

MARCH - JUNE 2024

# Prayer in Action



# March

*Thanks to you, more and more people are being given access to the Scriptures worldwide. Let's pray continually that these people will not only read their Bibles but have their lives transformed as they encounter Jesus. Let's pray that in these dark times more people will follow the light of Jesus and do good rather than venture down dark paths. Let's pray for a peaceful and more loving world.*

**Simon Bartz,**  
Word in Action Editor

**Some trust in their war chariots and others in their horses, but we trust in the power of the LORD our God.**

PSALM 20.7 (GNB)

## **3–9 MARCH**

Pray for real progress towards peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Ask God to bring together Jewish and Arab Christians as a powerful testimony of unity.

## **10–16 MARCH**

Pray for healing. Pray that people in the Bible Lands will be released from the burden of both physical and mental wounds. Ask God to restore hope to people most affected by the war.

## **17–23 MARCH**

Pray for the Church in the Bible Lands, which is suffering alongside the people. Pray not only for its survival but its flourishing. Pray that people will increasingly see Jesus as the answer.

## **24–30 MARCH**

Pray for the three Bible Society teams in the Bible Lands – their leaders, staff and volunteers. Ask God to bring them through the

conflict energised and not exhausted.

## **31 MARCH – 6 APRIL**

Pray that the war between Russia and Ukraine will stop. Pray that more and more Ukrainian people whose lives have been devastated by the conflict will engage with the Scriptures provided to them and find hope and inner peace through encountering Jesus.

With your support, the Arab-Israeli Bible Society run Bible workshops at schools in the Nazareth area, inviting students like those pictured to become peacemakers by looking to Jesus. Photo credit: Arab-Israeli Bible Society.

Cover photo: Thanks to your support, Cristal hears Bible stories at her school in a slum in Guatemala City. See pages 4 and 5 and also *Word in Action*. Photo credit: Matt Cooper/Bible Society

# April



Children prepare to take part in an Open the Book dramatisation in Guatemala City, a Bible programme supported by you. Photo credit: Matt Cooper/Bible Society

It's wonderful how Open the Book is succeeding in Guatemala (see pages 4 and 5 of *Word in Action*) despite having only started in 2023.

If you are interested in becoming an Open the Book Storyteller in England and Wales find out more at [biblesociety.org.uk/openthebook](https://biblesociety.org.uk/openthebook)

**Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.**

PROVERBS 22.6 (GNB)

#### 7–13 APRIL

We pray that God will show his mercy for each teacher and volunteer who will be part of the Open the Book Bible storytelling project in Guatemala and that he will protect them spiritually, emotionally and physically, as well as the children they teach.

#### 14–20 APRIL

We pray that the children hearing Bible stories in Guatemala will have a willing heart to appreciate the teachings of Jesus. Ask that these children in Guatemala, especially in the slum areas, will turn to Jesus rather than gangs, drugs and crime.

#### 21–27 APRIL

Thank God for the success of Open the Book in England and Wales. Pray that more Bible storytelling volunteers will sign up to go into schools to share the Scriptures with children.

#### 28 APRIL – 4 MAY

Ask God to protect the staff members of Bible Society of Guatemala and church workers such as Pastor Juan Fidel (see *Word in Action*). Ask God to give them courage and perseverance to continue their work in difficult circumstances.

# May

The Bible work you support among prisoners is seeing more and more inmates turning to Jesus (see pages 6 and 7 of *Word in Action*).

**‘Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature’s night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.’**

**CHARLES WESLEY,**  
The hymn ‘And can it be that I should gain’

A prisoner reads a New Testament in his cell.  
Photo credit: Larry Jerden/United Bible Societies

## 5–11 MAY

Pray for men and women giving their lives to Christ in jail. Pray for courage and gentleness on the prison wings, as they begin their walk with Jesus, and pray for boldness to share their faith.

## 12–18 MAY

Give thanks for the many opportunities to share the Bible in prisons. Pray for the right resources and support, so no prisoner misses out on knowing Jesus.

## 19–25 MAY

Pray for Revd Tim Wright and other prison chaplains. In this busy, challenging role, they minister to people at rock bottom. Pray they will share God’s love powerfully.

## 26 MAY – 1 JUNE

Healing prayers: Our world, countries, communities, families and individuals are hurting whether it is physical, mental or emotional. Please share your healing prayers and your prayer requests at [biblesociety.org.uk/healing](https://biblesociety.org.uk/healing). This is an open invitation to join us in prayer and share those prayers on our webpage. The prayers will be prayed by Bible Society staff and will form a small booklet to be shared.

# June



Read about how people are engaging with *The Romans Course* on pages 12–13 of *Word in Action*. Find out more at: [biblesociety.org.uk/WiA-Romans](https://biblesociety.org.uk/WiA-Romans)

**May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**ROMANS 15.13 (GNB)**

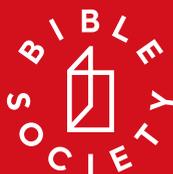
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## 2–8 JUNE

Pray Paul's prayer in Romans 15.13 for people taking *The Romans Course*. Pray they will be filled with God's joy and peace, causing them to overflow with hope.

## 9–15 JUNE

Give thanks for the thousands of people that *The Romans Course* is reaching. Pray that churches will invest extra energy in this and see amazing results in people's lives.

## 16–22 JUNE

Pray for Kanti's ministry in the Gulf (see *Word in Action* pages 10–11). Pray that many more migrant workers will find hope in Jesus through the Bible.

## 23–29 JUNE

Visit Bible Society's online prayer trees. Read the prayer leaves people have left, or post a prayer yourself. Some of the prayers may then be used in *Prayer in Action*.



Visit [biblesociety.org.uk/prayer](https://biblesociety.org.uk/prayer) or scan the QR code.