

*But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them because God's kingdom belongs to people who are like these children." MATTHEW 19:14 ERV*

## Prayer Calendar APRIL 2022



- In 2021, nearly 40% of the people reached worldwide through Bible League International *Project Philip* Bible studies and Bible-based Literacy groups were children and youth. That's more than 700,000 young lives transformed by the Word of God!
- Around the world, 31 million children are living outside their countries of birth, including 11 million child refugees and asylum-seekers; another 17 million children have been displaced within their own countries by violence and conflict. It is so important to share hope with children and youth, especially those who are immigrants and refugees.
- As schools re-open from pandemic lockdowns, many children and youth struggle to recover from falling behind due to school closures or lack of access to technology necessary for online learning. Bible-based Literacy classes are helping to fill in the gaps for many kids.

## Pray for Children and Youth

**Week 1:** Pray for God's blessing over the recent Bible League *Project Philip* training for 46 Sunday school teachers in Sri Lanka. Pray that these newly trained Bible study leaders will effectively minister to the children they reach, as well as to their parents. Pray God would open the hearts of the children to the Good News.

Ask that the work of a local church in Albania will grow and prosper as it ministers to two groups of youth through small group studies. Pray that the teenagers come to understand and apply the truth of God's Word to their lives.

Pastor Pairat in Thailand's Chiang Mai Province is reaching young people using various sports activities.

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# Pray for Children and Youth (continued)

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Twelve young people participated in the ministry recently. Pray God will open their hearts to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Ask the Lord to bless Bible League's *Project Philip* program for children that is re-starting in the Dominican Republic. Pray that God's hand would open doors for trained believers to reach children for Christ.

**Week 2:** Let us thank God for the evangelism events in Albania in March on National Teacher's Day and International Women's Day. Many local churches used these days to reach people with the Gospel. Pray that the groups of women and teachers reach many children with the love of Jesus.

Praise God for the success of recent *Project Philip* graduation events in Mozambique. Pray that the 175 young people who completed the Bible study will continue to walk in faith and trust in God.

Thank the Lord for a group of retired pastors in Hong Kong that plans to use Bible League's Bible-based Literacy program to reach children in Myanmar (Burma). Pray that they will bring Jesus to these children and He will mend their hearts.

Praise God! About 30 teachers in Malaysia recently completed training to learn how to use Bible League's *Project Philip* and Bible-based Literacy programs to reach youth in Bintulu, Malaysia. Ask that God will work through them as they implement these programs in their classrooms—and that kids would come to know and love Jesus.

**Week 3:** Pray for a local church in Albania as it ministers to children in a mostly Muslim area. Pray that God would help the teachers overcome any obstacles or opposition as they lead children and youth *Project Philip* Bible studies. Please pray, too, for the students.

High market prices, poor economy, drought, and political tensions continue to make life tough for people in Ethiopia. Pray for the families there, particularly those with children. Pray for peace, especially in the northern regions, where the ongoing conflict affects many lives and destroys people's hope.

Praise God for the opportunity to start *Project Philip* Bible studies at 17 public high schools in Jakarta, Indonesia. These studies will be used as their Christian education materials. In February, there were approximately 700 students reached through the program. May God continue working among this group of young people.

**Week 4:** Pray for Bible League's team in Jordan, as they reach out to Syrian refugee children devastated by the war—children who lack hope and an education. Many have lost their childhoods; their parents often send them into the streets to beg or work for extra money. Pray that they encounter the love of Jesus. Pray for ministry workers to reach them and that they receive opportunities for education and work as they grow.

Pray for a new Bible-reading challenge group beginning in Pakistan that encourages young boys and girls to read the Bible regularly. Ask that this group draws near to God through reading His Word.

May the Lord bless the upcoming training of 500 children and youth Bible study leaders at a local church in Ghana. Pray for God's lasting impact on the attendees, and for traveling mercies for the trainers.

Thank the Lord for nine parents who completed the first level of the Bible-based Literacy parent class in Hong Kong. Praise the Lord that two of the parents came to faith in Jesus. Now they and their children attend worship. Pray for their faith to grow and flourish.