

Back to the Bible

God Speaks Every Language

We believe the Bible matters. But believing Scripture is important is not the same as regularly opening it, reading it, and allowing it to shape our lives.

This month, we are calling believers back to God's Word. Not out of guilt or obligation, but because this is where God speaks. In Scripture, He reveals who He is, reminds us of His promises, and continually points us to the cross and Christ

***"Let the one who would hear God speak, read Holy Scripture."
-Martin Luther-***

Lutheran Bible Translators works alongside communities that are encountering Scripture in their own language, sometimes for the first time. Their hunger for God's Word challenges us to consider our own relationship with the Bible.

This month, we are encouraging you to open your Bible. Read it. Talk about it. Live it. Invite others to engage with God's Word with you.

God is still speaking through His Word.
Are we listening?

Register for the Back to the Bible Summit
happening September 30th.
www.LBT.org/summit



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PRAYER CALENDAR



1. Pray that Christians rediscover daily delight in Scripture, hearing God's voice, reminded of His promises, and growing in faithful obedience together today.

2. Pray for peace and security in the Zayse area, allowing the team to resume work with God's protection, wisdom, and guidance. *(Ethiopia)*

3. Ask God to renew His Church through the living Word, forming disciples who know truth, love deeply, and serve courageously everywhere.

4. Pray for Kelsey Grulke on her birthday, asking God to bless her with joy, strength, peace, and encouragement throughout the year.

5. Pray for the Bandi Team so that God will make it possible to expand Bandi work. *(Liberia)*

6. Pray that each Grebo community identifies men and women to become volunteer literacy teachers who serve others with passion and faithfulness. *(Liberia)*

7. Pray for pastors and ministry leaders to teach Scripture clearly, faithfully, and with confidence, pointing every listener toward Jesus Christ alone.

8. On International Literacy Day, pray that literacy efforts equip people to read God's Word, grow in faith, and strengthen their communities.

9. Pray for the Maan and other literacy teams traveling during rainy season, asking God for protection and safety on difficult roads. *(Liberia)*

10. Pray that congregations become communities where people read, discuss, and live God's Word, encouraging one another through every season of faith.

11. Pray that Mekane Yesus Bible Translation students thrive as they complete courses through the new Combined Instruction Model this summer. *(Ethiopia)*

12. Pray that God provides two qualified members for the Limba literacy committee following the deaths of two members, bringing wisdom and continuity. *(Sierra Leone)*

13. Ask the Holy Spirit to awaken hunger for Scripture among people who feel distracted, discouraged, doubtful, or distant from the Church.

14. Pray for Zaka translators' children attending school, asking God to protect their health and provide the daily support they need to thrive. *(Papua New Guinea)*

15. Pray for funding to provide foundational training and sustain the Dhirayta community's work despite recurring conflict and war throughout the region. *(Ethiopia)*

16. Pray for parents, grandparents, and caregivers to model joyful engagement with Scripture, helping younger generations build lives on God's enduring truth.

17. Pray for the Yala communities and Bible translation project, that every person will engage with Scripture and participate in literacy efforts. *(Nigeria)*

18. Pray that peace talks between Guinea and Liberia continue to bear fruit, allowing people to return home, resume farming, and rebuild their livelihoods. *(Liberia)*

19. Pray for Sarah Federwitz on her birthday, asking God for joy, belonging, and encouragement as she settles into life in PNG.

20. Pray that churches create welcoming opportunities for people of every age to encounter Scripture, ask honest questions, and grow as disciples.

21. Ask God to renew hunger for His Word among young adults, helping them discover truth, purpose, wisdom, and hope in Scripture.

22. Pray that churches remain rooted in Christ, preaching and teaching God's truth with both courage and compassion daily.

23. Ask God to help families make space for His Word, reading together, discussing meaning, and encouraging one another to follow Jesus.

24. Ask God to make His Word accessible to every language, community, and person, so all may hear, believe, and follow Jesus.

25. Pray for those who feel intimidated by the Bible, that patient guidance and accessible resources help them begin reading with confidence.

26. Pray that believers move beyond simply knowing Scripture to practicing it, embodying mercy, justice, forgiveness, generosity, humility, and steadfast love daily.

27. Pray that churches are inspired to celebrate God's Word, support translation, and help every community know that God speaks their language.

28. Pray for those returning to the Bible after a long absence, that they encounter grace, hope, wisdom, and welcome in Christ.

29. Pray that Scripture moves beyond the page and into believers' lives, transforming their relationships, decisions, priorities, and witness within their communities.

30. Pray that the Back to the Bible Summit equips leaders to strengthen Scripture engagement and cultivate lifelong discipleship in their congregations.