

The Bible Societies in Ireland

Prayer File

Free Prayer materials are available as:

- An annual prayer booklet, comprising prayer requests from each of the 141 Bible Societies in the world. (Also a rich source of information).
- A Prayer Partnership calendar with a different project to pray for and support each month. (Based on the principle of providing a Bible or Bibles each month)
- A Fortnightly E-mail offering up-to-date news and prayer information, with photos of the people currently in focus.

Prayers for you to offer:

- **Give thanks** for those who first recounted their eye witness accounts of God's engagement with our world and who were inspired to convey His love for us. **Rejoice** that those accounts were later written down and then copied for centuries so that God's message would be preserved for our day.
- **Give thanks** for those gifted people who are engaged throughout the world in the task of **Scripture translation** – rendering the ancient texts into the languages being spoken today. Often these are first-time translations, or an up[date of very old translations so that they reflect the development of spoken and written communication in the years since they were first published.
- **Give thanks** for the ministry of the Bible Societies in Ireland since the work was established in Dublin in 1806, and in Belfast in 1807. Give thanks for those who have served as Board members or as staff members. May those who currently serve in this way be blessed and envisioned by the Holy Spirit to develop the work in accord with the Father's plan.
- **Give thanks** for those churches and Christians who have committed themselves to support this work down the years and those who, by their gifts, are currently enabling the two Bible Societies to fund both Scripture translation and distribution in almost 30 countries. May each project, among the poor, the widows, the illiterate, the schoolchildren and many other special situations, be richly blessed by God.
- **Give thanks** for the success of the **Handwritten Bible Project throughout Ireland** in enabling thousands of people in churches and schools to play their part in re-enacting the copying of Scripture by scholars down the centuries. May everyone who has been taking part feel that they have encountered the Scriptures in a unique way and that their walk with Christ will be enriched by their experience.
- **Give thanks** that many hundreds of people, whose first language is not English, are able to obtain Scriptures in their own language through the

Bible Societies here. **Pray** that they will be comforted as they seek to integrate themselves within this community and encouraged to know that they read God's Word in their own heart language in the same way as we do.

- **Lord, as we look to the past with gratitude for your goodness in sharing your Scriptures with us, so we look forward in confidence that you will guide us to use, appreciate and share your Word with others – just as it was passed on to us. Amen.**