



# Stand before God

**24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL  
16 - 22 October 2023**

**Stand before God**  
*Position yourself to encounter Him*

The assurance of the prophets in the Bible to speak boldly and accurately was often accompanied by the words, "*As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand*". The Lord invites us to stand before Him in purity, righteousness and watchfulness to see what He says. This week's prayer focus highlights the condition of our hearts and the requirements from God when we stand before Him.

### **Bible Translation**

The global Bible translation movement saw major advances in the past year – with Asia and Africa leading the way. Indonesia, Nigeria and Papua New Guinea each started or have planned projects in 30 or more languages in the past year. Those three countries account for over half of the global increase in the past year. Let us trust the Lord to increase the progress rate of translation projects worldwide. *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."* (Mark 16:15).

### **Did you know?**

- About 80% of the world population live in oral cultures
- About 1.5 billion people do not have the full Bible in their language

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**MONDAY: 16 OCTOBER 2023**

**STAND STILL AND SEE HIS SALVATION**

*And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. **Stand still**, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. (Exodus 14:13).*

**Bible reading:** Exodus 14:1-14

**Consider:**

- Are you in transition, moving from your past situation or circumstance into the promise of God?
- How do you respond to distractions? Are you afraid, unsure, or overwhelmed?
- Is your ear inclined to the Lord's leading?

**Declaration:**

I will stand firm in the promise of the Lord and wait to see His salvation.

**BIBLE TRANSLATION**

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (Colossians 3:16).*

Chronological Bible Storying involves telling Biblical stories in the order in which they happened. This means beginning with creation and moving sequentially through to at least the resurrection of Jesus. Please pray for teams preparing chronological Bible stories in different languages and formats for distribution. Ask for God's favour to work with great speed, and for more creative means to spread the gospel in this way. Pray that people who hear the Word of God for the first time will seek God with all their hearts and find Him (Jeremiah 29:13).

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**TUESDAY: 17 OCTOBER 2023**

**STAND AND SERVE THE LORD**

*"My sons, do not be negligent now, for the LORD has chosen you to **stand before Him, to serve Him**, and that you should minister to Him and burn incense." (2 Chronicles 29:11)*

**Bible reading:** 2 Chronicles 29:3-11

**Consider:**

- What is the spiritual condition of your local congregation? (2 Chronicles 29:3)
- List the spiritual practices that have been passed on by the previous generation (2 Chronicles 29:6-7).
- Sanctify yourselves. What spiritual practices need to be rectified at your local congregation?

**Declaration:**

We are a royal priesthood unto the Lord. We will not be negligent, but we will stand and serve the Lord.

## BIBLE TRANSLATION

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. (1 Peter 3:15).*

Radio is one of the most well-known mediums for broadcasting information to a wide audience. It has proven to be an effective tool in communicating with oral cultures and makes information, stories and dramas accessible in even the most remote locations. Give thanks to the Lord for this medium of spreading the gospel. Please pray for those presenting programmes to always preach the simple message of the Lord Jesus Christ and never to neglect to make an invitation to listeners to turn over their lives to the Lord.

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**WEDNESDAY: 18 OCTOBER 2023**

### STAND IN PURITY

*Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel **could not stand** before their enemies... (Joshua 7:11-12a).*

Bible reading: Joshua 7:1-14

#### Consider:

- Secret sin in the life of one person cost the nation of Israel to be defeated in a battle. Are you quick to confess and repent of an issue in your heart that is not pleasing to the Lord?
- Is the hatred for sin evident in your congregation and country?

#### Declaration:

*Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression. (Psalm 19:13).*

## BIBLE TRANSLATION

*How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!" (Romans 10:14-15).*

When issues arise in people's lives, they often rely on Bible stories to speak into the situation. Pray for more workers to develop more Bible stories in different languages. Deaf communities are like oral cultures, they both prefer face-to-face communication and use concrete relational patterns of thinking. Pray for storytelling materials in sign language, told live and on different media platforms, to be completed in many more languages worldwide. Pray for many individuals to be drawn into accepting Christ as their Saviour.

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## THURSDAY: 19 OCTOBER 2023

### STAND IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

*Therefore the ungodly shall not **stand in the judgment**, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Psalm 1:5-6).*

**Bible reading:** Psalm 1

#### Consider:

- Is my daily conduct a reflection of my position (stand) before God?
- Do I stand in the path of sinners or the path of the righteous? Do I have double-standard or do I solely direct my life according to the ordinances of the Lord?

#### Declaration:

I will meditate on Your Word and live according to all written in it.

### BIBLE TRANSLATION

*The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise. (Proverbs 11:30).*

There are an estimated 5.7 billion people who are oral learners. This includes 3 billion adults, 900 million very young children, and 450 million children between the ages of eight and fifteen; all of these have basic or below basic literacy skills. Scriptures in use have planted 104,809 oral Bible Churches over 30 years. Many oral learners cannot read or write while others prefer non-print forms of communication. Pray for workers in this harvest to guide and mentor each church planter to develop a grassroots church planting ministry through Bible storytelling, dialogue and other traditional oral communication methods.

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## FRIDAY: 20 OCTOBER 2023

### STAND IN HOLINESS

*Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may **stand in His holy place**? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. (Psalm 24:3-4).*

**Bible reading:** Psalm 24

#### Consider:

- Are my hands clean?
- Is my heart pure?
- Am I serving God only?

#### Declaration:

The Lord rewards me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands He recompenses me (Psalm 18:20).

### BIBLE TRANSLATION

*Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20).*

The Jesus Film has been dubbed into more than 2,000 languages. But there are still language groups that don't have the Jesus Film in their language. The Jesus Film changes the lives of those who watch it because of its visual storytelling. Praise the Lord for the continued work of the Jesus Film Project over the years and give thanks for every soul that has come to the Lord. Please continue to pray for the Jesus Film to be dubbed into more languages and distributed to oral people who have never heard the gospel.

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## **SATURDAY: 21 OCTOBER 2023**

### **STAND MY WATCH**

*I will **stand my watch** And set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. (Habakkuk 2:1).*

**Bible reading:** Habakkuk 1 – 2:1

#### **Consider:**

- Do I stand my watch before God daily?
- Do I set myself before God willingly and obediently?
- Am I waiting to see God's answer or am I caught up in my ways?
- How quick am I to repent when I am corrected by God?

#### **Declaration:**

I will stand my watch and set myself before God and wait on Him.

### **BIBLE TRANSLATION**

*But now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith (Romans 16:26).*

Braille Bibles International's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of visually impaired people by providing them access to God's Word. Braille Bibles International provides the Bible in English Grade Two Braille free of charge worldwide. Blind people also need to hear the gospel. Pray for the distribution of the Bible in Braille. Pray for the Blind to hear the gospel from people who read the Bible in Braille and who will encourage them to read the Bible in Braille.

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## **SUNDAY: 22 OCTOBER 2023**

### **STAND FIRM**

*Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to **stand**. (Ephesians 6:13).*

**Bible reading:** Ephesians 6:10-20

#### **Consider:**

- Do you strengthen yourself in the Lord (in prayer, meditation on the Word, thanksgiving and praise) when you are overwhelmed by spiritual resistance?
- Are you fully armoured by salvation, righteousness, faith, God's Word, truth and the readiness to share the gospel?

**Declaration:**

I will take up the whole armour of God, withstand the enemy and stand in the strength of the Lord and the power of His might.

**BIBLE TRANSLATION**

*As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby. (1 Peter 2:2).*

May They Be One Bible Campaign is a nationwide program that aims to put a Bible in every home and encourage Filipinos to read and live the Bible resulting in the transformation of the Philippines. Ask the Lord to provide each Filipino who cannot afford one Bible. Praise the Lord for this amazing project! Pray for God's favour on the MTBO Bible campaign, as they trust Him to put Bibles into at least 5 million homes. Ask the Lord for Filipinos to read their Bibles daily and for many more Filipinos to turn their hearts to the Lord their Saviour.

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