

JULY – OCTOBER 2024

# Prayer in Action



# July

We're thanking the Lord for the generations of Christians who have partnered with Bible Society and supported Bible mission over the last 220 years. And we want to thank you as well for being with us in 2024, spreading the truth and the light that's found in Jesus through the Scriptures.

The Bible is now widely available, but the mission is not complete. We don't just want people to have a Bible on their bookshelf; we want people to engage with the Scriptures. We want people to be in full communion with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for joining us as we focus on Bible engagement.

Simon Bartz,  
Word in Action Editor

You sent me aid more than once when I was in need.

PHILIPPIANS 4.16 (NIV)



## 30 JUNE – 6 JULY

Thank the Lord for the beautiful testimonies of people who have given their lives to Jesus in Bahrain (see pages 4 and 5 of *Word in Action*).

## 7–13 JULY

Thank God for the pure and true generosity of Bible Society supporters which means a constant stream of migrant workers are hearing the gospel in the Gulf.

## 14–20 JULY

Pray that when Christian migrant workers return to their homelands in the Indian subcontinent, Africa or elsewhere, they will spread the good news of Jesus.

## 21–27 JULY

Ask God to give strength, wisdom and protection to our Bible Society colleagues in the Gulf as they minister in challenging circumstances in Muslim countries.

## 28 JULY – 3 AUGUST

Pray that labour laws will be changed in Gulf states so that migrant workers will be better protected at work and at home.

**Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.**

PHILIPPIANS 4.6-7 (GNB)

Thanks to you, migrant workers can access Bibles in more than 60 languages in the Gulf states. Photo credit: Bible Society in the Gulf

Cover photo: Many migrant workers in the Gulf, including this woman in Bahrain, are turning to Jesus thanks to the Scripture outreach and support programmes you're helping to provide. Photo credit: Bible Society in the Gulf



# August



Thanks to your kind giving, Scriptures and other support have been distributed in Gaza despite a Bible Society office being destroyed in the conflict. Here Nashat Filmon, who leads Bible Society work in Gaza and the West Bank, enjoys fellowship with a group of Palestinian children. Photo credit: Bible Society



## PRAYER TREES

To share your prayer or read the prayers of others, please visit our online prayer trees at [biblesociety.org.uk/prayer](https://biblesociety.org.uk/prayer) or scan the code

We are expanding our Bible engagement and outreach programmes here in England and Wales. Please pray for this Bible work on our shores because people in this country are in real need of the healing and saving power found only through Jesus. Pray for a divine intervention that will shake the souls of the people of Britain. Pray they will understand that, 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble' (Psalm 46.1, ESV).

**Let the wicked leave their way of life and change their way of thinking. Let them turn to the LORD, our God; he is merciful and quick to forgive.**

ISAIAH 55.7 (GNB)

### 4–10 AUGUST

Pray that many people will join us as we Step out for Scripture (see page 7 of *Word in Action*).

### 11–17 AUGUST

Lord God, we ask for your healing touch among the people of Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar and elsewhere in the world where there is conflict. May your grace bring comfort and healing to body, mind and spirit.

(Write in or visit [biblesociety.org.uk/healing](https://biblesociety.org.uk/healing) to submit a prayer for healing. Just let us know your first name and the town or area where you live. The closing date is 30 August. Please join Bible Society staff and other supporters in praying other people's prayers too. Also, see page 12 of *Word in Action*.)

### 18–24 AUGUST

Pray that everyone who watches *The Map and the Mountain* would be touched by the gospel message (see page 10 of *Word in Action*). Pray that many will share the video with others who don't know Jesus.

### 25–31 AUGUST

Pray for Andrew Ollerton and his team as they continue to create Bible resources to reach the world with the gospel. Pray people in the outdoors community will come to know Jesus through resources like *The Map and the Mountain*.



# September



This month we're focusing on Africa and all the amazing work you are supporting there. If you haven't already done so, take a look at pages 8–9 of your *Word in Action* magazine to see examples of what your kind giving is enabling in Togo, Mali and Sudan.

**A good person brings good out of the treasure of good things in his heart.**

LUKE 6.45 (GNB)

A woman in Mali reads a Bible provided by Bible Society supporters. Photo credit: Bible Society in Mali

## **1–7 SEPTEMBER**

Pray for the publication of the Kabiye Old Testament in Togo. Ask God to make this final stage of a long process smooth and efficient. Ask God to bring revival to the Kabiye people.

## **8–14 SEPTEMBER**

Pray that the gospel will reach more people in Muslim-majority Mali through their traditional music. Pray for changed hearts as people realise the Bible isn't something foreign and unwanted but a sign of God's love for the Malian people.

## **15–21 SEPTEMBER**

Pray for an end to the civil war in Sudan. Pray for the transformative power of the Bible to be released in Sudan. Pray that it will be uniquely recognised as the way to peace and salvation by people from all backgrounds.

## **22–28 SEPTEMBER**

Pray that Sudan's Bible workers will be safe wherever they are. Pray that God would soon reunite family members who have been separated and bring them home.

## **29 SEPTEMBER – 5 OCTOBER**

O Lord of Mercy, help the people of Africa and other tough regions of the world to believe in Christ and his message of assurance, hope and love. Comfort Christians and orphans in violent situations and provide for their needs. Amen.

**Ahmed, Nigeria**  
**(from our Africa Prayer Tree)**



# October



There is so much to give thanks to God for and to pray for. Why not flick through *Word in Action* one more time and see where the Holy Spirit leads you in your prayers?

**In the same way the Spirit also comes to help us, weak as we are. For we do not know how we ought to pray; the Spirit himself pleads with God for us in groans that words cannot express.**

**ROMANS 8.26 (GNB)**

## 6–12 OCTOBER

Pray for Wilson (pictured, and see page 3 of *Word in Action*) and ask that other gang members in Guatemala will find Jesus through the flourishing Open the Book ministry.

## 13–19 OCTOBER

Pray for the storytellers in Guatemala City taking the Bible into schools and detention centres and to children with special needs.

## 20–26 OCTOBER

Give thanks for 220 years of flourishing Bible ministry, all made possible by kind supporters like you. Praise God that so many people around the world now have access to the Bible.

## 27 OCTOBER – 2 NOVEMBER

Ask the Lord to be with all of us, Bible Society staff and supporters, as we embrace future challenges and opportunities to encourage people to engage more with the Scriptures.

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