PRAISE & PRAYER GUIDE

1 Chronicles 16:31 (NIV)

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

1. Friday: New Beginnings

2021 has arrived! Praise the Lord that He has brought us to another new year. Together let's serve Him in joyful expectation, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland," (Isaiah 43:18-19, NIV).

2. Saturday: Ministry in Unique Contexts

Pray for churches around the world who are seeking new ways to share the Gospel, while still dealing with the uncertainty of the pandemic. Pray for wisdom, creativity and joy in sharing the Good News of Jesus!

3. Sunday: Lokers Traveling to Oaxaca

Pray for smooth connections as Jim and Jamie fly to Oaxaca today with their daughter, Debbie. Pray for wisdom and discernment for them during potential travels within Mexico on this visit. Pray for effective use of their time and that they might ship many audio Bibles to villages where people are requesting them.

4. Monday: Completed Audio Recording in Mozambique

Praise God for the completion of the Makua Meeto New Testament recording in Mozambique. The final versions were delivered last month and audio Bible distribution should begin soon. Pray that as people hear the Word in their own heart language that many would believe in Jesus.

5. Tuesday: Staffing Needs in Mexico and West Michigan

Pray for the Lord to provide additional audio recordists for Mexico. Pray also for the right person to serve in the part-time Design Storyteller position on ASM's Global Support Team in Holland.

6. Wednesday: Protection for Believers in India

Persecution is on the rise in India and many Christian organizations have been targeted. Pray for protection for believers and for the Gospel to continue to be preached. Pray also that the government will intervene and help.

7. Thursday: God's Word Is Going Out

The ASM Global Support Office sent over 70 audio Bibles last month to various ministries in the USA. Ask God that these would reach families hungry for the Word of God, and for many hearts to be touched!

8. Friday: Creative Delivery of Audio Bibles in Mexico

Praise the Lord for a taxi driver who served as a special courier to transport 30 audio Bibles to a contact in Totontepec, Mexico. The Bibles were gratefully received and distributed. Pray for the additional audio Bibles that will be distributed to several other towns that speak the same dialect of Mixe.

9. Saturday: Open Hearts in South Asia

Pray for a persecuted minority group in South Asia. Most of these displaced families are oral learners. Praise God for the New Testament recording which will start soon in this language—and for the Lord's provision to provide the audio Bibles and tools needed to bring God's Word to each family.

10. Sunday: Light for Hearers of the Word

Joel 3:14 (NIV) says "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision". Pray for the many people who have heard the Word of God but still have not made a decision to follow Jesus. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to draw them towards the Light!

11. Monday: Bible Translations and Recordings

Ask God to strengthen Bible translators and partner ministries working on translations for unreached people groups. Pray also for Bible recordings to be completed quickly so God's Word can reach oral communicators.

12. Tuesday: Mexico Recordings

Continue to pray for the Ayautla Mazatec dramatized, multi-voice New Testament recording underway. Praise the Lord for the Nuyoo New Testament which was completed in Mexico just before Christmas!

13. Wednesday: Strategy for the New Year

Pray for wisdom for the ASM Board Executive Committee meeting today as they begin a series of strategic planning sessions. Pray for open hearts, listening ears and boldness because "... the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6, NIV).

14. Thursday: Makua Shirima New Testament Project

Pray for the continued recording of the Makua Shirima New Testament in Mozambique. Pray for the recording team as they do the final listen-through of the project in the next month, after which it will be distributed.

15. Friday: Conference to Raise Up the Workers

Pray for Mission ConneXion 2021 beginning today (online this year). Ask God for His blessings on the gathering "... so that an increasing number of believers are actively serving in areas of the world's greatest (gospel) need."

16. Saturday: India Recordings to Resume

Pray for the Assamese Bible recording that has re-started after a break due to COVID-19 restrictions. Pray that this recording will be done quickly and will reach many hearts in India.

17. Sunday: Recording in West Michigan

Pray God's blessings on a New Testament recording in a central African language with a national leader currently in West Michigan. Pray for open doors and for funding for distribution once the audio is completed.

18. Monday: Audio Bible Shipments in India

Pray for audio Bible distributions planned for 2021 throughout India. Pray that WCOI is able to safely ship the players so that distributions will continue and more people will be reached with the Good News.

19. Tuesday: Vision for Mission

Pray for wisdom for churches and ministries determining how to reschedule the many mission trips and outreach events postponed in 2020 because of the pandemic. Pray that many will also continue to catch the vision for how God's Word in audio can leave a lasting impact on those they serve and reach.

20. Wednesday: New Recordings to Begin in Mexico

Pray for the logistics involved with the audio dubbing of Luke and Genesis films in several languages in the coming months: renting temporary studios in the villages, selecting voice talent, and preparing the script.

21. Thursday: Praise for Protection

Praise God for protecting the WCOI staff and their health in 2020. Pray that God would give them wisdom in planning for 2021 and that they would be able to continue boldly sharing God's Words with all who will hear.

22. Friday: New Harvest Farm to Bless Others

Praise the Lord for the encouraging feedback the New Harvest Farm team is getting from local farmers after the seed distribution last year. The fields are looking good and there is great hope for a bountiful harvest!

23. Saturday: Borders to Soon be Reopened

Ask God to restore those struggling with health, and that country borders may open again so audio Bibles may be sent more freely, Christians can fellowship together more frequently, and families can be reunited.

24. Sunday: Mexico Recordists and Personnel

Praise the Lord for the health of the extended staff of the ASM studio in Oaxaca. Pray for God's continued favor on each one in the new year—for the recordists, their families, and for every valuable contact in each language area—including pastors, native missionaries, translators, and other partners.

25. Monday: Compassionate Care Grant Program

Praise God for the audio Bibles sent out last month through ASM's Compassionate Care Audio Bible Grant program which provides audio Scripture for other medical / health ministries. Pray for good fruit in the hearts and families of every person receiving an audio Bible.

26. Tuesday: God to Provide for Victims of Violence in Mozambique

Pray for ASM partners working in relief efforts with displaced people in northern Mozambique. Pray for opportunities to show love and hope through meeting physical needs and providing God's Word in audio.

27. Wednesday: Do Not Grow Weary

Isaiah 40:30-31 (ESV) says: "Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Pray God will strengthen you to follow Him!

28. Thursday: New Listeners in Mexico

Pray for the hundreds of families who have received audio Bibles in their own language for the first time in the past two months in Mexico. Pray that they will listen and process what they hear, and that many lives and communities will be transformed by the Gospel message.

29. Friday: Spiritual Refreshment for Compassionate Care Team

As the New Year begins, pray for the Compassionate Care Team as they start visiting patients again. May the Lord daily encourage and renew them as they serve many people in Mozambique.

30. Saturday: Reaching Neighbors for Christ

Pray for the Lord to equip local churches to shine His light and share His Word with their local communities. Pray also for a Holy-Spirit vision to reach across all barriers, using available audio resources and tools.

31. Sunday: Live as Children of Light

"For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8, ESV). Praise God that He has drawn us to Him and we no longer need walk in darkness and sin. Pray we would all live out this truth in our daily walk with Him.

