

November 2022 – February 2023

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'We can surely be grateful that, two thousand years after the birth of Jesus, so many of us are able to draw inspiration from his life and message, and to find in him a source of strength and courage.'

Queen Elizabeth II
1926 – 2022

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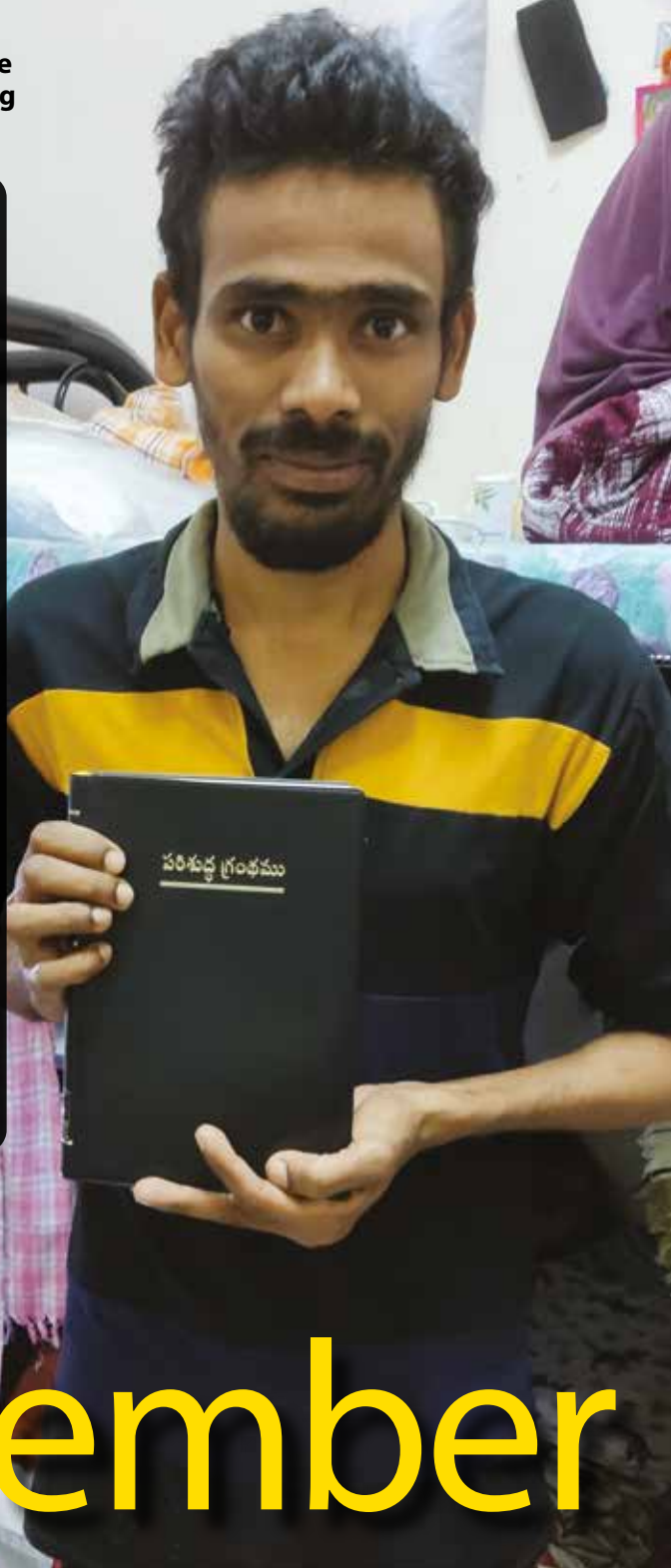
Pray with Bible Society

Thanks to your support, more migrant workers are receiving Scriptures in the Gulf.

We thank God for the life and example of Queen Elizabeth II. We pray for the country during this difficult time following her passing and we ask that the Lord will bless King Charles III. We pray that the new King will turn to the Scriptures to find the same guidance that his mother found and put into practice.

Your generosity, both in prayer and in giving, is making an incredible difference to people around the world. Let's pray over the next few months that the word of God will reach into the hearts of more people, giving them new hope for the future.

We have courage in God's presence, because we are sure that he hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will.
1 John 5.14 (GNB)



Remember, Bible Sunday is on 30 October

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us the Bible. Thank you that you reveal yourself and your glorious purposes in it and that we can come to know Jesus as our Lord and Saviour through it. Thank you for the power of the Holy Spirit enabling us to understand your word, to be shaped by it and to share it with others. Amen.

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BibleSunday22WIA](http://biblesociety.org.uk/BibleSunday22WIA)

6 – 12 November

Bible Society in the Gulf will be distributing John's Gospel and the New Testament in 14 different languages during the World Cup which starts in Qatar later this month. The Scriptures will be given to migrant workers in Qatar who struggle to make ends meet, as well as to visiting football fans.

Hrayr Jebejian, the General Secretary of Bible Society in the Gulf, asks: 'Please pray that this Scripture distribution will have a great impact on the migrant workers who have toiled to prepare Qatar for the World Cup and on visiting football fans. Pray that any challenges in relation to Scripture importation and distribution in Qatar will be overcome and the Scriptures will reach many.'



13 – 19 November

It has been reported that thousands of migrant workers died while working long shifts in brutal heat to build World Cup stadiums and other buildings and infrastructure in Qatar.

Hrayr, Bible Society leader in the Gulf, asks: 'Please pray that the plight of the many migrant workers in the Gulf will be eased. Also pray for the leaders of the churches and Bible Society staff in the region so that their passion to do the Lord's work may be blessed and that they may find all the support that they require.'

20 – 26 November

Right now, John's Gospel is being handed out by the Bible Society team in Qatar.

Pray that the Scriptures fall into the right hands and change people's lives. Pray that this World Cup will not only be about goals scored, but also about souls saved.

27 November – 3 December

The Gulf countries are home to 200 nationalities! The whole world is in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. People from India, Bangladesh, Nepal and elsewhere have gone there to try and earn a living. Pray that when these migrant worker believers return home they will share the good news of Jesus Christ in their own countries.

November

December

Photo credit: Dag Smemo



The generosity of Bible Society supporters provided these study books to students at a Bible School in China.

It has been difficult for Bible mission in China recently, not least because whole cities continue (at the time of writing) to be locked down due to Covid, thus hampering Bible work in churches. Please join us in praying that Bible mission will get back on track in China and also pray for Bible Society's flourishing work with the Chinese Church in England and Wales.

But those who trust in the LORD for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak. Isaiah 40.31 (GNB)

4 – 10 December

Restrictions on religious activity in mainland China have intensified over the last few years. Pray that restrictions will ease and that God will open the door for Bible Society to begin even more projects in China over the coming years.

Kathryn, Manchester: 'Dear God our Father, please keep safe and well the Bible workers in China. Enable them to find opportunities to serve you and spread your word, also help them to bring the churches together to serve you better.'

11 – 17 December

Pray that the distribution of Bible resources inside mainland China will run smoothly and that all obstacles will be overcome. Pray that this will lead to pastors and churches receiving more Scriptural resources such as study books that will allow them to better minister to their growing flocks.

Joan, Antigua and Barbuda: 'Lord, we praise you for the growing Church in China. Thank you that we are able to make a donation to the growth of your work in China. Multiply the Bibles and bless the church in China, in Jesus' name. Amen.'

18 – 24 December

Pray that the many Chinese people, especially from Hong Kong, who are settling in England and Wales will be welcomed here.

Pray that any wounds they feel leaving their home city of Hong Kong will be healed.

Ask God to soothe the sadness they feel having said goodbye to family and friends, and comfort them as they worry about the direction life is going in back home. Pray that God will guide Chinese Christians to find a suitable church here.

25 – 31 December

Happy Christmas from Bible Society!

Pray that preachers in China, many of whom struggle serving multiple churches in rural areas, will be especially blessed this Christmas. Thank the Lord for the kind giving of Bible Society supporters, which provides these pastors with resources they need to help their ministries. Pray that this continuing assistance will enable them to reach more people in this vast country.

Chinese Christians often take part in Bible training in England and Wales supported by you through Bible Society. Pray for these students and ask God to raise up more visionary and strategic servant leaders for Chinese mission across the world.

Your support of Bible mission in The Gambia means more Scriptures get to more people, like this delighted boy.

January

Thanks to your continued support, Bible mission continues to flourish in Africa. Let's pray for ongoing projects such as the Bible House in Mali and give thanks for the success of projects such as the translation of the Jola Bible in The Gambia.

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope, and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people. He keeps them for you in heaven, where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away.
1 Peter 1.3-4 (GNB)

Photo credit: Bible Society in The Gambia

1 – 7 January

Give thanks for the recent launch of the full Bible in the Jola language in The Gambia after years of hard work from the translation team. Pray that God's word will be received with much joy and bear lasting fruit among the Jola community.

8 – 14 January

Pray for good relations between the Bible Society team in The Gambia and church leaders throughout the country as they seek to partner with them in Bible mission.

15 - 21 January

Praise God for the steadfastness and endurance of our teams in the Sahel region, despite tremendous adversity including terrorist threats. Please continue to pray for them to be given strength and courage as they seek to bring about spiritual growth and authentic discipleship within the Church, so Christians can be salt and light in the wider society.

Miracle, UK: 'Dear Lord, to your hands we commit Africa's various peoples. Guard and protect them with your Holy Spirit. Give them the grace to serve you fully till the day you will return. Amen.'

22 – 28 January

Pray for the people of Mali and the work of the Malian Bible Society. Ask God to bless the Mali Bible House building project which will serve the growing needs of the Christian community and church. Bless those who are helping to fund the Mali Bible House because it is a result of their prayerful generosity that this project will be completed.

Ask God to protect and guide, all those involved in the design and construction of the Bible House. Pray that God will give them courage to work in an environment hostile to the gospel and grant them wisdom to create a Bible House that builds God's kingdom in love, joy and peace. Pray that teachers and preachers will be conscientious and effective in their ministry, so that the truth of the gospel will prevail.

29 January – 4 February

Ask God to grant wisdom and strength to Bible Society leaders in Africa to drive Bible mission forward in challenging environments where infrastructure is lacking, such as in Mali and Niger. Pray for the protection of Christians in regions like the Sahel where they are often targeted by extremists.

Anonymous: 'Dear God, protect those at risk of persecution in many African countries. Give them strength and courage to carry on your word. Amen.'

Your loving gifts of Scriptures and other resources have given hope to so many Ukrainians over the past year.

February

5 – 11 February

Please pray for a lasting peace in Ukraine and that wounds, both mental and physical, will be healed. Pray that peace will lead to forgiveness, reconciliation and love.

Pray for an end to terrorist activity and war in parts of Africa and the Middle East too.

Pray that people are spared the worst of disease and war and turn to God as their source of health and peace.

12 – 18 February

Thank God for the success of the 'Family Bible Challenge' in raising awareness about the Good News Bible – Family Edition and inspiring families at Big Church Festival. Pray that here in England and Wales the Bible will be opened in the homes of more and more families and that they will explore God's word, grow in faith and praise the Lord together.

19 – 25 February

Pray that the Open the Book ministry will continue to expand worldwide so that Bible storytelling will take place in more and more schools. Pray also for our continuing prison ministry in England and Wales, that more prisoners will open the Scriptures we give them and that doing *The Bible Course* will help them to grow in understanding and confidence.

Prayers are the fuel that keeps Bible mission going. Thank you so much for praying. Anything is possible through prayer if it is in God's will. Please continue to pray for Bible work worldwide throughout 2023 so that more and more people will encounter the life-changing power of Jesus Christ through the Bible.

The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect.
James 5.16b (GNB)