

Prayer Calendar
MARCH 2023



- More than 2.7 million people studied God's Word using Bible League's *Project Philip* Bible studies, Church Planter Training, and Bible-based Literacy last year. That's more than 7,000 people per day! Nearly 125,000 people received training to share the Good News in their communities. Many of these individuals are women who are taking responsibility for sharing the Good News in their families and neighborhoods. Praise God for His work!
- In many regions around the world, women are denied educational opportunities when they're young, or are forced into early marriage. This can limit their access to jobs or health care. It can also keep a woman from making decisions regarding her family and those she supports.
- In 2023, Bible League will reach under-served communities worldwide using both in-person and online formats. May the Lord bless and empower the many women who are answering the call to reach their communities and families for Christ, despite cultural norms and disadvantages.

Pray for Women and Girls

Week 1: Thank God for His blessing and goodness to sister Jeremiah, who has ministered to many children, youth, and parents in the border areas of Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. Pray that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, her Bible studies lead many children and adults to salvation in Christ.

We pray for a women's Bible study group in Albania that is using Bible League's *Project Philip* study. Let's pray for these wonderful ladies to understand the topics and

lessons and to practice them in their daily lives. Pray for the families and children of these ladies, that their faith would influence the next generation of believers.

Pray that God blesses the efforts of Christine and Hubertine as they lead a *Project Philip* Bible study in a central region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. When they led an altar call, 15 youths, 10 women, and 8 men repented and professed faith in

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the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for effective follow-up and further discipling so that all new believers grow and mature in faith.

Pray for a group of women participating in Church Planter Training in Mozambique next month. May God bless their efforts to plant churches and lead many women to Christ.

Week 2: Thank God for two new Bible-based Literacy groups, one in northern and one in southern Bangladesh. There are nine women from the indigenous Santali community in the first group. Let's pray that all these women come to salvation in Christ while learning to read and write. The second group was started by a believer who wants to serve women from the Muslim community. Pray that all the women in this group will come to the Lord Jesus Christ and open their hearts to receive salvation.

Pray for Albanian women living in a patriarchal and restrictive Muslim society. Fathers often don't allow their daughters to go outside the house alone, hindering them from taking part in youth Bible study groups. Also, when some fathers find out their daughters participate in *Project Philip* Bible studies, they promptly arrange marriages with Muslim men for them. Husbands often don't allow their wives to join church activities. Given the cultural background, ministry to women and girls needs to be done mostly by women. Thank God there are faithful sisters in Christ who defy the opposition and bring the Good News. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open doors for them and give them courage and perseverance.

Ask for God's favor over a *Project Philip* Bible study and Bible-based Literacy class in southern China, led by two sisters in Christ. Pray for many Chinese people to come to Christ through their dedication in teaching the Word of God. May God bless these two women with courage and discernment as they engage with the young people in their classes.

Week 3: Thank God for a Bible-based Literacy class in the Philippines. Pray for Jenefer, a recent church planter graduate who leads the class. May the Lord bless her efforts so that the students and their families come to know Christ through the class.

Praise God for a small *Project Philip* group in eastern India. New members have joined the group and brought their kids with them. The group leader, a woman, started a children's ministry for the kids in the group. Pray for their spiritual knowledge in Christ and for entire families to follow Jesus.

Pray for women in other countries who desire to reach people with God's Word. Many women discover early that being a woman and a messenger of the Gospel is not welcome in their cultures. Often, local church leaders are against a woman preaching. "I have not been attacked by the religious fanatics. But I continue to face so many obstacles just for being a woman," a young girl in Bangladesh laments. It's not uncommon there for women to be oppressed. Pray for so many women like her around the world who don't have voices in their communities.

Week 4: Thank God for letting the Gospel light shine strongly in northern Tanzania. Praise the Lord that people are putting an end to destructive pagan traditions. Last month, Bible League participated in a ceremony there to celebrate 15 boys and 14 girls who escaped the traditional circumcision practice. The government has been trying to stop teenage circumcision, especially female genital mutilation, to no avail. Thank God for this victory! May God continue helping the church to change the mindset of people practicing these traditions. Ask God to set this generation of young people free from idols and harmful practices.

Praise the Lord for the graduation ceremony for six women from a Bible-based Literacy class in Hong Kong last month. Pray that the Gospel seed produces fruit in the students' lives. May God grant their teacher, Louise, the strength and wisdom to arrange future home visits and continue encouraging them to grow in faith.

Pray for Adriana in Mexico as she leads a *Project Philip* Bible study and youth group in a local shelter. Ask God to transform the teenagers' lives for Christ. May they find peace and direction in God's Word.