



March – June 2022

prayer **in** action



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Children in Egypt are delighted with their Scripture booklets

Pray with Bible Society

Your support provided Bibles for children in Egypt who were delighted to receive them.

March



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Thank you so much for your prayer support. We are grateful for your prayers and deeply value them. This month, we are praying for our colleagues and work in the Middle East and North Africa.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 3.20 – 21 (ESV)

27 February – 5 March

Egypt

Egypt is home to the Middle East's oldest and largest Christian community. One in ten people is a believer. And right now, there's real freedom to share the Bible. Christians in Egypt have endured some difficult years, with terrorist attacks and other pressures. But the powerful witness of believers, who were dignified and forgiving in the face of violence, spoke volumes.

Please pray for our team in Egypt who receive urgent requests for Bibles from church leaders. The team allocates up to 100 Scriptures to each church, but leaders regularly ask for thousands of Bibles, New Testaments and booklets.

Pray for the church leaders who distribute these Bibles to those who can't afford their own, hand out New Testaments to mourners at funerals, and make thousands of Scripture booklets available at local outreach events.

6 – 12 March

Lebanon

Please pray for the children's ministry that our team in Lebanon provides. For years, our team has visited schools, churches and refugee camps to bring Scripture to life using puppets and the much-loved clown, Billie Cookie. Pray that children will discover Jesus and his message of forgiveness and love.

13 – 19 March

Jordan

Give thanks that many refugee families have received Scriptures, practical help and Bible-based trauma healing from our team in Jordan. The Bible Society in Jordan is having a huge impact in their community despite the restrictions brought about by the coronavirus pandemic. Please pray for the team, led by Munther, to continue to have the passion, joy and energy to share God's word in their nation.

20 – 26 March

Syria

Our team in Syria recently sent this message: 'Thank you so much for your faithful support of the Bible Society in Syria. We are humbled knowing your love for the people of our country. Please receive our greetings as an encouragement to continue standing behind us.'

'Thanks for remembering us here in Syria. Pray that we will soon have a team of Bible Society volunteers working full time in north-eastern Syria, where the needs are so great at this very time. With such a team the Bible Society would be reaching out in yet another area of the country and be a blessing to the Church.'

27 March – 2 April

Algeria

Please pray for our team in Algeria, working in very challenging circumstances. Pray for their distribution of the Bible, which is at the heart of Bible Society ministry. Pray for their safety and protection as they continue to adapt and find solutions to their ministry, despite heavy restrictions.

Middle East and North Africa

Please pray for all our teams working across the Middle East and North Africa. They often work in very difficult circumstances but are incredibly inspiring in their love for the Lord and dedication to sharing his word with their countries.

April

During April, please pray for our work here in the UK. Pray for projects like Navigating Trauma and *The Bible Course* to bring people into a deeper relationship with Jesus, through his word.

He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
Matthew 28.6 (ESV)

3 – 9 April

Please pray for our Navigating Trauma course (WIA pages 8 – 9). The programme uses carefully selected passages from the Bible to help participants navigate some of the hardest questions we have.

Pray for Harry, who leads the work, and for continued wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit. Pray that we can provide Navigating Trauma support to those who need it the most and for God to inspire the right people to come and be trained as facilitators of the programme.

Pray for the half-day Regional Gatherings which are an opportunity to experience a taste of Navigating Trauma. The Gatherings are an important step on the way to you or your church partnering with us to deliver the programme. Please pray for the next Gathering on 25 March or come and join us. To find out more go to biblesociety.org.uk/ntwia

10 – 16 April

Please pray for those taking part in *The Bible Course*. The course is designed to increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. The course provides a bird's-eye view of the world's bestselling book. Over eight interactive sessions, it combines video teaching, group discussion, personal reflection and daily readings. It's ideal for one-to-ones, small study groups or larger

gatherings. The course can be run online or face to face and you can choose to buy the films as a DVD, a digital download or via our new streaming platform. Pray that it will be used to bring people into a closer relationship with Jesus, through the Bible. To find out more go to biblesociety.org.uk/thebiblecourse

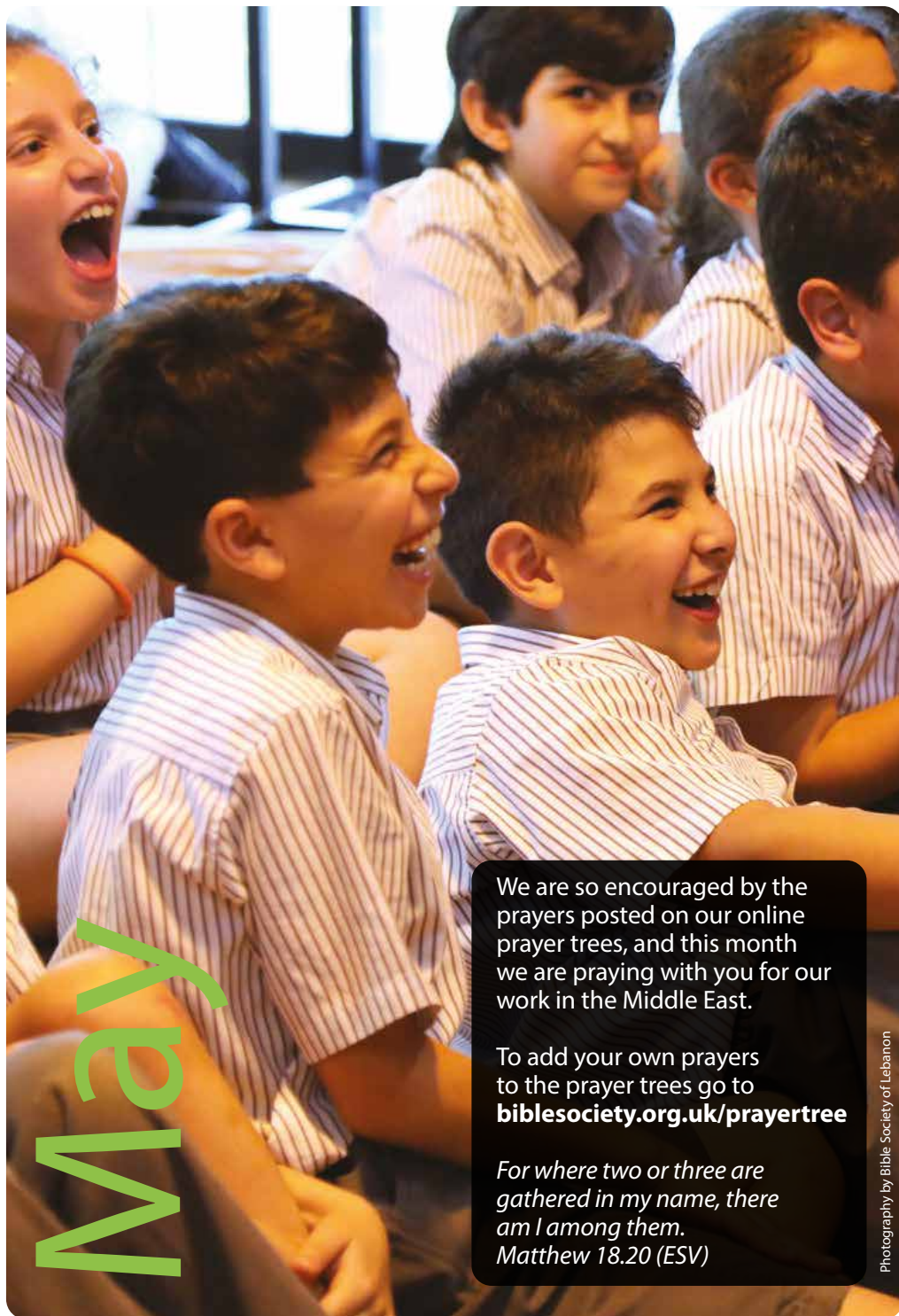
17 – 23 April

Happy Easter from Bible Society. Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

Lord Jesus, at this Easter time we pray that you will talk with us as you talked with Mary in the garden, breaking into our world in glory; share our lives as you shared breakfast with your disciples, filling us with purpose; walk with us as you walked on the Road to Emmaus, so that our hearts burn within us at your words. May your empty tomb fill us with hope, and our meetings with you fill us with joy.

24 – 30 April

In this time between Easter and Pentecost, please pray for everyone using The In-between Time resources. Pray they will learn more about Jesus and be inspired to live in the joy and grace of the resurrection through this season. To find out more about The In-between Time resources go to biblesociety.org.uk/easter



We are so encouraged by the prayers posted on our online prayer trees, and this month we are praying with you for our work in the Middle East.

To add your own prayers to the prayer trees go to biblesociety.org.uk/prayertree

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.
Matthew 18.20 (ESV)

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1 – 7 May

Father, give wisdom to Mike Bassous and the Bible Society staff working in Beirut. In the midst of this turmoil, may they know your peace and be encouraged by the prayers of those of us who have visited them.

Mike, Devizes

Lord Jesus, I pray for all those like Saraa, who have been traumatised by what they've seen. Please heal their minds and bodies and surround them with your protection and let them know you will never leave them.

Jennie, Dorset

8 – 14 May

Pray for the kingdom of God to grow in Lebanon like a tree, deeply rooted, spreading, bearing fruit and seed. Pray for peace in the land and in hearts made right with God that this may be growing well.

Anonymous

Dear God, I pray particularly for the children caught up in the atmosphere of war. Please give these children hope for the future and an education. May they put their trust in you, God. Amen

Anonymous

Father God, comfort and protect all those fleeing war and persecution. Strengthen them in body and spirit. May they know your love and peace, and the help and support of others to ease their pain and loss. Be with them.

Jean, Cheshire

15 – 21 May

I cannot begin to appreciate the trauma you suffer, but Jesus knows. He is with us always and gives us his peace.

Ruth

Heavenly Father, we ask you to send your protection, comfort and peace to your children in Lebanon. In Jesus' name, Amen

Anne, Norfolk

22 – 28 May

Heavenly Father, we cry to you for peace in our world, especially in Lebanon at this time. Protect our brothers and sisters and give them your peace ... and may the joy of the Lord be their strength.

Polyanna, Ilkley

Father God, I pray for the country of Lebanon, that it will come into stability, that people's basic needs are met, and that the children receive the love and care they need, Amen.

Dominick

29 May – 4 June

Father, we give you thanks for the positive effects of trauma healing. May forgiveness of their persecutors help those suffering to be drawn closer to you and may their faith be strengthened through it. Amen

Irene, Milton Keynes

5 – 11 June

Give thanks that the Bible Society in Mali has been successful in securing land for the Bible House in Mali. Jacques (the leader in Mali) shared the good news that he and his board finally secured a plot of land, right in the centre of Bamako. The area is very large – around 3700 square metres, which will allow for a wide range of uses (office space, bookshop, a couple of conference rooms, a green space to help offset some of their footprint and rented space for added monthly income).

12 – 18 June

Thank you, Lord, for keeping our teams safe in the Middle East and Africa, particularly in Syria and Algeria. Please continue to pray for God's hand of protection to be over them and their families.

19 – 25 June

Give thanks for all our supporters and volunteers. We are so grateful for your continued prayers, support and dedication to sharing God's word around the world.

We are so grateful for your ongoing prayer support and we're delighted to share answers to prayer with you.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29.12 – 13 (ESV)

26 June – 2 July

Thank you, Lord, for how well received the Psalm 23 Garden was at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2021. There were many meaningful conversations, some of them tearful, with people who were able to make the connection between their own life experiences and the green pastures and dark valleys of the psalm. This was Scripture in action, and a striking demonstration of the power of the word of God in the lives of those who in their everyday lives might pay it little or no attention at all.

June