

But before people can pray to the Lord for help, they must believe in him. And before they can believe in the Lord, they must hear about him. And for anyone to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them. ROMANS 10:14 ERV

Prayer Calendar NOVEMBER 2022



- More than 85% of the world's people live in poverty, living on less than \$30 a day. Almost 1 in 10 lives in extreme poverty, surviving on less than \$2 a day. Someone who can barely put food on the table can't even think about ever buying a Bible.
- The most severe poverty is found in Africa—and is growing.
- Small churches, immigrant congregations, and those in rural areas of the U.S. can struggle to grow their churches. They often lack the Scriptures and training to do so. Lucas, a Bible League-trained church planter in Visalia, California, notes, "People really want to learn about God. They're hungry! If we can get more Bibles, we can reach more people here."

Pray for The Under-Resourced Church

Week 1: Thank God for a Bible-based Literacy training that recently took place in central Zambia. This area is in a rural district where high illiteracy levels exist. Because of this, it's very difficult for churches to find people able to lead Bible studies. Ask God to give the newly trained instructors a passion for teaching people to read and write so that they can study the Word of God and grow spiritually.

Praise the Lord for a successful youth camp held last month in northeastern Thailand. About 200 young

people attended the camp. Many were trained to help friends study God's Word, and about 80 non-Christians received God's Word for the first time. Ask God to help these young people grow in faith and to reach their friends with the Gospel.

Ask God to bless ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This country suffers from a "Bible famine" because so few people own Bibles. Only about 5% of local leaders and pastors own Bibles for reading in

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church or at home. The cost of Bibles is high, and there aren't translations available in all the languages spoken in the country. May more people have access to God's Word through *Project Philip* Bible studies. Pray for more translations of the Bible into local languages.

Week 2: Please pray for the struggle faced by many new churches in Armenia that lack a gathering place to worship. Many of these churches face high rents and hostile landlords. A Bible League-trained church planter recently had to find a new place for his congregation to worship when the owner of the house they were renting decided to sell it. Thank God for providing for all these churches' needs.

Pray for the continued success of a *Project Philip* training completed in a very rural and remote area of northeastern South Africa. Bible League-trained Christians coordinated the event last month to train 50 church members in this region. Pray that the attendees would successfully implement Bible studies in their churches, and that more locals would study the Word of God.

Ask God to help the Bible-based Literacy program in Egypt, as it faces several problems. Many people in impoverished areas have never been to school and may be unaware of the importance of education or have no confidence they can learn to read and write. The local culture discourages adult women from receiving literacy training. Additionally, many areas are difficult to access, like a tiny local church in Upper Egypt. Despite the lack of paved roads, five Bible-based Literacy classes meet there. Pray for wisdom for our staff in Egypt as they find solutions to these issues. May God bless the women attending these classes.

Week 3: Praise God for a series of *Project Philip* trainings that just finished in northwestern Venezuela, a country that continues to experience economic and political turmoil. Bible League's national director in that country trained about 3,000 Christians from approximately 20 churches to lead Bible studies. Pray

that the attendees and pastors are motivated to reach Venezuelans with the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Thank God for 90 people who recently completed *Project Philip* training in the Philippines. One of these trainings was the first face-to-face event held since the beginning of the pandemic two years ago. These newly trained Christians showed great enthusiasm for implementing the program in their communities. Pray for open hearts to the Gospel as they reach their towns for Christ.

Ask God to bless the many people who graduated from Bible League's *Project Philip* Bible study last month in an area close to Accra, the capital of Ghana. Over 1,600 people gladly received their Bibles upon graduation. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower the graduates to transform their communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Week 4: Praise God for answering the prayers of Sinh, a Bible League-trained Christian from the Cham people group in Vietnam. His church only had three Bibles. He had prayed for more Bibles for the church members for over three years. Recently, another Bible League-trained believer brought Bibles to his church and five other local churches. Thank God!

Ask God to bless the partnership between Bible League International and By the Hand Club for Kids in Chicago. They are working together on a new initiative to reach 250 students using Bible League's new *Project Philip* Bible study materials for children. Pray for God to open the hearts of the students to receive Christ. Pray God would work in these children's lives to reach their parents, families, and peers.

Thank God for the recently completed Bible-based Literacy classes in China. More than 40 people graduated, including Indonesian domestic helpers and Vietnamese domestic helpers. May God stir the hearts of the participants to start classes in their respective churches or communities.