

## Prayer Calendar MAY 2022



- Last year, more than 2 million people studied God’s Word through Bible League’s *Project Philip* Bible studies, Church Planter Training, and Bible-based Literacy classes. Nearly 100,000 people were trained to share the Good News in their communities. Praise God for this incredible work!
- Persecution is increasing for believers worldwide, especially in Asia and the Middle East. Nevertheless, many believers courageously continue to proclaim the Gospel in their communities.
- In 2022, people in more than 55 countries around the globe will study God’s Word. In many of these countries, majority religions include Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism.

## Pray for People Living in Spiritual Darkness

**Week 1:** Thank the Lord for two *Project Philip* Bible study groups that recently started in Grëmenj, Albania—a village with a high percentage of Muslims. Let us pray they discover Jesus as Lord and Savior as they study the Scriptures. Also, pray that their families bring no obstacles to the children’s Bible study attendance.

Recently, an online *Project Philip* Bible study in China was unable to continue because of internet control by the government. Pray for God’s favor and protection

for the Christians in China as they share the Gospel with unbelievers.

Praise God for the 12 believers who recently completed training. Now, they will return from Malaysia’s Sarawak District to evangelize in their home districts, where 60% of people practice Islam and 20% of the population is Buddhist. Pray God empowers them to reach their neighbors with the love of Christ.

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# Pray for People Living in Spiritual Darkness (continued)

**Week 2:** Intercede for believers in India facing increased persecution. Pray for a *Project Philip* Bible study in northern India whose members are slowly turning away from their faith due to persecution from family members. Also, pray for the Bible-based Literacy class for 26 students in a northern state that was stopped by local authorities. Ask the Lord to change the minds and hearts of decision-makers. Ask for protection and endurance in the face of adversity for believers and students.

Let us pray for our plans to minister to people in Mara, Tanzania. Traditional behavior is deeply embedded in the culture. Female circumcision is widespread, and idol worship is rife. Pray for people's minds to be renewed as they meet the living God. Ask that people live in accordance with God's Word.

In Cuba, several *Project Philip* trainings are scheduled for May. Pray that God moves the authorities to approve these trainings for local churches so they can form Bible study groups. Ministry in Cuba is relatively new, and many people practice *Santería* (a syncretic religion combining African roots with Catholic elements. People often practice animal sacrifice and divination).

**Week 3:** Ask God for continued intervention in the lives of 200 *Project Philip* Bible study participants in Zambia's Kalomo District. People in this area are farmers who practice witchcraft and spirit worship to safeguard their wealth and life. They also practice polygamy to increase family wealth and numbers of children. Lacking Bibles, they depend on others to share the Word of God. Pray that the seeds planted in these Bible studies grow and lead people to faith in Christ. Pray that the people see the Bible as the

living Word that brings salvation. Ask that beliefs and traditions that conflict with the Word of God cease, and that people experience freedom from bondage.

Pray for God's blessing over the Bible-based Literacy classes for 29 children in Myanmar (Burma). Pray the children accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and for them to shine the light of Christ to their neighbors, the majority of whom are Buddhist.

**Week 4:** Thank the Lord for three Bible-based Literacy classes in Dhanusa, Nepal. The majority of the 150 students are non-Christians. Ask God to work through the lessons, instructors, and few Christian students to reveal the truth of the Gospel to the non-believers. Pray that all students be filled with the light and hope of Christ.

Ask for God's special protection over Christians living in Egypt. During the month of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting in Islam, persecution of Christians increased dramatically. Pray for God's grace and favor over His people following the Muslim time of fasting. Ask that believers live in peace and put their faith in God as protector and defender. Ask God to open the eyes of non-believers in the area.

Praise God for a new *Project Philip* Bible Study for teens in Himarë, Albania. No evangelical believers live there. Pray for the teens to know and have a relationship with God.

Intercede for Bible League-trained believers in Mozambique, as they work to dismantle the business practices of selling certificates for deceased loved ones to enter heaven. Pray for people to discard this misguided belief and to know Jesus as their true Savior.