

HUMBLE  
YOURSELF  
BEFORE GOD



24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL  
23 - 29 October 2023

Humble yourself before God  
*Position yourself to encounter Him*

To bow, kneel or lie prostrate before God in humility is a physical expression of honour and loyalty, acknowledging that our existence flows from Him. *For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.* (Romans 11:36).

**Bible Translation**

Global prayer coordinators, teachers for missionary kids in almost every field, training coaches, disciple-making teammates with business and marketplace expertise, and IT systems administrators are vital to keeping Bible translation projects up and running effectively. Let us pray for their practical needs and ask the Lord to lighten the burden of healthcare and insurance costs and to protect them from illnesses that hinder their work and raise their costs.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The number of New Testaments in one West Asian country doubled in 2023, with 7 New Testaments launched in the past year. This means about 36 million more people now have the New Testament in their language.

**MONDAY: 23 OCTOBER 2023**

**THE LORD IS OUR MAKER**

*Oh come, let us **worship and bow** down; let us **kneel** before the LORD our Maker. (Psalm 95:6).*

Let us pray:

Take time to behold God's beauty and worship Him for who He is with utterances of prayer and song. Declare that He is Lord and the Maker of all flesh, confessing your dependance on Him.

Consider kneeling before God as a household; humbly confessing that you and your house will serve the Lord only.

*"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15).*

**BIBLE TRANSLATION**

*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. (Galatians 6:9).*

There are 1,000 Owenia speakers in the Obura District, the Eastern Highlands Province of central Papua New Guinea. They have no Scripture portions and no active translation project in their language. They are without access to God's Word in a language they understand. Pray for workers to adopt this specific translation project. Ask for a godly connection with a Christian Owenia-speaking person to be established to aid the translation process. Pray also for the necessary funds to establish and sustain the translation project to its completion.

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**TUESDAY: 24 OCTOBER 2023**

**THE LORD OUR GOD**

*'You shall not make idols for yourselves; neither a carved image nor a sacred pillar shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, **to bow down to it; for I am the LORD your God.** (Leviticus 26:1).*

Let us pray:

Meditatively pray, 'My Lord and my God!' Focus on each word as you pray this sentence a few times, pausing in between. Pray according to what the Lord presses on your heart.

In prayer, ask the Lord to search your heart. Acknowledge that you desire nothing else to take priority over your time and devotion to Him.

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23-24).*

**BIBLE TRANSLATION**

*While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. (Acts 10:44).*

The Nyiha New Testament was launched in Tanzania on 17 May 2023. Testimony: 'When I preach in Nyiha language people get so quiet. It's because they understand very well. And when they understand, they repent and change. They are very anxious to hear the Word of God in their

language.' 'Now I am happy to know that God speaks to all people in their languages. He speaks all of our languages!' Thank the Lord for the Nyiha New Testament. Pray for many Nyiha people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Son of God and of the truth.

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### WEDNESDAY: 25 OCTOBER 2023

#### CALLED BY GOD'S NAME

*...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14).*

Let us pray:

Humbly present yourself before God in prayer on behalf of your nation, city or community. Focus your inner being on God.

Acknowledge that you are called by His name, that you want to be holy for He is holy, that you want to be merciful towards others because He is merciful, that you desire to be pure for He shows Himself to be pure... (Psalm 18:24-26, 1 Peter 1:16).

Ask for His mercy and speak forth His attributes:

*The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. (Psalm 145:8).*

#### BIBLE TRANSLATION

*"For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. (John 6:33-35).*

In Nigeria, in the last year, the number of people groups with no Scripture has dropped from 169 to 111! That's 58 languages where Bible translation work has started. New technology has an impact on Bible translation, enabling local Bible translators to produce high-quality translations quicker than ever. Praise the Lord that Bible translation processes are being accelerated by new technology. Pray for every Nigerian who receives a new Bible for a hunger and thirst for the written Word of God.

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### THURSDAY: 26 OCTOBER 2023

#### JESUS THE EXALTED ONE

*Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, **that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11).*

Let us pray:

Proclaim the power of Jesus' name, by declaring His name out loud. Consider praying the names of Jesus as written in Revelation chapter 1. Call on the name of Jesus in prayer, the name that is exalted above every name, on behalf of unsaved family members and friends.

Ask for the spirit of wisdom and revelation to open the eyes of their understanding to the knowledge of Christ as you pray:

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8).*

### **BIBLE TRANSLATION**

*And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts." (Revelation 21:6).*

The Tado New Testament was launched in Lindu, Indonesia, on 22 October 2022. Testimony: 'The introduction of the Word of God to us has helped our community to change our habits and our character and taught us how to be closer to God... Jesus is now a native of Lindu. Why? Because we hear him speaking to us in Tado.' Continue to pray for God to raise young people who will give their lives to Bible translation. Pray for existing translation projects to proceed well and to be completed soon.

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### **FRIDAY: 27 OCTOBER 2023**

#### **THE LORD OUR HEALER**

*And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a **loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks.** And he was a Samaritan. (Luke 17:15-16).*

Let us pray:

Acknowledge the works and miracles the Lord has done in your life with thanksgiving and praise, naming it one by one.

Call on God on behalf of people who are chronically ill, awaiting organ transplants or do not have access to medical assistance.

As you ask the Lord for mercy, also declare His power and might:

*"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?" (Jeremiah 32:27).*

### **BIBLE TRANSLATION**

*But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14).*

The Ikoma New Testament was launched in Tanzania on 10 March 2023. Testimony: 'I'm really happy, God has given us the New Testament in Ikoma. I can read it with my children, we can read it together. It's the work of God! God is good!' Praise the Lord for the Ikoma people who can read the gospel in their mother tongue. Ask the Lord for many Ikoma children to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. May the Spirit Himself bear witness with their spirit that they are children of God (Romans 8:16).

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## SATURDAY: 28 OCTOBER 2023

### HE ALONE IS GOD

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, **he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.** (Daniel 6:10).

Let us pray:

Ask the Lord for help to remain faithful in your daily devotion and prayer.

Pray for believers who face persecution, to remain steadfast in their times of prayer. To continue to give thanks to God and trust in the salvation of the Lord.

In faith, declare God's rulership over the nations where persecution is prevalent.

*"O LORD God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth."* (2 Kings 19:15).

### BIBLE TRANSLATION

*"Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* (John 6:69).

The Nuna of Burkina Faso received their New Testament on 3 June 2023. Last year, He answered many prayers as the team typeset, printed and delivered the New Testament to the Northern Nuni language area. Believers continue to grow in the Scriptures and profess their faith in Jesus. Pray for an effective Scripture engagement programme to begin so the Nuna can read, study and apply the New Testament in their lives. Pray for continued distribution of the New Testament. Pray for a hunger for God's Word and a sustainable impact on the community.

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## SUNDAY: 29 OCTOBER 2023

### RETURN TO GOD

Now while Ezra **was praying, and while he was confessing, weeping, and bowing down** before the house of God, a very large assembly of men, women, and children gathered to him from Israel; for the people wept very bitterly. (Ezra 10:1).

Let us pray:

Pray for deep remorse for sin to stir in the hearts of God's people as they read His Word and are cut to their hearts with conviction by the Holy Spirit.

Bring the sin of your nation before God in prayer:

*"O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets."* (Daniel 9:8-10).

### BIBLE TRANSLATION

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.* (2 Timothy 1:7).

The Southwestern Tlaxiaco Mixtec team distributed recorded versions of the New Testament and Genesis on MegaVoice players, which are solar-powered digital audio devices that provide constant access to Scripture. One woman who received a MegaVoice player listened to the Scripture and shared her realisation that "there aren't a lot of saints and gods; there is only one God." Others expressed

excitement to hear their language through the devices. Pray for the Southwestern Tlaxiaco Mixtec community of Mexico to participate in Scripture engagement actively. The people live in close-knit towns, and many fear what others will think and say about them if they accept the gospel.

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