



# It's time to set the truth free

The 8:32 campaign is a plea for us all to open our eyes – and our hearts – to Bible poverty. Because it's a poverty too few of us are aware of, let alone feel passionate about.

Bible poverty is robbing millions of the truth that Jesus can set them free. For many its root causes include language barriers,

blindness and illiteracy to simply being too poor to own a Bible. For others, it's because they live in a 'sophisticated' culture that writes off the Bible as irrelevant.

Bible poverty is as much of a scandal as is global poverty. Both break the heart of God. How can they not touch our hearts too?

# TIME TO PRAY FOR AN END TO BIBLE POVERTY



Use moments in your day to pray for all those affected by Bible poverty. As you begin this cycle of prayer, may you catch our vision for a day when the Bible is shaping the lives and communities of people everywhere.

A special time to pray is at 8:32 am or pm. Please see over to order red 'reminder' dots for your watch and clocks.

## AS THE DAY BEGINS...

**REMEMBER:** More than half the world's 6,912 languages still wait for even one book of the Bible.

**PRAY** for those who speak these languages – many are from the world's poorest and most overlooked communities.

**PRAY** for the 600 new translation and revision projects currently underway; for God's wisdom and protection as specialist translators work with local communities to bring God's Word alive for them.

**PRAY** for those longing for an up-to-date translation of the Bible in their own language; one they can trust and use in their daily lives.

### PRAYER POINTS: LANGUAGES

- More than 4,500 languages wait for one book of the Bible
- Only 420 languages have translations of the whole Bible
- Little more than 1,000 languages have the complete New Testament – about 1 in 7
- 876 languages have some of the Bible, but no complete New Testament

## AS YOU OPEN YOUR BIBLE...

**REMEMBER:** A billion people can't read – but only 3% of languages have the Bible in audio.

**PRAY** for those working on new audio recordings of the Bible so those waiting will hear the good news.

**PRAY** for the listening groups active in over 60 countries as part of Bible Society's Faith Comes By Hearing programme.

**THANK** God for the amazing way those in aural cultures who hear the Bible enter its story and take it to their hearts.

### PRAYER POINTS: AUDIO

- 98% of those who cannot read live in the poorest nations
- Half the population of Africa is illiterate
- Around two-thirds of the world's population have an aural culture – either by necessity or choice

## AS YOU WALK OR TRAVEL...

**REMEMBER:** Every 5 seconds someone goes blind – but the Bible in Braille exists in only 30 languages.

**PRAY** for the funds and resources to make Braille Bibles available in many more languages.

### PRAYER POINTS: BRAILLE

- 90% of blind people live in the developing world
- Only 30 languages have the complete Bible in Braille
- 75 million people will be blind by 2020 if trends continue
- More than half of the world's blind live in India (9 million), Africa (7 million) and China (6 million)

## AS YOU BREAK FOR MEALS...

**REMEMBER:** For a billion people the Bible is a luxury they can't afford – because they only have 60p a day to meet their basic needs.

**PRAY** for the 140 National Bible Societies working to make the Bible available and affordable to those who long for its life-changing message.

**PRAY** for the outbreak of sacrificial generosity that is needed if Bible poverty is to be brought to an end.

### PRAYER POINTS: POVERTY

- By 2025, 70% of Christians will live in countries where poverty is a major issue
- In Ethiopia alone the demand for Bibles runs to 40,000 a month in the capital city. Yet the Bible Society of Ethiopia lacks the funds to meet this need
- National Bible Societies are serving the needs of 200 countries with many needing financial support to provide the Bible in affordable ways

## BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP...

**REMEMBER:** The Bible is no longer shaping our nation.

**PRAY** for Bible Society's strategic inroads into key areas of national life – the media, politics, education and the arts.

**PRAY** for those in positions of influence who could help shape our society by living out the Bible's message.

### PRAYER POINTS: CULTURE

- Bible ownership is down by a quarter in just 50 years. And it's being used less and less
- 60% of people say "the Bible's not relevant to me"
- Despite an increased interest in spirituality few look to the Bible for truth
- Many teachers are more likely to use the Bible to convey social messages. For example, using the Feeding of the 5,000 to stress the importance of litter picking



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# IT'S 8:32

## SET THE TRUTH FREE

JOHN 8:32...THEN YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH,  
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## Let's make Bible poverty history.

Just over 200 years ago a 15-year-old Welsh girl, Mary Jones, walked 28 miles in her bare feet just to buy a Bible. Her story helped lead to the founding of Bible Society and a commitment to make the Bible available throughout the world.

It is this kind of commitment that's needed to create a world where the Bible's life-changing message is shaping the lives of people everywhere

### HOW YOU AND YOUR CHURCH CAN SAY 'YES' TO FIGHTING BIBLE POVERTY

#### USE THE 8:32 RED DOTS

Say 'yes' to fighting Bible poverty by marking your watch or clock with an easy-peel 8:32 red dot (see sticker sheet supplied or request for FREE online at [www.its832.org](http://www.its832.org)). Use this as a reminder to pray at 8:32 – am or pm – and as a sign of your commitment.



PLEDGE TO GIVE  
**£ 8:32**  
A MONTH

Giving a regular gift of £8.32 every month through your bank – that's less than 30p a day – is the best way to bring change on a global scale. Bible Society will undertake to use your gift wherever the needs are greatest. In return you'll get updates on how your gifts are transforming individuals and communities. To sign up visit [www.its832.org](http://www.its832.org) or call 0845 20 20 832.

#### GET OTHERS INVOLVED

Watch the powerful 8:32 DVD with as many others as you can – family, friends, your home group, your whole church. And help those who are touched, challenged and inspired to respond – including by using the red dots. For your FREE DVD campaign pack visit [www.its832.org](http://www.its832.org) or call 0845 20 20 832.



#### WEAR AND SHARE

T-shirts, wristbands, badges and polo shirts are available to order online at [www.its832.org](http://www.its832.org)

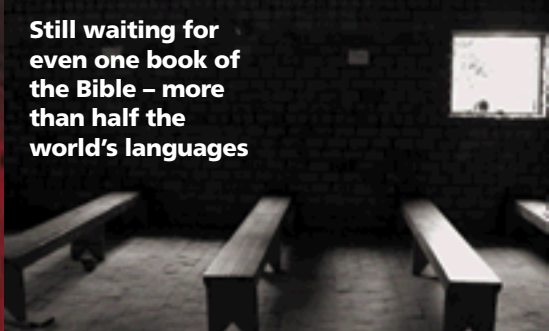


#### GET SOMEONE ON THE CASE


Your church will already be committed to the needs of global poverty and world mission. But make sure ending Bible poverty is also on your praying and giving agenda – by appointing a Bible poverty representative. We will provide updates to help encourage prayer and coordinate action. To sign up please telephone 0845 20 20 832 or visit [www.biblesociety.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/volunteer), or email [volunteer@biblesociety.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@biblesociety.org.uk)

#### SIGN UP FOR BIBLE SUNDAY RESOURCES


After raising awareness of Bible poverty through the 8:32 campaign, the perfect next step is to mark this year's Bible Sunday by using the free resources designed for October 2006. Request them free at [www.biblesociety.org.uk/biblesunday](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/biblesunday)




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