



the table is set

BIBLE SUNDAY 2018

Prayers

Praise, Reflection, Intercession

You can use the following prayers in whatever way you find most helpful for your setting. They can be used as they are, incorporated into regular prayers, or adapted to fit your own church style.

Whatever you do, thank you for praying for the spread of God's Word through Bible Society ministry worldwide. Your prayers are of immeasurable value to us all, both as a team locally and as a worldwide Bible Society fellowship.

There are regularly updated resources available on our website to help you continue in prayer for the ministry of Bible Societies around the world.

www.biblesocietyni.co.uk/get-involved/pray

Praise

- Lord God Almighty, we thank you for freely inviting us to be part of your family and welcoming us with love. We praise you for your gracious love and your merciful pardon as we turn to you. (Isaiah 55.1 & 7)
- We praise you for the powerful gift that you have given us in the Bible. Thank you for this, your own precious and living word. We proclaim that your word is mighty in power and will accomplish all you desire and will achieve the purpose for which it has been given. (Isaiah 55.11)
- Your name is glorious throughout all the earth and we praise you for your invitation to people of all nations (Isaiah 55.4-5). We give you glory for the spread of your kingdom in some of the most difficult places and praise you for sustaining and multiplying your Church for generations.

Turn over for Prayers of Reflection and Intercession...

Reflection

- Father we ask for ears to hear your invitation, to listen to your word and hear your voice in this busy, distracting world. We ask for hearts that are open to welcome you in to our most secret places, to sit at the table and share every corner of our lives. We pray that we would come to you fully, that we would 'delight in the richest of fare' as we respond to your invitation.
- Your love is offered to all, your invitation is extended all over the world. Lord would you give us your heart of love for those who do not yet know you. Would you give us a desire to tell others of your invitation to follow you. Help us be bold at home as we live for you and generous towards those around the world who have not heard your name. As we think too of the Church, our global family, we ask that we might live in awareness of their needs. We ask that as we lift your word each day, we would be mindful of the many believers who do not have that joy. Show us what a great treasure we have in the Bible.

Intercession

- Creator God, you are sovereign over all the earth. We pray that you will graciously pour your presence and favour on all those who work to make your word known. We pray for those in offices or in conferences, for those who travel to spread your word or work behind a computer. We pray for those who cast vision and those who implement it, for those who fundraise and those who give. Lord, we pray for each person who makes up the huge Bible Society family, may they know your heart, your love and may their passion for the kingdom be reignited.
- We pray for abundant provision on Bible Society ministries, that you will release resources where work is being hampered. We pray that new opportunities will arise to see your Word spread and your kingdom expand. We ask for abundant provision on Bible Societies where the local church struggles with poverty. We declare that no kingdom work shall be halted due to lack of resources.
- Almighty God we pray 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 the people of the world who are yet to hear your name, for all who are without knowledge of your truth and for those who still have no access to the Bible. 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