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PRAISE & PRAYER GUIDE

# Jonah 2:9 (NIV)

"But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to You. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the Lord."

## 1. Sunday: International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church

Today is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Join Christians around the world in a global prayer effort for our persecuted brothers and sisters who boldly witness for Jesus Christ, whatever the cost. Pray for strength, perseverance, and courage as they represent Jesus to their persecutors.

## 2. Monday: Praise God for New Life

Jim and Jamie Loker, ASM's Latin America Directors, ask prayer for the safe delivery of their 11th grandchild, Jonas, who is due to be delivered this week in Indonesia where his parents are global workers. Pray for his parents and three older brothers as they adjust to this very welcome addition to the family.

# 3. Tuesday: Election Day in the USA

It's Election Day in the United States. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and peace as voters cast their ballots for the U.S. President, many House and Senate races, and state and local posts. Pray 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV): "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

## 4. Wednesday: Dramatized New Testament Recording in Mexico

Pray for Lupe, Jemima, and Edy as they complete the dramatized Nuyoo New Testament recording, a process which has suffered many setbacks, including the non-COVID illness of the two main native speakers reading the text. Pray that this project will go forward unimpeded—so that the Mixtecos of Nuyoo may soon hear God's Word!



## 5. Thursday: Bible Distributions in Schools in West Africa

Pray for the audio Bibles soon to be shared in schools throughout Togo, Ghana, and other places in West Africa, through ministry partner Mango Tree Ministries. Pray for hearts to be open and responsive to the hundreds of Bible and Bible engagement resources that will be distributed.

# 6. Friday: Protection for Believers in Hostile Countries

Pray today for new believers in countries hostile to the Gospel. May they boldly share the good news of their Savior, Jesus Christ. Pray that those seeking for the truth will find Jesus. Pray for ASM as we develop strategic partnerships with organizations already ministering in these difficult regions of the world.

# 7. Saturday: Full Recovery for a Ministry Leader's Family in South Asia

Pray for a partner in South Asia whose whole family is recovering from COVID-19. Ask God for full restoration to health, and grace for the family and team as they return to sharing the hope of Jesus among unreached people groups.

# 8. Sunday: Effective Tools for Outreach

Ask God to provide wisdom and resources for all those developing tools to more effectively share God's Word. Pray especially for ministry partner Resources for the Blind (Knoxville, TN) and for their Seedplayer project.

### 9. Monday: Celebrating the Kotia Audio Bible in India

Pray for WCOI as it dedicates the Kotia audio Bible via Zoom, because of COVID-19 travel regulations. Praise God for the completion of this recording that will be a blessing for this community. Pray for a bountiful spiritual harvest as many Kotia hear and respond to the Bible in their own language.

# 10. Tuesday: The Beginning of the Gideon Bible Distribution in Hotels

112 years ago this week, The Gideons International placed the first 25 print Bibles into hotel rooms in Montana, USA. Praise God for the Gideons—and every person and organization sharing God's Word! Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers (Matt. 9:38) to translate, record, and bring God's Word to those yet without access.

### 11. Wednesday: Compassionate Care Team's (CCT) Praise Report

Praise God for the CCT's work with Saquina, a woman in Mozambique who was bitten by a snake. She is now on the road to recovery. Praise Him for the Gospel witness this team provides to people in their care in underserved areas.

# 12. Thursday: India's Bible Recordings on Hold

Pray for the WCOI Team as their audio recordings are on hold due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. Pray that they would be able to resume these recordings soon and that God's Word would be able to be distributed.

# 13. Friday: New ASM Team Member

Praise God for Jonathon Stoimenoff, who recently joined the ASM Team as Resource Department Coordinator. Pray for wisdom and grace as he coordinates audio Bible requests and uses audio resources to help partners around the world share God's Word more effectively.

# 14. Saturday: Final Editing for a New Testament Recording in Mozambique

Praise the Lord for the good progress made on the Makua Shirima New Testament recording in Mozambique. Pray for the team as they edit the audio for the final listen through to make sure everything is correct before distribution.

# 15. Sunday: Prayer for Believers in Mexico to Remain Strong

Pray for the small congregation of believers in a Zapotec village that is hostile to the Gospel. Pray that God would supply a full-time pastor, and that their audio Bibles would help sustain them in their faith. Pray that they would maintain a strong, loving witness in their community.

# 16. Monday: New Harvest Farm Ministering to Local Farmers

Praise the Lord for generous donations that helped provide quality seed to 120 subsistence farming families through New Harvest Farm (NHF). Pray for the NHF agriculture extension team as they work with these families to increase their harvest through Bible-based agricultural training.

### 17. Tuesday: India's Coronavirus Cases Increase

The COVID-19 positive cases in India continue to rise just as cultural festival season is about to begin. Pray for protection for the vulnerable, and for India's healthcare workers already burdened with many needing treatment.

# 18. Wednesday: Healing for Francisco

Pray for Francisco, a Zapotec believer who received an audio Bible earlier this year, as he recovers from a venomous snake bite that resulted in the loss of his hand. Pray for healing and adjustment and for God's provision as his work opportunities are now limited. Praise the Lord for a friend who has offered to help him to obtain a prosthetic hand.

## 19. Thursday: Another New Team Member Joins ASM

Praise God for His provision of another team member, Priscilla Boward, to serve as Donor Relations Coordinator on the ASM Global Support Team. Pray that she will feel welcomed and soon feel settled in her new role on the team.

## 20. Friday: God to Provide Protection for WCOI Staff

Please keep the staff of WCOI and their families in your prayers. Ask God that they would remain faithful to what God has called them to do, and for God to protect their health as they minister to others in India.

## 21. Saturday: Annual Report Preparations

Pray for Sarah Aron, ASM's Social Media and Design Coordinator, as she designs ASM's Annual Report. Pray that God would work through her to make the final product one that accurately and beautifully describes all the amazing things God has done through ASM and our partners this year.

# 22. Sunday: God Is at Work for His Glory

"All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God" (2 Corinthians 4:15). Thank God that His grace has transformed us and has made us new! Praise Him for the work of the Holy Spirit in us!

## 23. Monday: Prayer Cover for National Partners in Mexico

Pray for God's blessing and protection over the many faithful national leaders and pastors ASM partners with in Mexico, such as Oscar, Rosa, Arnulfo, Isidro, Isai, and others. Pray for continued boldness and open doors to sow God's Word.

# 24. Tuesday: Praise for Exciting New Opportunities

Praise God for the partnerships He is opening up for ASM in new and existing ministry areas. Pray for ASM as we prayerfully follow God into new opportunities to further the Gospel and to reach more people who need to hear.

### 25. Wednesday: Unrest in Mozambique

Continue to pray for peace and stability in Mozambique as many people have recently been displaced because of violent attacks. Pray that there would be peaceful resolution and that soon people can return to their homes and fields.

### 26. Thursday: Thanksgiving in the USA

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods" (Psalm 95:1-3, NIV). Today on Thanksgiving Day in the USA, praise the Lord for His goodness and thank Him for His blessings!

### 27. Friday: The Book of Luke Video in Mexico

Praise the Lord that our Mexico team has successfully finished recording the book of Luke in Albarradas Zapotec. Please pray as they prepare the companion script for the Luke video. Pray for those who will participate in this project, and pray for God to prepare the hearts of those who will be impacted by these recordings.

# 28. Saturday: ASM Communications Team

Pray for the ASM Communications Team, that God would be present as they serve the ministry. Ask God to give the team joy, grace, and inspiration as they communicate needs and updates from the front lines.

### 29. Sunday: God is Faithful to Us

Sing praise to the Lord today for His everlasting kindness and faithfulness! "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations" (Psalm 100: 4-5, NIV).

### 30. Monday: Preparing for Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is tomorrow—pray for believers around the world to generously donate to missions-minded organizations and to remember those in need, in light of God's gift to the world in Jesus Christ.



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