



July – October 2022

prayer **in** action



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Larysa, on the left, is truly thankful for the Bible. She said, 'Huge thanks to the church and to you for helping us!'

Pray with Bible Society



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In the East of Ukraine people were so eager to receive a Bible that the volunteers had to repeat several times, 'Don't push, everyone will get a Bible!'

Thank you so much for your prayer support, we are grateful for your prayers and deeply value them. We are all aware of the war in Ukraine and can feel helpless in the face of the overwhelming news, but we know that the Lord hears our prayers. We join with the prayers you have posted online on the Ukraine Prayer Tree (biblesociety.org.uk/prayforukraine) and pray them with you.

But I trust in you, LORD; I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me. Psalm 31.14-15 (NIV)

3 – 9 July

Lord God, in the name of our crucified and risen Saviour, we pray for peace. Stay the hand of those turned to violence, heal the traumatised and injured, give strength to those bowed down with exhaustion and grief. Bring hope.

Jane, Northamptonshire

Dear Lord, I pray from my heart for peace and love in this world. How you must weep at the destruction and suffering you see today in Ukraine. May your light shine through the darkness bright and strong. Amen

Kathryn, Manchester

10 – 16 July

Father God, God of love, Jesus our Saviour, Prince of Peace, may the power of your love spread throughout the land of Ukraine and flow over the borders to Russia, bringing peace, compassion, the truth and an end to violence.

Chrissie, Hereford

Father, I pray that the church in Ukraine will shine like stars at this terrible time and bring comfort and hope to the people through your word.

Anonymous

17 – 23 July

Loving Father, please fill the people of Ukraine with hope, touch their lives so deeply that they will have that peace that passes all understanding. For your glory, in Jesus' name.

Pam, Weymouth

Lord Jesus, we ask for grace and mercy towards all your children in Ukraine. Please protect, strengthen, comfort and provide for them. Let them know you are with them and you will never leave them. In Jesus' name. Amen

Susan, Wirral

24 – 30 July

May the Lord go before you to clear the pathways to safety and rescue. Comfort for the sorrowing, rest for the weary, and the Shalom which only he can give. Amen

Jean, Bangor

Heavenly Father, please hear the cries of the people in Ukraine. Turn your face towards them and let them know that you are the only source of salvation, peace, forgiveness, healing and deliverance from their anguish and pain.

B, Isle of Wight

Dear Father, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Father we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who do not know what tomorrow will bring.

Lynne, Ireland

August

We continue praying for Ukraine this month through your prayers from the Ukraine Prayer Tree. You can join us in prayer through adding your own prayer to the tree, go to biblesociety.org.uk/prayforukraine

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.
2 Corinthians 4.8-10 (NIV)

Women inside a bomb shelter in a city in the East were provided with Scriptures by Bible Society. People stay inside these shelters 24/7.

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31 July – 6 August

Mighty God, thank you that your love and grace reaches every corner of the earth, and amid the fear, pain and suffering that has devastated so many lives on both sides of the conflict, you remain sovereign over all. Amen

Michael, Essex

Dear Lord, please help all leaders to lead with integrity, honesty, compassion, knowledge with understanding, common sense, wisdom and love for the world and all its people. To share and enjoy peace together, making the world a better place. Amen

Irene

7 – 13 August

Father, I cannot begin to understand what it is like for the people of Ukraine, but you know. Protect, surround and comfort them. Almighty God, deliver them by your mighty power.

Rita, Isle of Wight

Show your precious people of Ukraine your steadfast love we pray and give us more persistence in remembering and holding their plight in mind. In the name of the one who became like a broken vessel for us.

Anonymous, Scotland

14 – 20 August

Oh God! Help the people of Ukraine to see and know you; even in the storms of war.

Gordon, Haddenham

Father, we pray for Ukrainian pastors bringing words of comfort, hope and courage to their people. Give them wisdom, protection and strength as they stand firm for you at this dark time. God you are the light of the world.

Debbie, England

21 – 27 August

Our Heavenly Father, we lift up the people of Ukraine to you. May they know your light overcoming the darkness, your love being stronger than hate. May your word bring hope. We trust in you for peace.

Kim, Bournemouth

Dear Father, we pray for your protection, provision and loving presence with every person in Ukraine, in all places and in all their circumstances. Bless them and keep them in the shelter of your wings.

Sheena, Bristol

28 August – 3 September

Father God, we ask that you hold these courageous and strong people of Ukraine close to your heart. Thank you for the brave teams who give out Bibles and bread to sustain them. We send our prayers and love.

Susie, Stratford-upon-Avon

2 Corinthians 4.8-9: We are pressured in every way but not crushed, we are perplexed but not in despair. We are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed. God be with the people of Ukraine. Amen

Anonymous, Scotland

September



We are privileged to be part of a global fellowship of Bible Societies around the world who tirelessly work to further God's kingdom. This month, please pray for projects around the world.

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

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4 – 10 September

Please pray for the cyclists taking part in Bike for Bibles this September. Last year's sponsored bike ride saw more than 5,000 miles completed, raising more than £22,000. The money raised goes towards more Bibles for children in Africa, more access to God's word for people in rural China in desperate need of hope, more Scriptures and other support for refugees who have fled conflict in the Middle East. It means more Bible outreach to prisoners in England and Wales to help them experience God's forgiveness and turn their lives around.

Give thanks for the cyclists who are committed to cycling hundreds of miles this month. Please pray for their safety, energy and that they would really enjoy the whole experience.

11 – 17 September

Please pray for Bible Society of Mali, which faces enormous challenges in serving churches across this vast country. Despite the many challenges that Christians face in this volatile country, there remains a great demand for God's word, with the number of Christians constantly growing. One of the major challenges is the lack of adequate infrastructure and equipment to carry out their mission.

Jacques, the head of Bible Society of Mali, has now secured a piece of land for a new Bible House. With the land purchased, the next step is to fund and build a sustainable and

secure Bible House that will meet the growing needs of the Church in Mali. Please pray for generous giving to the online Brick by Brick campaign which offers an exciting opportunity for families, churches, schools and corporate partners to sponsor a room, buy a window, toilet or solar panel, to plant a tree or buy other essential equipment such as computers, chairs, desks and printers, for the Bible House. More information about this project will follow in Winter WIA.

18 – 24 September

Please pray for our work in the Middle East. There are amazing Bible Society teams in Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Morocco, Palestine, Lebanon, the Gulf, Turkey, Algeria, Pakistan, Iraq and Israel. The main aim is to support the Church to sustain a witnessing presence by equipping them to help Christian communities to be the 'hands and feet' of Christ.

Many of the Bible Societies in this region work in areas that are politically volatile and face many challenges. Please pray for their protection, encouragement and the Lord's blessing as they seek to further God's kingdom.

25 September – 1 October

In this changing season, please pray for wisdom for Chinese Christians who are dealing with complicated situations, especially for Bible teachers and church leaders, to stand firm for biblical truth despite pressures.

We are grateful to God for the life of our Patron, The Queen and for the mission that Bible Societies are committed to around the world.

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. Luke 4.18-19 (NIV)

2 - 8 October

God our Father, we thank you for the long reign and faithful service of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II. Thank you that she has willingly accepted the burdens of monarchy, and borne them for 70 years without failing.

Bless her, we pray, with the knowledge that she has been a good and faithful servant to her country and most of all, a good and faithful servant to you. Amen.

9 - 15 October

Please join us in praying for Prisons Week. Please pray for those in prison to feel the nearness and presence of God. Pray for those who work in prisons to have renewed energy and support for the work they are doing and pray for those in government to be filled with wisdom for the decisions they are making.

16 - 22 and 23 - 29 October

We are privileged to be part of a global partnership of Bible Societies around the world. At our 2022 Day of Prayer we joined together to pray: 'In a rapidly changing world, give us hearts that are sensitive to hear your leading and guiding. You are involved in redeeming, reconciling, and restoring all that you have created. You have given us, the Bible Societies, the privilege to be involved with you in your mission – the missio Dei. May we understand what is it that you are calling us to do. Renew our vision and our sense of mission so that we would be faithful and relevant in these days and in a world that so desperately needs you.'

October