PRAISE & PRAYER GUIDE

"For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139:13, NIV).

1. Wednesday: Audio Bibles to Paraguay

Pray for 100 audio Bibles that Ignite the World Ministries is taking to Paraguay in the Guarani and Spanish languages. Pray the people receiving these resources will have open hearts to hear God's Word and eager feet to share His Word with others.

2. Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Join Christians across the USA as we "Lift Up the Word—Light Up the World" (2 Samuel 22:29-31), today's National Day of Prayer theme. Pray that many people would call on Jesus, repent from their sins, and be released from spiritual darkness. Pray for boldness for believers in proclaiming life and hope in Jesus.

3. Friday: Old Testament in Mixtec

Praise the Lord that more Old Testament books have now been recorded in Mixtec of Ayutla, and 100 more audio Bibles were distributed in Mexico, where ASM Latin America Directors Jim and Jamie Loker serve.

4. Saturday: Spring Break Mission Trips

Pray for youth who went on mission trips during their spring break as they continue to discover God's plan for their lives and where He is leading them. Pray that He would cultivate a passion to reach the lost in their hearts.

5. Sunday: World Portuguese Language Day

Portuguese is the world's fifth-most-spoken language and an official language of six countries, including Mozambique. Today, on World Portuguese Language Day, pray that Palavra de Deus (God's Word) will be shared generously with the nearly 250 million people who speak Portuguese as their heart language.

6. Monday: Bible Engagement Around the World

Praise God for ASM Bible Engagement Director Tara Rye's opportunities in April to provide training. Groups in Nebraska, India, Ethiopia, Rwanda, and East Asia were equipped to share God's Word and make disciples.

7. Tuesday: New Testament Recording in Chontal Language

Jim and Jamie Loker ask for prayer for the completion of the last 30% of the dramatized New Testament in Chontal as the Que Todos Oigan team in Mexico travels to Tabasco to record the remaining voices. Pray also for perseverance despite potentially extreme heat before the rainy season starts.

8. Wednesday: Audio Bibles in Prisons

Praise God for an increased demand for audio Bibles in prisons across the U.S. and around the world. Pray for the ASM Gospel Partners who are working through logistics with prison chaplains so that all may hear!

9. Thursday: Milestone from Michigan

Praise God for 3,000 audio Bibles sent out from our Michigan Resource Department since January. Pray for God to bring good fruit as thousands more around the world hear God's Word in their heart language.

10. Friday: 6 Acts of Scripture Material

Pray for a future training trip that Tara and her son Grant will go on. Tara is developing training materials focusing on the 6 Acts of the Bible: Creation, Fall, Promise, Restoration, Reproducing, and Return. Pray for God to prepare the hearts of those who will learn and use the material to share Bible training with others.

11. Saturday: Peace in Mozambique

Pray for safe delivery of a shipment of audio Bibles to northern Mozambique, where ASM Director of Integral Mission Innovation Chad Vanden Bosch and Compassionate Care Coordinator Dara Vanden Bosch serve. Pray for God's mercy and peace for the 780,000+ people displaced due to violence in the region.

12. Sunday: God's Blessings Our Mothers

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck" (Proverbs 1:8-9, NIV). As we celebrate Mother's Day in the US, praise God for your mother or the maternal figure He provided to care for you. Praise God for Bible teaching that has blessed you, and pray His Word will continue to bless the generations of your family yet to come.

13. Monday: Connecting with Friends and Partners

Pray for Jim and Jamie as they travel to the Pacific Northwest to visit friends and supporters in Washington state and surrounding areas. Praise the Lord for encouraging visits with supporting churches and individuals in Ohio and Pennsylvania last month.

14. Tuesday: 148 Audio Bibles

Praise the Lord for the generous Gospel Partner who made it possible to send 148 audio Bibles to numerous partnering churches and pastors, equipping them to better "give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15, NIV), even in other languages! Pray for the Lord to bless these opportunities to share His Word in audio with those who need it.

15. Wednesday: Comfort in the Name of Jesus

Pray for the many people facing illness alone or with limited access to healthcare in rural Mozambique. Ask God to strengthen Dara Vanden Bosch and her Team as they bring comfort in the name of Jesus to palliative care patients in their region, where there is only one doctor per 11,500 people.

16. Thursday: International Day of Light

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'" (John 8:12, NIV). Praise God that nothing and no one can extinguish the light He provides! Pray for the Lord to give you opportunities today to shine His light.

17. Friday: Upcoming Recording Project

Pray with the Lokers for the pending recording of the Mixtec Scriptures in the Mexican language of Jicaltepec. Pray the reader will have time to travel to the ASM studio soon so God's Word can go forth!

18. Saturday: Communication Across Continents

Praise God for the many partnership relationships ASM has developed with ministry leaders around the world. Pray for clear communication across language barriers and cultural differences. Pray also for God's wisdom and help in overcoming technical obstacles due to limited internet access in some regions.

19. Sunday: More Workers for the Harvest

Pray for more workers for the harvest field. Pray that God would raise up individuals with a desire and ability to share His Word with the nations; for more translators and recordists to place His Word efficiently and effectively into the hands of more people; and for everyone to have the opportunity to hear the Good News.

20. Monday: Praising God for Rain

Praise God for unexpected rains in central Mozambique last month after a long drought. This allowed Chad's NHF team to plant the rest of their agroforestry test plots. Pray for continued rains even in the "dry season."

21. Tuesday: Young Men Discipled to Make Disciples

Praise God for disciple-makers the Lord is raising up in Greater South Asia. Pray for two young men, D* and A*, who are now following Jesus, and being very evangelistic in their community. Pray for the Gospel Partner Tara had trained, who is now continuing their discipleship.

22. Wednesday: God's Word in Otomi and Nahuatl

Pray for the continuation of the Old Testament recording in Otomi of Mexico. Pray also that the Nahuatl (Aztec) native translator will finish revisions of the OT in her language, so that recording can also be continued.

23. Thursday: God's Word in Kenya

Praise the Lord for the spread of His Word throughout Kenya! Pray for wisdom for ASM's Gospel Partners in Kenya as they respond to increasing hunger for audio Bibles in their nation and several surrounding nations.

24. Friday: Telling David's Story

Continue praying for the manual Tara has been developing based on David's story in 1 and 2 Samuel. Pray that the material will remain accurate and true to the text as she goes through the editing and revision process.

25. Saturday: Open Doors and Effective Tools

Pray for dozens of Distribution Partners who are field-testing lower-cost Nav audio Bible units. Pray for open doors for them to place God's Word where it's needed and for a blessing on every person sharing His Word!

26. Sunday: Children Listening in Ethiopia

Praise God for 10 Amharic Bibles being utilized by a new Gospel Partner involved in an integral mission effort serving children and families in Ethiopia. Pray they would come closer to Jesus as they listen to God's Word.

27. Monday: Memorial Day

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalms 46:1, NIV). Praise God for the men and women who courageously gave their lives for the cause of freedom. Pray that God will comfort those who have lost loved ones in battle, and that today on Memorial Day in the US, they will turn to God as their refuge.

28. Tuesday: Training Trip to South Asia

Praise God for a recently completed training trip to South Asia by the ASM Team! Pray that God would use the Bible and leadership training to provide lasting Gospel hope and vital tools to leaders serving Him in this region.

29. Wednesday: Bible Engagement Internship

Pray for Tara and an intern from Prairie College in Canada who arrived in Omaha yesterday. She will stay with Tara for a month to shadow her, learn about Bible Engagement, and experience life-on-life ministry.

30. Thursday: Hebrews in Guichicovi

Praise God with the Lokers that UNTI translators are nearing completion of the second Mixe New Testament translation in Guichicovi, Mexico. Pray the four already-recorded Gospels will be used, and for the completion of translation revisions for the Book of Hebrews so that the rest of the New Testament can be recorded.

31. Friday: The Gospel Through Word and Deed

Pray for more opportunities to use audio Bibles alongside medical missions and palliative care efforts globally. Praise God for Dara and the CC Team, who are faithfully sharing His Word while providing care with joy.

