



30 Days of *Prayer* with



AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you for going on this mission with us.

Like you, we at American Bible Society are passionate about bringing God's Word where it is needed most, so that all people may experience its life-changing message.

Your prayer plays an important role in achieving this mission.

Matthew 18:19 (CEV) says, "I promise that when any two of you on earth agree about something you are praying for, my Father in heaven will do it for you." There is power in our prayers. And there is power when we pray together. Our prayers can help people around the world connect with the Bible and discover God's love, healing, and hope for their lives. Together, our intercession can see lives transformed through the power of Scripture.

That's why your partnership in prayer means so much to us. We can't do this without you.

This month, we invite you to join us on a 30-day journey of prayer for all people to experience God's love through the Bible. This booklet will help guide your prayers for three groups most in need of God's Word today:

- » **The Unreached:** *Nearly two billion people lack access to God's Word*
- » **People in Crisis:** *Nearly one billion people suffer from trauma*
- » **Fellow Americans:** *Nearly 195 million Americans do not seek God in the Bible*

As we pray together, let us remember the promise in 1 John 5:15 (CEV), "And if we know God listens when we pray, we are sure our prayers have already been answered." I pray this 30-day journey gives you a glimpse into God's redeeming work through your prayers for the unreached, hurting, and lost.

May these days grow your joy in prayer and connection to our shared mission.

Thank you for praying with us!



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The Unreached

But Jesus answered, “The Scripture says, ‘Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.’” (Matthew 4:4 GNT)

Nearly two billion people do not have the Bible available in their heart language. Millions more are cut off from God's Word due to barriers like poverty, illiteracy, disability, and persecution. We are committed to eradicating Bible poverty by reaching every person with the good news of the gospel. Where no Bible exists, we translate it. Where the Bible is hard to access, we distribute it. As we seek to reach the unreached with God's Word, we invite you to pray for:

Day 1

Bibleless People

Of the world's 7,000 languages, 3,800 still don't have access to the whole Bible and 2,000 don't even have a single verse. Pray for the successful completion of Bible translation projects around the world. Ask God to give hope to those still waiting to read Scripture for the first time.

Day 2

Bible Translators

Bao is translating the Bible into Black Hmong for a community in North Vietnam. Ask God to provide wisdom, strength, protection, and resources to translators like Bao and translation teams as they strive to make his Word available in communities worldwide.

Day 3

Deaf People

Ninety-eight percent of Deaf people do not have Scripture in their heart language. Pray for the successful production and distribution of Scripture in the nearly 350 unique sign languages so that Deaf communities can encounter God through his holy Word.

Day 4

Local Churches and Pastors

Ask God to give the local church wisdom and strategy for distribution of the Scriptures. Pray for church members as they train people to read and study their Bibles, especially in areas where illiteracy rates are high.

Day 5

Blind and Visually Impaired People

This year, students at the Thika School for the Blind in Kiambu, Kenya, welcomed their very first Bible. Pray for the successful production and distribution of Braille Bibles so Blind people can engage God's Word.

Day 6

illumiNations

The **illumiNations** movement seeks to make God's Word accessible to all people by 2033 through an alliance of Bible translation agencies and resource partners. Pray for increasing collaboration and generosity across this movement that seeks to eradicate Bible poverty within our lifetime.

Day 7

Oral Communities

Audio Scriptures bring God's Word to life for oral cultures like the Ovaherero people of Namibia. Ask God to guide those working to produce audio Bibles for oral communities where illiteracy is a barrier. Pray for their hearts to be transformed as they hear the gospel of Jesus Christ for the first time.

Day 8

Unreached People Groups

People in the remote village of Kagera Tanzania had never heard of Jesus until they saw the JESUS film and listened to audio Scriptures. Pray that God's Word will continue to reach people in the most remote regions of the world with his salvation and hope.

Day 9

People in Closed Nations or Sensitive Areas

Where God's Word is prohibited, we use radio programs and solar-powered audio devices to share God's Word. Pray for the protection of Christians in nations where there is oppression and persecution. Pray that we can deliver God's Word to them so they will be strengthened in their faith.

Day 10

Marginalized People

Christian migrant workers in Qatar rejoiced when they received New Testaments in their heart language. Pray that God's Word will make it to those forgotten by society including refugees, orphans, migrant workers, and the poor. Pray that God's Word will bring them comfort and peace.



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People in Crisis

*The Lord is there to rescue all who are discouraged
and have given up hope. (Psalm 34:18 CEV)*

Approximately one billion people in the world have experienced trauma. Our Trauma Healing Ministry helps people begin the journey of healing through God's Word. We train churches, community leaders, and individuals in a Bible-based curriculum that breaks down barriers of trauma with the restorative truths of God's Word. Where trauma prevents people from receiving the Bible's message, we seek to bring restoration. As we labor to provide God's Word for people in crisis, we invite you to pray for:

Day 11

Refugees and Displaced Persons

There are more than 80 million people displaced by war or disaster. Ask God to provide for the needs of all refugees and displaced people. Ask God to heal the emotional, psychological, and physical trauma they've experienced, and pray that they would be strengthened and comforted through God's Word.

Day 12

Grieving Children

There are more than 150 million orphans around the world, and millions more children who feel the anguish of trauma. Ask God to protect vulnerable children who are orphaned, abandoned, abused, facing poverty, living in war zones, or are in danger of being exploited. Pray that God will bring them peace and keep them from harm.

Day 13

Disaster Victims

Natural disasters affect an estimated 200 million people each year. Ask God to rescue people whose lives have been disrupted by natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, and other storms. Pray that they will find shelter in God's love and turn to him for hope.

Day 14

Abuse Survivors

An estimated 1 in 3 women have experienced abuse. Ask God to heal women worldwide who are suffering from physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds. Pray that women who are being mistreated will be rescued and helped. Pray that our Trauma Healing Ministry will help these women on their journey of healing.

Day 15

Persecuted Believers

1 in 8 Christians are discriminated against, oppressed, or even openly attacked for their faith. Pray that God would strengthen persecuted believers and that they would draw encouragement from his Word. Pray that we can reach these Christians through creative digital means.

Day 16

Imprisoned People

Ninety-seven percent of incarcerated women and seventy-five percent of incarcerated men have experienced trauma. Pray for inmates to be healed from their deep wounds of trauma as they bring their pain to Jesus the healer. Pray that our Trauma Healing Ministry will reach many in prisons and jails with the healing found in God's Word.

Day 17

Conflict Zones

Conflict destroys a community's sense of stability. It tears apart families and lives. Pray for those facing danger, poverty, and lack of basic necessities due to conflict. Ask God to bring peace to those areas, and pray that the church will be a bright light that brings the hope and comfort of Jesus.

Day 18

Trauma Healing Facilitators

There are more than 16,000 trained facilitators who lead trauma healing groups in more than 112 countries. Ask God to give facilitators wisdom and sensitivity as they lead others to a place of spiritual healing.

Day 19

Bible Societies Around the World

Pray for a world-wide network of Bible Societies, known as **United Bible Societies**, operating in over 240 countries and territories working tirelessly to bring God's Word to people in their nations. Ask God to empower them as they bring his Word to the most remote, challenging, and hostile regions of the world.



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Fellow Americans

The LORD blesses each nation that worships only him.

He blesses his chosen ones. (Psalm 33:12 CEV)

Nearly 195 million Americans do not engage with the Bible regularly. As the Bible Society for America, we are committed to seeing our own nation transformed through the power of God's Word. We champion the Bible cause—uplifting the timeless message of God's Word. Where the Bible is forgotten, sidelined, ridiculed, or even outlawed, we advocate for the Bible as the Word of God. Where people struggle to make sense of the Bible or apply it to their lives, we help them engage. As we seek to engage Americans with God's Word, we invite you to pray for:

Day 20

Curious People

Approximately 20 million Americans have shifted from a skeptical, disengaged relationship with the Bible to a willingness to “test drive” the Bible. Pray that the biblical resources and experiences we design and distribute will help curious people engage with the truths of Scripture.

Day 21

Churches and Pastors

We equip churches with research and resources that help pastors, educators, and cultural leaders boldly advocate for the life-changing truth of God's Word in the public square. Pray for God's favor and courage for churches as they proclaim the good news of Jesus. Pray for our annual **State of the Bible Report** to equip churches so they know how to help their local communities.

Day 22

Troops and Veterans

There are 1.3 million active-duty Military, 800,000 reserve forces and 18.8 million Veterans in the U.S. Ask God to heal troops and veterans struggling with spiritual and emotional injuries because of their service. Pray for the comforting power of the Holy Spirit to rest upon them. Pray for our **Armed Services Ministry** as they continue to provide God's Word to Military members and their families.

Day 23

Military Spouses and Children

Fifty-four percent of all Service members are married and 1.7 million children currently have a parent serving in the Military. Ask God to encourage and strengthen Military wives and children as they face uncertain and lonely times while their loved ones are on deployment.

Day 24

Racial Reconciliation

As America continues to grapple with issues of race, **pray for healing, forgiveness, and justice for our nation**. Pray for the church to be a leading voice in race conversations, turning to Jesus's example of care, patience, and humility in the Bible.

Day 25

Younger Generations

Many young people today feel that the Bible is antiquated, irrelevant, or even dangerous. Pray that God would reach the hearts of the younger generations through the power of his Word being expressed through apps like **YouVersion** which has been downloaded 475 million times.

Day 26

Visitors to the Faith and Liberty Discovery Center

Pray that the 250,000 projected annual visitors to the **40,000 square-foot-state-of-the-art public history museum** in Philadelphia will discover the profound influence of the Bible on our nation. Pray for Bible advocates who will boldly share the message of faith and liberty with people across our nation.

Day 27

Government Leaders

Pray for the protection, strength, integrity, and wisdom of all our nation's leaders. Pray that our leaders will love God's Word, model his character, and lead our nation with godly intentions.

Day 28

Cities Across Our Nation

Ask God to transform cities as churches come together to advocate for the Bible.

Pray that transformed people will begin to transform local governments, schools, businesses, and all areas of influence.

Day 29

American Families

Pray for families to grow in their love for reading the Bible together and for their relationships to be strengthened.



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American Bible Society

Finally, our friends, pray for us that the Lord's message may continue to spread rapidly and be received with honor, just as it was among you.

(2 Thessalonians 3:1 GNT)

There are nearly 200 staff members at American Bible Society working to bring God's Word where it is needed most. We serve alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in a global network of Bible Societies operating in 240 countries and territories around the world.

As we serve together in this mission, we invite you to pray for:

Day 30

American Bible Society Staff and Bible Societies Around the World

Pray that God will give us wisdom and strategies to respond to ever-changing cultures, government regulations, and needs around the world. Ask God to protect us—to guard our hearts, mind, and body from the evil one—and to shield our families from any danger and keep us healthy for this work. Pray that we will be led by the Holy Spirit so that we can reach every person on earth with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



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