Revelation 1:1-8**

*Bibles in Braille and Audio* are being published for people living with visual disability in **Sri Lanka**. Pray that the work of the team at the Ceylon Bible Society will make a lasting difference to the lives of this group.

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**12 February - Revelation 1:9-20**

Out of the seventeen ethnic groups in the Southern Blue Nile region of **Sudan**, the *Uduk* people are the only group where the majority are Christian. Please pray that the First Bible in the *Uduk* language will soon be published for them.

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**13 February - Psalm 33**

Remember the Suriname Bible Society as they translate a book of Bible Stories for Children in the *Aukan* and *Saramaccan* languages. Dutch is the main language spoken in **Suriname**, and is used in school. However, having the Bible in their heart language would give children a better understanding of God's Word.

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**14 February - Revelation 2:1-7**

Pray for the work of the Bible Society in **Syria**. *Wade Al-Nasara*, which translated means Valley of Christians, is so-called because of the number of Christian believers living there. Due to the economic hardship in the area believers cannot afford to buy a Bible and the demand increases each year. Pray that the Bible Society in Syria will be able to fully meet the need for God's Word there.

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**15 February - Revelation 2:8-11**

Elaine Duncan is speaking at the Strathclyde University Christian Union in **Glasgow** today. Pray for all Christian students that their faith will continue to grow and flourish, and for good fellowship and support for each other.

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**16 February - Revelation 2:12-17**

Pearl Liddle will be facilitating Initial Training for *Bible-based Trauma Healing* in London, beginning today. Pray for openness as God's Word is shared and for opportunities for attendees to run groups back in their own communities.

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**17 February - Revelation 2:18-29**

The Bible Society of **Tanzania** is reaching out to orphans and vulnerable children in the Mbarali district of Mbeya. Pray that teaching in life skills and interaction with the Word of God will bring hope and transformation.

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**18 February - Revelation 3:1-6**

Publishing a *Thai Study Bible* is a priority for the **Thailand** Bible Society. As each Bible book is finished it is published individually rather than waiting until the whole Bible is complete. Praise God, this way believers will be able to study the Scriptures as soon as possible.

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**19 February - Revelation 3:7-13**

The Bible Society of Togo is distributing Children's Bibles to Sunday schools in the north of **Togo**. Pray that as a result many children will get to know Bible stories and develop a regular Bible reading habit.

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20 February - Psalm 34

Elaine Duncan is speaking at Seagate Church in **Troon** this morning. Pray that the congregation will be encouraged as well as challenged by Elaine's message.

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21 February - Revelation 3:14-22

The Bible Society of **Uganda** aims to help people with visual impairments to own a Braille or Audio Bible. Pray that people living with a visual disability will grow to love God's Word and share about Jesus with their friends.

22

22 February - Revelation 4:1-11

*Word of Hope to Crisis Families* reaches out to broken families with God's Word in **Ukraine**. Please pray with the Ukrainian Bible Society that whole families will find encouragement, peace and guidance on how to live in harmony.

23

23 February - Revelation 5:1-14

*Grow and Learn* booklets, containing Bible excerpts, are being distributed amongst Sunday school classes in **Uruguay**. Pray with the Bible Society of Uruguay that every booklet received will result in spiritual growth in each young life.

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24 February - Revelation 6:1-17

The *Audio Bible in the Uzbek Language* has now been recorded. Please pray for negotiations to make a presentation about this project at state level. Pray that the presentation will go ahead and be well-received. Pray that permission will be given to allow the audio Bible to be freely distributed in **Uzbekistan**.

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25 February - Revelation 7:1-17

The United Bible Societies in **Venezuela** is working to translate the Bible into the Sign Language. Please pray that God will use his living Word to change peoples' lives in the Venezuelan deaf community.

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26 February - Revelation 8:1-13

Please pray Neil, Fiona and Jen, our *Outspoken Bible* podcast team. The podcast provides an engaging and thoughtful discussion for people to listen to, discussing the Bible in a contemporary format.

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27 February - Psalm 35

Pray for the **West Balkan** Partnership. One of the purposes of this group of Bible Societies is to establish relationships with leaders and key people in churches in the area with the aim of encouraging them to prioritize Bible use in their congregations.

28

28 February - Revelation 9:1-21

Pray that through the *100 Steps Family Bible Challenge* many parents in the **West Indies** will begin to read the Bible regularly with their children. Ask for God to speak through his Word and help whole families to grow in faith.

# March 2022



▲ Bible Society representatives in El Salvador support ex-gang members and other inmates in prison.

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## 1 March - Revelation 10:1-11

The *Bible-a-month* partner in March is the Bible Society of **El Salvador**. The Bible Society of El Salvador reaches out to gang members who find themselves serving time in prison, supporting them and helping them to discover the God of the Bible. Pray that through hearing the Gospel message many prisoners will respond to Jesus and turn away from gang culture.

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## 2 March - Revelation 11:1-19

Give thanks for the opportunity for Norman Liddle to update the Guild at **Erskine** Parish Church today on our work. Pray for a good response to what is shared.

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## 3 March - Job 22:1-30

Remember the translation team working on the *First Chikunda Bible*, for the *Chikunda* community in Northern **Zimbabwe**. Pray that the Bible will help to win new Christians and reaffirm the faith of existing believers in that country.

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## 4 March - Job 23:1-17

In **Zimbabwe** *Faith Comes by Hearing* groups use audio recordings of the Bible to share the Scriptures with those who struggle to read. Pray that listeners all over the country will respond positively to the Word of God.

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5 March - Job 24:1-25

First developed by the British and Foreign Bible Society *Open the Book* shares the Bible with children through interactive story-telling. Pray for *Open the Book*, now in its third year in **Albania**. Praise God, the Interconfessional Bible Society of Albania is using it in a variety of outreach programmes in that country.

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6 March - Psalm 36

Pray for the Bible Society in **Angola** as it reaches out to the half a million prison inmates in that country. Please pray that gifts of Bibles, New Testaments and Bible reading notes will be used by God to transform the lives of many prisoners.

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7 March - Job 25:1- 26:14

*Real News*, run by the Argentine Bible Society, aims to give young people across **Argentina** access to the New Testament. Please pray that through the reading of God's Word many will get to know Jesus personally.

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8 March - Job 27:1-23

The Interconfessional Bible Society of **Moldova** is distributing Family Bibles to vulnerable families, single parents, and the elderly. Pray that families who read the Bible together will become more unified as they interact with the Word of God.

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9 March - Job 28: 1-28

This year the Paraguayan Bible Society celebrate 10 years of Bible work in the riverside communities of **Paraguay**. Please pray that God will give staff grace to continue serving in those remote areas.

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10 March - Job 29:1-25

The Scottish Bible Society Board meets today for the first of its quarterly meetings this year. Give thanks for the time and commitment the Trustees give to the Society, and for the expertise each person brings to the Board.

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11 March - Job 30:1-31

Work on the *Pinuyumayan First New Testament* continues in **Taiwan**. Members of the translation team are sometimes asked to help with language teaching, which has made translation progress slower than planned. Please pray for the team as they balance various work commitments and complete the whole New Testament as soon as possible.

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12 March - Job 31:1-40

A series of booklets entitled *History and Archaeology* have been prepared by the Bible Society in Turkey. The books provide information about Biblical events which have taken place in **Turkey**. Pray that the booklets will generate further interest in the message of the Bible.

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13 March - Psalm 37

Pray for prison inmates who receive a copy of God's Word from the Bible Society in **Puerto Rico**. Pray that they will begin to understand God's love for them, and encounter Jesus through reading the Bible.



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**14 March - Job 32:1-22**

Praise God, as part of the Bible Society of South Africa's bicentennial celebrations, the Society are making 2 million Bibles and 2 million sets of literacy materials available to the Christian community in **South Africa** in all the 11 official languages.

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**15 March - Job 33:1-33**

The Bible Society of **Zambia** uses a delivery van to distribute Bibles all over the country. Pray that a new vehicle can be bought soon. Pray also, for the many Zambians who rely on deliveries from the Bible Society, for example secondary school pupils waiting on Good News Bibles - for their Religious Studies classes.

16

**16 March - Job 34:1-37**

Give thanks for the work being done amongst migrant workers and refugees in **Malaysia** by the Bible Society and partner organisations in that country. Praise God that during the pandemic, education, practical needs and emotional support were offered as well as Bibles.

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**17 March - Job 35:1-16**

*Transforming Scotland* gathers in **Edinburgh** this month. Give thanks for participating church leaders as they discuss issues facing the Church in Scotland.

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**18 March - Job 36:1-33**

Many people in this country have recently been struggling with isolation, loneliness, fear and loss. Pray that volunteers throughout **Scotland** who are facilitating the *Bible-based Trauma Healing* groups will know God's wisdom as they come alongside people who are hurting.

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**19 March - Job 37:1-24**

Pray for the *Ovahimba* and the *Ovadhimba* people of **Namibia**. They live in semi-nomadic communities where the spoken rather than the written word is used. Some are Christian but few experience lasting change in their lives due to the lack of interaction with God's Word. Give thanks that an *Oral Bible Translation for the Ovahimba* is now in production.

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**20 March - Psalm 38**

Scripture Union Scotland will be gifting a copy of *Joseph and the Triumph of Grace* to every young person who attends their holidays in 2022. Pray that these young people will experience God's grace in their own lives.

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**21 March - Job 38:1-21**

The Bible Society **Nigeria** is currently translating the Bible into the *Epie* language. Give thanks that a programme is also being set up to offer reading and writing tuition to illiterate *Epie* speakers.

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**22 March - Job 38:22-41**

Pray for the 60 Roma children who completed the literacy program run by the Bible Society of **Serbia** last year. Give thanks for the teachers who lead the classes. Give thanks that each teacher is a mentor who will continue to care about the child's education and well-being as well as their personal relationship with God.

23

**23 March - Job 39:1-30**

Please pray for the SBS Communications team as they prepare Bible resources around our 2022 theme of *Light and Life* from John's Gospel.

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**24 March - Job 40:1-24**

Christians living in **Tajikistan** are in a very small minority. Please pray that the Bible will become more widely available in that country. Pray also that God's Word will speak to persecuted Christians there and pray that their faith would be strengthened and their hearts encouraged by it.

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**25 March - Job 41:1-34**

Please give thanks for our partnership with Biblica/NIV who support us with many Bible distribution projects, including our Gospels and children's books.

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**26 March - Job 42:1-17**

There are 528,000 people who speak the Ossetic language in **Russia**. Please pray for Russian Orthodox believers in that country as the Russian Orthodox Church begins to use the new *Bible in the Ossetic Language* in their liturgical services. Pray that as the Bible is used in schools and at home in personal devotions faith will grow.

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**27 March - Psalm 39**

*10 Must Know Bible Stories* is an educational resource available from SBS providing Bible-based RME resources in **Scotland**. Please pray for teachers as they use and adapt these lessons in schools.

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**28 March - Matthew 24:1-14**

*Audio Bible-based Trauma Healing* courses are being used to minister to traumatized people living in **South Sudan**. Please pray for the people of this country as they have had to endure the longest-running and most brutal civil war in Africa. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bring peace to broken minds and hearts and lives will be restored to the glory of God.

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**29 March - Matthew 24:15-35**

Please pray for the SBS staff responsible for continuing to adapt our *Bibleworld Books* resources for use online. Please pray that the illustrations and Bible stories will inspire a new generation of children.

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**30 March - Matthew 24:36-51**

Progress is being made towards publishing a new *Vietnamese Study Bible*. Pray that this resource will help preachers in **Vietnam** to become more effective in their preaching, and believers to have a better understanding of God's Word.

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**31 March - Matthew 25:1-13**

Please pray for Gospel distribution across **Scotland**, that God's Word would go forth and make a lasting difference in people's lives.

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