

PRAYERS

PRAISE, REFLECT, INTERCEDE

These simple prayer points are for you to adapt for your own particular setting. You might find you want to use parts from each section, or focus on just one area. Whatever you do, may you be inspired as you lead people before the throne of God in prayer.

There are three sections focusing on prayers of Praise, Reflection and Intercession. If you would like more prayer information for Bible Society ministry either here or around the world, we would be happy to help you access what you need. Contact us on 028 9032 6577 or email info@bsni.co.uk

Prayers of Praise

For ourselves

- Father, we praise you for your life changing Word and the promises you give us through it. We thank you for the truth that it contains that enables us to stand firm, knowing that our lives are built on your unchanging, eternal Word (Psalm 119:89).
- Thank you that you speak to us through your Word, both as a church and as individuals – that your Word is alive and active (Heb 4:12), changing us to be more like you.

For the World

- Thank you for the wonderful work that is being carried out by Bible Societies and other agencies all over the world to bring your truth to every language. We declare that people from all nations and languages will one day bow before you (Rev 7:9). Praise you that salvation is for all people.
- Praise you that the Bible is being made available in digital formats, in Braille, in audio files and in many other formats so that more people than ever can discover your wonderful message and grow closer to you.

Prayers of Reflection

For ourselves

- Heavenly Father, we need more of your presence in our lives, our families, our church and our communities. We need guidance from the Bible as we seek to live lives that reflect your glory and love to those around us.
- Help us to draw near to you and understand that we are here to honour you and bring you praise. May we live so deeply rooted in your Word that we display the fruits of the Spirit in our daily lives and generate fruit for the kingdom as a community of your people.

For the World

- We are amazed by the faith we see in people living under great pressure. We see your Spirit and Word breaking down walls and giving strength in the face of persecution. Your Church is growing and nothing can stand against it.
- Open our hearts to the cries of our Christian family around the world and inspire us with their example. Teach us to live in awareness of the needs of others. Many are still without the Bible in their own language, others cannot read, some simply cannot access it because of restrictions. We pray that you will continue to break down walls for nothing can stop you, our Lord God Almighty (Matt 16:18-19).

Prayers of Intercession

For ourselves

- Teach us to be filled with gratitude, awe and excitement as we approach the Bible. May we come in expectation as we seek to know your heart and live in the light of your truth.
- Lord may we never live with apathy in our hearts, rather, help us to live life to the full as you intended (John 10:10). Teach us to love your Word – not seeing it as a guide book, but a window to your heart, a way to draw closer to you and become more like you.
- May we be a people who are prepared to stand up and stand out when you call us to. May our attitude of praise and lifestyle of gentleness be evident to all (Phil 4:4-6).

For the World

- The earth is yours and everything in it belongs to you (1 Cor 10:26). Thank you for the provision that enables Bible Society ministries to flourish and your Word to spread. We pray Lord for those serving in places where practical resources are not readily available, that you will meet their needs according to your plan. May no good work be halted due to lack of resources.
- We ask for your protection on Bible Society teams who work in remote or dangerous places. We pray for those who work alone, often at great risk. Would you pour your encouragement on them and may they know your protection and your unfailing love.
- We pray for those who love you yet have little or no opportunity to read the Bible. Guard them from misleading teaching and the lies of the enemy. Hold them close and quicken the work of bringing the Bible to their hands.
- We pray for the people of the world who are yet to hear your name. For all who are without knowledge of your truth. Lord would they see your hand in the wonder of creation (Rom 1:20) and know your presence with them. Lord God we ask that you would advance the Gospel that all may hear and your name would be glorified in all the earth.

AMEN