

NOVEMBER 2023 - FEBRUARY 2024

# Prayer in Action



# November

*I want to thank you on behalf of the multitudes of people whose lives have been changed by encountering Jesus through Scriptures provided by you in 2023. So many people have found hope where they had none.*

*If you've read the wonderfully positive stories from China in your Word in Action magazine, you might want to do what I've done. I close my eyes and imagine all those smiling faces and all the songs of praise ringing out from churches hidden away in the valleys and on the mountain tops in southwestern China.*

*Thank you for being the fuel that fires Bible mission. Thank you for your generosity and vital prayers.*

**Simon Bartz,**  
Word in Action Editor

**Let your hope keep you joyful,  
be patient in your troubles,  
and pray at all times.**

ROMANS 12.12 (GNB)



## 5–11 NOVEMBER

Thank God for the profound impact of the Bible translated for minority ethnic people in China. Pray for provision, perseverance and protection for the translation teams now working in China. Pray for a favourable decision from the authorities over the publication of a Bible translation that was completed last year, and approval from the authorities to begin translating two new study Bibles.

## 12–18 NOVEMBER

Lord, please encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ in China. Help them to remain standing firm and strong in their faith. Protect them, keep them safe and provide for their every need. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.  
**Karen, Greater London**

## 19–25 NOVEMBER

Lord, we pray that you will supply all the needs of the Chinese pastors and grow your church to be like you. Strengthen their faith, ever-living teacher. Save

them from error. Build your church, Lord. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.  
**Kate, London.**

## 26 NOV – 2 DEC

Lord, we praise you for your wonderful faithfulness to the Chinese people, that through all the years of political repression, nothing was able to stop the Church growing amazingly. May the Christians' faithful, brave witness continue to bear much fruit.  
**Kathy, Northumberland**

Your support means Wa churches like this one in the remote mountains of southwestern China now have a Bible in their own language that they can read and understand. Photo credit: Arleen Luo/Bible Society

Cover photo: A Bible Society New Testament was translated for the White Yi ethnic minority in China. Thanks to your support, five more translation projects are now in progress in China. Photo credit: Jared Wong/UBS-CP

# December

## Happy Christmas and God bless you all in the New Year!

Let's pray for children in the lead up to Christmas and ask God that all people will remember the true meaning and significance of this special time of year. Pray that people will visit churches and sing songs of praise on every continent and that many will come to faith.

**A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, 'Wonderful Counsellor', 'Mighty God', 'Eternal Father', 'Prince of Peace'.**

ISAIAH 9.6 (GNB)



### 3-9 DECEMBER

Thank God for the completion of the *Good News Bible – Children's Rainbow Edition*. Pray for the children who read it, that they would engage with God's word in a deeper way, understand the big story of Scripture, and grow in faith.

### 10-16 DECEMBER

Bless the children without faith backgrounds who open the Bible. Pray that they will come to understand the message of the gospel. Pray that God's word will be

received with joy and bear lasting fruit in the lives of all children who read it.

### 17-23 DECEMBER

The Bible Society of Canada has been sent 1,000 test copies of *Good News Bible – Children's Rainbow Edition*. Pray that this will lead to the Bible being produced in Canada and distributed in Canadian schools. Pray that Bible Society teams in other countries follow suit and that it will be translated into other languages like the *Good News Bible – Youth Edition*.

### 24-30 DECEMBER

Pray that people from all around the world will remember that this week we are celebrating the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

### 31 DEC – 6 JAN

Pray that the many people who thought, perhaps for the first time, about Jesus this Christmas and New Year will not let the moment pass. Pray that they will seek and be found.

# January



Conflict is raging in various parts of the world. Let's pray for peace, including a lasting peace between Ukraine and Russia.

**'Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid.'**

JOHN 14.27 (GNB)

Last Christmas, Liuba received a Children's Bible in Donetsk province. Thanks to your support, more children will receive Christmas Scriptures in Ukraine this year. Photo credit: Ukrainian Bible Society



## SHARING PRAYERS

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*.



Find the Prayer Trees at [biblesociety.org.uk/pray23](https://biblesociety.org.uk/pray23) or scan the QR code.

## 21-27 JANUARY

Give thanks for the amazing energy and determination shown by the Ukrainian Bible Society team. Ask God to revive them in low moments, so that they can keep on sharing God's word. Pray for a miraculous reconciliation between Ukrainians and Russians.

## 28 JAN - 3 FEB

Pray for peace in Niger and the rest of the Sahel region of Africa, where poverty and Islamist extremism are rampant. Ask God to bless Bible Society's literacy, Scripture engagement, and other projects in the region.

## 7-13 JANUARY

Praise God for the revival that Bible mission workers have seen through the war in Ukraine. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill these new believers so they remain on fire for God when peace comes. Pray that the Bible will leave an amazing impact on Ukrainian society.

## 14-20 JANUARY

Pray for peace that will last in Ukraine. Keep believing that God will bring an end to the war. Pray that people around the world won't give up praying for peace.

# February



The focus of Bible Society is on Bible engagement. We don't just want to give people Scriptures. We want people to open the book and engage with the Bible. Let's constantly pray for all the people who receive Bibles each month that their lives will be transformed by God's word.

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**'You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'**

**JOHN 8.32 (GNB)**

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## 4–10 FEBRUARY

Thank God for the success of the Bible-based literacy programme in Pakistan. Praise the Lord that almost 60,000 women in Pakistan have learned to read and write using the Scriptures.

## 11–17 FEBRUARY

Pray that the Pakistani women who have learned to read and write using Scriptures will draw nearer to Jesus throughout 2024 and will share the good news with family and friends.

## 18–24 FEBRUARY

Let's pray about the mental health problems in our society, here in the UK. Help those supporting those who suffer. May the nation's eyes be opened to see that your ways lead to human flourishing and return to you.  
**A, East of England**

## 25 FEB – 2 MARCH

Dear Lord, may your living word speak to the hearts of refugees suffering so much hardship and trauma. Where there is darkness may there be light, where there is despair, hope. Thank you for your great love for all people.  
**Margaret, Oxfordshire**