

# PRAYER CALENDAR January 2024

God gave us the ability to think about his world, but we can never completely understand everything he does. And yet, he does everything at just the right time. ECCLESIASTES 3:11 ERV



- Last year, nearly 2.9 million people studied God's Word and found hope in Christ using Bible League's Bible studies, literacy classes, and training programs to equip Bible study leaders and church planters.
- Nearly 1.2 million children and youth heard the Gospel in 2023. The Word of God is opening hearts to Jesus Christ. The Good News continues transforming lives, families, and communities. Praise the Lord!
- Bible League-trained Christians planted almost 2,600 churches last year! Dedicated Christians trained more than 158,000 people to share the Gospel in their communities. Nearly 130,000 people behind bars found hope in Christ. The Holy Spirit will continue reaching many nations through His Word in 2024.

### PRAY FOR Worldwide Ministry

### Week 1

Praise God for Pastor Woldeyesus, who preached the Word to about 200 inmates at a prison worship service in **Ethiopia**. We thank the Lord for bringing revival to many people's lives through the ministry. Some prisoners even became volunteer missionaries after their release, and their lives are impacting many. Pray

that our partnership with an evangelical organization reaches 2,000 inmates in that prison with the Gospel and that they are drawn to study God's Word together.

Pray for church planter Samuyel in **Bangladesh**. God has called him to reach the Santali community, a mostly *Please turn over...* 

# PRAY FOR Worldwide Ministry (continued)

Hindu people group living in a northern district. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide him as he ministers to them. May God open the people's eyes to embrace the truth of the Gospel.

#### Week 2

Let's pray for Bible League-trained church planters and Bible study leaders in hard-to-reach areas of **Ecuador**. In Esmeraldas, five church planters are risking their well-being to share the Word. The city is affected by crime, resulting in an economic crisis for many families. Also, pray for trained Bible study leaders Carlos and Christian, who are reaching the Shuar indigenous communities in the Amazon with limited resources. Ask God to bless our discipleship work in these hard-to-reach places.

Pray for a special blessing for the planning process of the 2024 Soccer for Christ games in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**. Through training from Bible League's team in Ghana, this soul-winning project is a strategic way to reach young, energetic soccer players with the love of Christ. Let's pray that more churches take hold of this idea and sign up for a successful tournament this year.

### Week 3

Thank the Lord for a local church reaching out to help 50 refugee families in **Armenia**. The families fled the Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) region. Ask the Lord to touch their hearts through the Bible studies and compassion of those ministering to them. Please continue in prayer for peace in the border regions of the country.

Pray for Pastor Zachary as he serves in partnership with Prison Fellowship International in **Malaysia**. Ask the Lord to work in the hearts of 800 inmates who shared a special Christmas celebration last month through a worship service and a hearty meal. Pray for the Lord to bring spiritual breakthroughs to the inmates. Ask God to bless the team's efforts as they focus on family care and employment opportunities for the inmates' spouses.

### Week 4

Join us in prayer for the **Dominican Republic**, which recently suffered a tropical storm that severely damaged Santo Domingo, the capital city. Thousands of people lost their homes from flooding, and 30 people lost their lives during the disaster. Collapsed bridges and road damage make travel even more difficult. Ask the Lord to comfort those mourning losses and to provide for people's physical and spiritual needs.

Pray for God to bring stability to Sudan. The civil war there is affecting the economy in **South Sudan**. Goods aren't being received due to the war, so food and fuel items are costly. May God provide for the people's physical and spiritual needs. Pray that God ultimately brings spiritual nourishment to the country.

Ask God to bless Pastor Samuel in **India**, who leads a Bible study group primarily attended by women. Many of these women face opposition from their husbands in attending these sessions. Pray that God works in the hearts of these men, softening their attitudes and allowing their wives to participate freely in the Bible study groups.