MARCH 2021 PRAISE & PRAYER GUIDE

# "Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth." Hosea 6:3 (ESV)

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### 1. Monday: Jim and Jamie Loker in Oaxaca

Pray that ASM will be able to ship audio Bibles to Mexico without exorbitant duties. Praise God for discounted travel that makes it possible for Jim and Jamie Loker to make frequent trips to Mexico. Pray for effective use of their time while in Mexico, as they hand-deliver audio Bibles.

# 2. Tuesday: Living with Hope

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (Romans 12:12, NIV). Praise God for His Word and the promises of the Gospel, that in the midst of everyday life, His people can be joyful, hopeful, and faithful.

# 3. Wednesday: People to Hear the Word

Spiritual darkness and oppression are ongoing challenges in many places of the world, like Mozambique. Pray for the veils of darkness and sin to be lifted and hearts in Mozambique opened to hearing the Gospel and accepting Truth alone.

# 4. Thursday: Sharing God's Word in the Philippines

Praise God for answered prayer: 180 audio Bibles (in 8 different languages) sent from the ASM Resource Department arrived safely to a partner working in the Philippines. Pray for local travel restrictions to be lifted, so our partners there can deliver the audio Bibles to where they are most needed.

# 5. Friday: Spiritual and Physical Healing

Pray for a woman from India who is traveling back to her home country to receive treatment for health issues. She is taking two audio Bibles to share with her family. Pray for them to respond to Jesus and for many to hear the Word of God through these devices.

### 6. Saturday: Quick Delivery of Audio Bibles

Pray for the safe arrival of a shipment of audio Bibles to Mozambique this month. Pray that the shipment would arrive quickly despite COVID-19 restrictions in the region.

### 7. Sunday: Reconciliation and Unity

Pray that love, integrity, and unity would characterize the churches in Mexico as they engage with God's Word in their indigenous languages. Pray for reconciliation where love has grown cold and doctrinal disagreements have caused frustration and division.

### 8. Monday: Celebrating Women Around the World

On International Women's Day, pray for women who are courageously living for Jesus and sharing God's Word. Praise God for these women and the sacrifices they've made so that more people can hear about Jesus and come to faith in our Lord.

### 9. Tuesday: Recording Team Health

Pray for the health and protection of the recording staff in Mexico, particularly for Jemima who is experiencing gallbladder issues. Pray that surgery might be avoided and her body would heal.

### 10. Wednesday: Life Is Precious

Jesus says He came to give life and life abundant! (John 10:10) Not everyone recognizes the value of their life and the lives of their children. Pray for understanding of this truth in rural Mozambique—that everyone is precious in God's eyes.

### 11. Thursday: Sharing God's Story Online

Tara Rye, ASM's Bible Engagement Director, is developing videos that combine Scripture and art to tell stories of the Bible in different languages. Pray that people would see God's Word and want to know more about Jesus.

### 12. Friday: Mozambique Recordings

Pray for the recording team in Mozambique as they work to finish the Makua Shirima New Testament recording. Pray for the safety of the readers as they travel to Xai-Xai and wisdom for the team as they finish the project.

### 13. Saturday: New Translation Available Soon in India

Praise God for the completion of the New Testament in Tamil Common Version Translation, a very simple and modern translation. WCOI hopes to distribute this translation among several leprosy colonies soon.

### 14. Sunday: God's Word is Light

Praise God for the promise of illumination and wisdom given through receiving—and sharing—His Word. Psalm 119:130 (HCSB) says, "The revelation of Your words brings light and gives understanding to the inexperienced."

### 15. Monday: Many Requests for Audio Bibles

Praise God for increased audio Bibles requests. Despite shutdowns and restrictions, people still desire to hear God's Word. Pray ASM would continue to fulfill these requests and the audio Bibles would reach those who need to hear.



# 16. Tuesday: Prayers for the Harvest to be Multiplied

Pray for the team at New Harvest Farm as the end of their major agricultural season approaches. Pray that there is a bountiful harvest in the local community despite the challenges of cyclones and other extreme weather.

# 17. Wednesday: Bringing the Gospel to Dark Places

Patrick, a Briton born in the 4th century, was raised by a Christian family, but didn't believe in Jesus. After being enslaved by the Irish, he escaped, returned home, and became a Christian. Years later, God called him to bring the Gospel to the very people who had enslaved him! The Gospel of Jesus spread in Ireland and changed many lives. Praise God for His powerful Gospel. Pray believers will continue to boldly share it, no matter the barriers.

### 18. Thursday: Bible Distribution in India

Praise God that WCOI distributed audio Bibles to 100 blind people last month. It was a privilege to share audio Bibles with these men and women who are now able to hear God's Word in their own language.

### 19. Friday: Borders to be Re-Opened

Many people are separated from their families because many countries' borders are closed. Pray that more borders will be re-opened so that people can see their families and more audio Bibles can be sent internationally.

### 20. Saturday: Old Testament Translation Progress

Praise God for the successful completion of the Old Testament (OT) books of Esther and Daniel in Amuzgo of Xochistlahuaca (in Guerrero, Mexico). Pray for the translation team as they work on revising other OT books. Pray that many other languages in Mexico would have OT books available soon to record and distribute in audio.

### 21. Sunday: God Is Merciful Towards Those Who Trust in Him

"Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him" (Isaiah 30:18, ESV). Pray that God would help all believers to fully trust and depend on Him, knowing that He will show mercy toward those who fear Him.

# 22. Monday: Updating a New Testament Recording

Pray for the upcoming re-recording of the Tamil NT as there is a need for an updated and better-quality recording. The previous recording was done in the 90's and a revision would be beneficial to audio Bible recipients.

# 23. Tuesday: Every Partner Sharing His Word

Pray for God's blessing on ASM's extended "family" of financial donors, distribution partners, and prayer supporters—that the Lord would grant His perseverance, protection, and joy as together we share His Word!.

### 24. Wednesday: Collaborating to Share God's Word

Praise God for developing partnerships to share God's Word and help with Bible engagement in Haiti, Uganda, Kenya, and other countries! Many people are hungry for God's Word and the audio Bibles and Bible Engagement training are being received with much joy.

### 25. Thursday: Migrants returning to Michigan

Pray for the many migrant workers who are heading to Michigan this month from Florida, Mexico, and Central America. Pray for their spiritual well-being as well as provision of good housing and safe work conditions.

### 26. Friday: Every Gift an Answer to Prayer

Praise God for His provision. Recently a partner in Haiti shared a need for more audio Bibles just as another financial partner's special gift arrived by mail to help meet that exact need. It is beautiful to see the Body of Christ work together to share His Word, as each member follows the Spirit's prompting, *so all will hear!* 

### 27. Saturday: Evangelistic Outreach with Audio Bibles

Pray for pastors in Oaxaca as they evangelize in new neighborhoods and villages using audio Bibles. Pray for strength, perseverance, and fruitfulness as they witness. Pray for many to come to faith in Jesus and attend a local church.

### 28. Sunday: Celebration and Intercession

Upon Jesus' triumphal entry (Luke 19:28–44), His disciples celebrated and praised God. Yet, Jesus stopped and wept over Jerusalem, because most people there still did not know He could bring true peace. Even as we celebrate Jesus today on Palm Sunday, let's remember to also intercede for those who do not yet know the Prince of Peace.

### 29. Monday: COVID-19 in Mexico

Praise the Lord for areas of Mexico where there are no cases of COVID-19. Pray for wisdom and adequate diagnosis and treatment options in villages where the virus is spreading. Pray that it would quickly be eradicated so that people are safe and healthy, and also so that audio Bible recordings are no longer hindered.

### 30. Tuesday: Wisdom and Guidance for WCOI

Pray for the staff and family members of WCOI as they serve the Lord in India. Pray that they will joyfully follow God's leading in their lives and ministry.

### 31. Wednesday: Good Friday

"Surely He was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54, NIV) proclaimed the Centurion at the cross. Pray for churches around the world, that as they observe Good Friday they will also boldly proclaim Jesus. Pray that many will hear the Good News of our Savior's death and resurrection, and receive life eternal!



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