

NOVEMBER 2024 – FEBRUARY 2025

# Prayer in Action



# November

*Whenever I spot an email from Egypt in my inbox, I jump on it because I know that the news will almost certainly give me a lift. The work that Bible Society of Egypt is doing thanks to your support is reaping beautiful rewards.*

*Everyone works together to get Bibles to the poorest Christians in Egypt.*

*Your support subsidises the production of more than 110,000 affordable Scriptures each year. This makes them available at such low prices that churches and evangelists can bulk buy them and then hand them out for free. It's a blessed chain reaction that begins with your kindness and generosity.*

*The most important thing of all is that people learn to engage with the Scriptures, and that's why your support is also invested in the training of Bible study leaders.*

*Thank you for enabling Bible mission, whether that's through donations, prayers or a combination of both. Your giving changes lives worldwide.*

*I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

**Simon Bartz,**  
*Word in Action Editor*

**When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the LORD, and the LORD will pay you back.**

PROVERBS 19.17 (GNB)



Young Christians have been trained to lead Bible study groups, like this one in Cairo, which are flourishing and attracting people of all ages. Thanks to your support, a further 520 leaders are scheduled to be trained in 2025. Photos: Alex Baker/Bible Society

Cover photo: Yara, 16, and Irini, 15, are delighted to regularly attend a Bible study group in Cairo. Your generosity is training hundreds of leaders to run these groups.

## 3–9 NOVEMBER

Praise God that the poorest Christians in Egypt are receiving Bibles for free thanks to the combined efforts of Bible Society supporters, churches, evangelists and the team at Bible Society of Egypt. Pray that this ministry will flourish.

## 10–16 NOVEMBER

Pray that Christian families in Egypt will draw nearer to God and have their faith strengthened as they engage with God's word.

## 17–23 NOVEMBER

Ask God to bless the 520 people who are scheduled to undergo training in 2025 to lead Bible study groups in Egypt. Pray that God will use these young leaders mightily.

## 24–30 NOVEMBER

With more than 82 million internet users in Egypt, our colleagues there are developing a powerful digital ministry. Pray for guidance so the Bible Society team in Egypt will be able to reach many more people with the Scriptures through their online apps and social media.

# December

**Happy Christmas  
and best wishes  
for the New Year!**

Many of us will be thanking God this year as we experience a joyful Christmas, delighting in the company and entertainment of family and friends. But during this wonderful season, let's also remember those who are lonely or suffering and pray for them.

Whether they live down the street from us, right next door or half way around the world, let's pray that they will hear about Jesus and know his presence. Let's pray for them to be invited to attend church, perhaps a carol service, and to receive a warm welcome and gospel hope there.

**A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, 'Wonderful Counsellor', 'Mighty God', 'Eternal Father', 'Prince of Peace'. His royal power will continue to grow; his kingdom will always be at peace.**

ISAIAH 9.6-7 (GNB)

## 1-7 DECEMBER

Pray that people who don't usually attend Christmas services will be moved to go this year and that they will be touched by the greatest story ever told – the story of Jesus.

## 8-14 DECEMBER

This Christmas, you are providing Bibles in places where wars are raging. You're offering peace through Jesus to civilians and soldiers on the front lines. Pray that people affected by conflict will turn to Jesus to find true and everlasting peace. Read a story from Ukraine on our website: [biblesociety.org.uk/war-ukraine](https://biblesociety.org.uk/war-ukraine)

## 15-21 DECEMBER

Pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in churches across England and Wales. Pray for Christian revival on these shores and that people will be stirred from spiritual apathy to fresh hope and gospel purpose.

## 22-28 DECEMBER

Thank God for Jesus – for his birth, his ministry, and his death and resurrection. Praise God for his mercy and Jesus for his amazing grace and beautiful promises. Hallelujah!

## 29 DECEMBER – 4 JANUARY

Pray that 2025 will be more peaceful than 2024. Pray that those tempted to spark conflict will have their consciences pricked by the Holy Spirit and that they will turn from evil to do good and act as peacemakers.

# January



## 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 QR code

Reading Darius\* story in *Word in Action* shows us just how important it is to share God's love with strangers who have arrived in this country seeking safety. This need goes beyond politics or differences in our backgrounds. If he was sent back to Iran, Darius could be locked up, forced to reveal the whereabouts of fellow Iranian Christians or even executed for his belief in Jesus as his Saviour. \*Name changed.

**At one time you were not God's people, but now you are his people; at one time you did not know God's mercy, but now you have received his mercy. I appeal to you, my friends, as strangers and refugees in this world!**

1 PETER 2.10–11 (GNB)

### 5–11 JANUARY

Praise God for the courage of Iranian Christians. Pray that they'll be empowered to share the gospel among their friends with increasing openness because of their confidence in God.

### 12–18 JANUARY

Pray for peace both within Iran and in its relationship with other countries. Ask God to intervene to protect and help the oppressed and soothe tensions. Pray that the truth and hope of the gospel will change lives and radically transform Iran.

### 19–25 JANUARY

Ask God to bring more congregations into the Welcome Churches network so that Christians in this country can be part of the gospel work to love strangers as God has loved them.

### 26 JANUARY – 1 FEBRUARY

Pray that refugees who receive Jesus as their Saviour will build good lives in this country. Pray that they'll shine your light in their workplaces and neighbourhoods.

# February



'Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word –  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.'

**Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926–2024)**

**Each of you should use whatever gift  
you have received to serve others.**

**1 PETER 4.10 (NIV)**

Photo: In her humble kitchen in Longtan, China, Guo Shurong devours the Scriptures, reading them in every spare moment. She says it's her secret to inner peace.  
Photo credit: UBS-CP

## **2–8 FEBRUARY**

Pray for the many small communities of Christians scattered throughout China, that they will be sustained by the great promises within the Bible.

## **9–15 FEBRUARY**

Pray that more young Christians will feel called into the ministry in China. Pray for all those who are currently taking part in Bible Society training programmes and ask God to bless their future ministries.

## **16–22 FEBRUARY**

Thank God that countless people are turning to Jesus in China, year in, year out. Ask God to protect their faith and speak to each one of them through the Bible.

## **23 FEBRUARY – 1 MARCH**

Thank God that we have so many Bible editions to suit every need. Pray that the new NRSVue Bible (see magazine) will help many.

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