PRAISE & PRAYER GUIDE

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3, NIV).

1. Tuesday: April Fools Day

"He is no fool who gives away what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose," Jim Elliot (missionary martyred in 1956). Pray for an increase in this kind of sacrificial generosity in following Jesus, so that more people may soon hear God's Word and receive His salvation—a gift of eternal value.

2. Wednesday: National Reconciliation Day

Pray that we forgive like God forgave us (Ephesians 4:32), and become more like Jesus day by day. Even on the cross, Jesus lived this out: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34 KJV).

3. Thursday: Equipping Schools with Bible Engagement Training

Thank you for praying for ASM Bible Engagement Director, Tara Rye, as she served on the orality task force of the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE). Tara made many connections with schools in non-formal settings and asks for prayer as she follows up with these new contacts.

4. Friday: Totonac Bible Distribution in Mexico

Praise the Lord with ASM Latin America Directors Jim and Jamie Loker for the 500 audio Bibles and 500 microSD cards distributed among the Totonac people in the mountains of northern Puebla. Pastor Felipe Ramos has asked each family to not only listen to the Word but also reach out and share it with unbelievers.

5. Saturday: Meeting with Partners

Pray for wisdom for Naomi Frizzell, ASM Executive Director, as she prays with and meets partners this week about exciting audio Bible distribution opportunities in West Africa. Pray for discernment and unity as she and other ASM team members explore open doors with these partners to share audio Bibles in places where God's Word has never been heard.

6. Sunday: Those Weary with Worry

Pray for those who are troubled and ridden with anxiety. John 16:33 says, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (NIV). Pray that Christ's peace would bring comfort and hope for those whose hearts are restless with worry.

7. Monday: Trainings with Non-Formal Schools

As she served on the ICETE orality task force, Tara observed the need to equip non-formal schools with oral strategies since their curriculum primarily uses teaching methods that require high literacy. She is in dialogue with several schools and has received invitations for training. Pray for God's wisdom and open doors.

8. Tuesday: Audio Scripture in Sub-Saharan Africa

Pray for ASM partner S*, who will be bringing solar-powered speakers loaded with audio Scripture to a difficult-to-reach area of Sub-Saharan Africa this month. Pray for safety for him and his team as they travel, and for God to prepare the hearts of those who will soon be receiving His Word in their own heart language!

9. Wednesday: Audio Bibles in the Ibibio Language

Pray for those who speak the Ibibio language. Scripture has just been recorded in this language and will soon be released. An Ibibio Gospel Partner said he is so excited to share God's Word with his whole community.

10. Thursday: Vanden Bosch Family Traveling to Mozambique

Pray for the Vanden Bosch family as they return to Mozambique this month. Pray for the transition as they resume ministry efforts in person, and for their oldest daughter, Nede, who will stay in the U.S. to pursue vocational opportunities.

11. Friday: Leading with Prayer

Pray for ASM Executive Director Naomi Frizzell as she brings ASM team members through a study of the book "Lead with Prayer." Ask God to help ASM's Team and every Gospel Partner to faithfully "Devote [themselves] to prayer, being watchful and thankful" (Colossians 4:2, NIV).

12. Saturday: Open Hearts to God's Word in Kenya

Praise God for the 600 audio Bibles that will be loaded with audio Scripture and distributed through Gospel Partners at Kenya Hope. Pray that the recipients of each device will have open hearts to God's Word.

13. Sunday: Palm Sunday

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" (Luke 19:38, NIV). Praise Jesus for fulfilling the prophecy found in Zechariah 9:9—as the true King and Lord of all!

14. Monday: Recordings in Veracruz, Mexico

Pray with the Lokers for several village recording projects in the state of Veracruz. ASM's audio technicians in Mexico will be recording Old Testament books in two Náhuatl languages, and recording hymns in a third language group. Pray that the logistics would go smoothly and those traveling would remain safe.

15. Tuesday: Balance In Busy Training Seasons

As many ministry leaders and teams worldwide request additional Bible Engagement training over Zoom, pray that God will give Tara grace to balance between the time needed to create content and time needed to teach it.

16. Wednesday: Easter Outreach Opportunities

Pray for the various Easter outreaches that ASM partners will prepare for and carry out in the coming week. Ask the Lord to provide each partner with wisdom as they plan out this time, and pray for open doors for the resurrection story of Jesus to be shared all around the world!

17. Thursday: Maundy Thursday

Remembering the night of the Last Supper, pray that believers will serve one another in love as Christ modeled when He washed his disciples' feet and humbled himself to the point of death on a cross, on our behalf.

18. Friday: Good Friday

"Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commit My spirit.' When He had said this, He breathed His last" (Luke 23:46, NIV). Worship God and thank Him for the gift of redemption found through His Son's death on the cross. Ask God to show you who to share the Good News of Redemption with today.

19. Saturday: Holy Saturday

On the Saturday between Christ's death and resurrection, pray for those with unanswered prayers who are still waiting for the fulfillment of God's promises. Pray that even in the silence, they would trust in God's goodness.

20. Sunday: Easter Sunday

Praise God for the Good News of Jesus' resurrection! "The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." (Matthew 28:5-6a, NIV) Ask God to show you someone to share the Good News of the Resurrection with today!

21. Monday: Compassionate Care Ministry

Pray for the Compassionate Care Team in Mozambique as they continue to bring hope and healing to those living with chronic disease. Pray for God to strengthen them and their patients as they face many challenges, and for each team member to be renewed every morning through God's great mercy and grace.

22. Tuesday: More Laborers Praying

Praise God for every person dedicating themselves to asking the Lord of the harvest to send out more laborers. Ask God to raise up the additional 988 prayer partners towards ASM's goal for Gospel Momentum!

23. Wednesday: Recording Projects in Mexico

Praise the Lord that two more Mexican New Testament recordings have been checked and mastered and are now available for listening on audio Bibles. The people in both of these groups have waited many years to hear the Scriptures in their own languages. Pray also for the Mixe and the Otomi NTs that have recently been recorded and are starting the mastering process. Pray that they'll be available soon.

24. Thursday: Spiritually Hungry Prisoners in Kenya

Pray for ASM Gospel Partners leading prison ministry efforts throughout Kenya. The prisoners often have significant physical and spiritual needs. Pray for continued open doors as we send audio Bibles in the 20+ languages spoken in these prisons.

25. Friday: Meeting with the ASM Board

"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed." (Proverbs 15:22, NIV) Praise God for the dedicated men and women who serve on the ASM Board! Today, as they meet, pray for God's Holy Spirit to guide discussions and for each person to feel the presence of Jesus.

26. Saturday: Open Doors and Open Bibles

God has put it on the heart of several ASM staff to pray for "open doors and open Bibles." Please pray with us.

27. Sunday: The Faithfulness of God

Praise God for the truth of Isaiah 25:1— "Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You and praise Your Name, for in perfect faithfulness You have done wonderful things, things planned long ago." (NIV) Today, praise God for how He forgives our imperfect faith, and praise Him for His unwavering faithfulness!

28. Monday: Multiplication of God's Word

Pray for ASM team members and Gospel Partners helping multiply God's Word in places like Greater South Asia. As leaders are being equipped to train others, pray for protection, Holy Spirit boldness, and the joy of the Lord to be their strength.

29. Tuesday: ASM Recording in Mexico

Pray for Diego, who manages the Que Todos Oigan recording studio in Mexico when Jim Loker is stateside. Pray for endurance as Diego also pastors a church and serves with a church plant in another village.

30. Wednesday: New Harvest Farm

Pray for Chad Vanden Bosch and the work of the New Harvest Farm team as they continue to provide Bible-based agricultural training in central Mozambique. Pray for increased opportunities to serve the community and bring light into darkness.

