

PRAISE & PRAYER GUIDE

"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer" (Matthew 21:22, NIV).

1. Thursday: National Day of Prayer

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace ... so that you may overflow with hope" (Romans 15:13, NIV). Pray with thousands of Christians on the U.S. National Day of Prayer, with the theme: "Pour out to the God of HOPE and be filled." Pray each person will be filled with a Gospel Hope that overflows to those who need Jesus.

2. Friday: Fruitful Training Last Month

Thank you for praying for ASM Bible Engagement Director, Tara Rye, as she led a Story-Centric Discipleship training for the Nepali Church in Omaha on April 26. Pray for continued fruit to come from this training.

3. Saturday: Provision of Travel Documents

Praise God for answered prayers with important documents for the Vanden Bosch family. Pray the remaining travel documents would arrive soon so they can finalize travel plans to Mozambique later this month.

4. Sunday: True Spiritual Hunger

A Gospel Partner reported discovering that one group of "sudden converts" thought they would receive financial aid if they chose to be baptized. Pray for the Lord to use His Word to bring true understanding of the Gospel among any who wrongly "think that godliness is a means to financial gain" (1 Timothy 6:5, NIV).

5. Monday: World Portuguese Language Day

Pray for God's Word in audio to be distributed among the 250 million people globally who speak Portuguese, including 4 million people in Mozambique. Pray for ASM partners distributing Portuguese audio Bibles today on World Portuguese Language Day, and pray that those listening would have "... the eyes of [their] heart ... enlightened in order that [they] may know the hope to which He has called [them]" (Ephesians 1:18, NIV).

6. Tuesday: Soon-to-be-Completed New Testament (NT) Recording

Praise the Lord with ASM Latin America Directors Jim and Jamie Loker for the whole NT recording in Zapotec of Ozolotepec, due to be completed this month. Pray for the safety of recordists, Lupe and Jemima, as they travel by public transportation to this village along dangerous stretches of road with steep drop-offs.

7. Wednesday: 'National Interpreter' Day

With over 7,000 spoken languages of the world (Progress.Bible), translators are a vital part of getting God's Word to "every nation, tribe, and tongue" (Revelation 7:9). Pray that the Lord would raise up more laborers for the 985 languages left to translate so that all people can hear God's Word in their own heart language!

8. Thursday: Renewed Wonder in God's Word

Pray that the Lord would awaken a renewed sense of wonder in His Word and His character as ministry leaders around the globe engage with Scripture in new ways through Bible Engagement training, and for Tara as she teaches.

9. Friday: Removing Barriers to the Gospel

Pray for God to continue to remove barriers to the Gospel through Integral Mission such as Compassionate Care (led by Dara Vanden Bosch), New Harvest Farm (led by Chad Vanden Bosch), and partnerships in Mozambique.

10. Saturday: New Believers to Hear God's Word

Pray that new believers would be rooted deeply in their faith through the daily hearing of God's Word.

11. Sunday: A Mother's Day Blessing for New Moms

Today, on Mother's Day in the United States, we praise God for the mothers, grandmothers, and other women whom God has used to demonstrate His great love for us. Praise the Lord also for the many new mothers who are experiencing their first Mother's Day. Pray for mothers-to-be to know God's protection and love for them and their child, as they celebrate the blessing with which they have been entrusted (Psalm 139:13-14).

12. Monday: Partnership Meetings in Panama

Praise the Lord that our ASM Mexico Studio Manager, Diego, was able to represent Audio Scripture Ministries and Hope Tech Global at COMIBAM (Ibero-American Missionary Cooperation) in Panama last month. Praise the Lord for our partnership with Hope Tech Global that made it possible for Diego to share about audio Bibles. Pray for good results from the contacts made while there.

13. Tuesday: God's Sovereign Plan for Every Audio Bible

Pray that every audio Bible distributed would be given to someone hungry for truth and a relationship with God.

14. Wednesday: Safe Return to Mozambique

Pray for the Vanden Bosch family as they return to Mozambique after furlough. Pray for their transition back to ministry and pray for their oldest daughter, Nede, who is staying in the U.S. to pursue vocational opportunities.

15. Thursday: Pastors Using Audio Bibles in Discipleship

Pray for pastors in communities around the globe using audio Bibles in their discipleship and outreach efforts.

16. Friday: Increased Partnership in Sending Audio Scripture

Pray for every person who has participated in an ASM church presentation and has heard of the need to share God's Word in audio. Pray that God will raise up needed partners so more people will soon hear the Good News.

17. Saturday: God's Healing Touch for Mexico Recordist Team

Praise God for Mexico recordist Jemima's endurance last month as she recorded in an Otomi village despite pain. Pray for a diagnosis and treatment of recurrent facial pain so she can continue work alongside her husband, Lupe.

18. Sunday: More Workers to Share God's Word

In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Today, be praying for God to raise up more laborers to go to the least-reached places of the world, bringing the Good News of the Gospel, so that all may hear!

19. Monday: Bible Engagement Curriculum Development

A training series titled "What is Christian Discipleship?" is opening doors for expanded ministry. Pray for the development of existing and additional visuals and story sets to communicate Scripture simply while awakening discovery for Jesus' disciple-making strategy.

20. Tuesday: Summer Mission Trips

Pray that God would open doors for meaningful summer mission opportunities and audio Bible distributions. Ask that every trip would bear lasting fruit and draw more people to the hope found in Christ.

21. Wednesday: Recording in Mixtec

Pray with the Lokers for safe travel to a Mixtec village and for good progress as the Mexican recordist team begins this NT recording. Pray for all who will hear these Scriptures in their language for the first time.

22. Thursday: Those Persecuted in their Faith

Pray that those who continue to be persecuted for their faith would confidently know that God is with them at all times and they would lean on Him: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10, NIV).

23. Friday: New Doors for Ministry

Pray for ASM Executive Director Naomi Frizzell as God opens new doors of ministry to bring God's Word to those who have little or no access to Scripture in their own heart language. Pray specifically for new Gospel partnerships and projects in West Africa and in South Asia, that God's generosity would flow through His people to provide the funding needed for these projects.

24. Saturday: The Lord's Protection Amid Regional Insecurity

Pray for Gospel Partners in East Africa who are traveling to share God's Word despite regional insecurity. Pray for them to persevere and experience the Lord's protection and blessing as they report a good response, though "the enemy tries to hinder us reaching the people who are hungry for the Word of our Lord."

25. Sunday: Christ's Rest for the Weary

Pray for those who are feeling weary during busy or challenging seasons of life. Pray that Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28 would be a source of comfort: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (NIV). Pray that true rest for the weary would be found as they dwell with God.

26. Monday: USA's Memorial Day

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1, NIV). Today in the United States, we remember the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in military service, offering prayers for comfort and healing for their families. Pray that they would seek strength and hope in Jesus Christ.

27. Tuesday: Increasing Bible Engagement Opportunities

The Lord has answered your prayers for more Bible Engagement opportunities! Tara has been meeting with 2-4 leaders a week. Pray for wisdom to balance the time needed to create, train, and meet together.

28. Wednesday: Automated Ways to Share God's Word

Praise God for Gospel Partners like Equip Mozambique, whose technical team has developed a free-to-use WhatsApp automation to distribute requested passages of God's Word in audio to cell phones, in most of the major languages of Mozambique. Pray that this tool becomes widely known and used.

29. Thursday: Participants to Record the Guerrero Old Testament (OT)

Continue to pray for the ongoing recording of the OT in Guerrero Nahuatl in Mexico. Pray that our main contact, Magdalena, may find participants able to make time to travel to the recording studio for this lengthy project.

30. Friday: Many Facing Health Concerns

As ASM's team regularly prays for and with supporters, we hear about many significant health challenges they are currently facing. Pray for a deeper reliance on the Lord, urgently needed comfort and healing from our Good Shepherd, and for Him to be glorified in a groaning world in need of redemption (Romans 8:22).

31. Saturday: Following Jesus, For a Lasting Impact

Missionary C.T. Studd famously wrote, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." Pray that each of us would remember not to dwell on temporary pleasures or pursuits, but to be focused on kingdom work that lasts eternally.

