

# At the feet of Jesus



## 24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL 9 - 15 October 2023

### At the feet of Jesus *Position yourself to encounter Him*

Throughout the New Testament Jesus touched and changed the lives of people as they fell at His feet in thanksgiving, worship and submission. In prayer, we are positioning ourselves at His feet this week, longing for life-changing encounters that will cause us to grow in devotion to Him.

#### **Bible Translation**

Sign language is the first or only language the Deaf know and use – their heart language. The Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) approach was developed to create an opportunity for language communities without the Bible to engage with Scriptures in their own language. Let us pray for the Deaf to have the opportunity to be introduced to the gospel and for them to encounter Jesus as they engage with God's Word. Lift up in prayer every Oral Bible Storytelling initiative to be effective and pray that advances in technology will make it possible to bring Scripture and Bible Stories to the people groups without a Bible in their heart language.

#### **Did you know?**

- At least 7,300 languages are spoken or signed around the world.
- There are more than 380 sign languages in the world today and only one has a full Bible.

Source: <https://www.wycliffe.net/resources/>

**MONDAY: 9 OCTOBER 2023**

**RECEIVING INSTRUCTION (1)**

*Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and **found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.** (Luke 8:35).*

It is important to sit at the feet of Jesus shortly after conversion and listen to His instruction on how to live the life of obedience that He requires.

Let us pray:

Thank Jesus, that He takes the time to comfort, instruct and minister to people who have committed their lives to Him.

Pray for new converts to spend time in the Lord's presence for He has the words of life. Also pray for them to have access to Scripture and frequently read and meditate on it (Psalm 1).

**BIBLE TRANSLATION**

*Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved! (Psalm 80:19).*

There is a growing number of Deaf ministry leaders who are using sign language Bible resources to serve their communities. More than 350 known sign languages are globally, representing more than 70 million people. Ask the Father to help the Deaf see the truth of the salvation He offers, apart from their culture. Pray for them to come to a saving knowledge of who God is and for them to come into a personal relationship with Him through Jesus Christ.

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**TUESDAY: 10 OCTOBER 2023**

**RECEIVING INSTRUCTION (2)**

*And she had a sister called Mary, who also **sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.** But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:39-42).*

Daily we must be aware of distractions, big or small, that keep us from sitting at the feet of Jesus to listen to His words. It is our responsibility to remain disciplined in our times of prayer and devotion.

Let us pray:

Thank Jesus, that He gently reminds us of distractions that might lure us away from His voice and His presence.

Pray for believers, new and mature alike, to take time daily to listen to the Lord's voice.

Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and the members of your family to incline your spiritual ear to hear the words of Jesus and to be obedient to take heed to it.

## BIBLE TRANSLATION

*And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45).*

Only 2% of the global Deaf community is estimated to have been introduced to the gospel, with only the American Sign Language (ASL) having the full Bible. Sign languages are entirely visual and Deaf teams use imagery through signing and expressions in their language to interpret Scripture. Parables of Jesus in the Bible that tell a story are often the easiest scriptures to start translating. Pray for wisdom for the translating teams and consultants as they seek to translate the Word of God accurately and efficiently.

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## WEDNESDAY: 11 OCTOBER 2023

### FORGIVENESS

*And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at **His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.** (Luke 7:37-38).*

A sinner's heart, touched by the Lord's grace, results in extravagant worship!

Let us pray:

Thank Jesus for His salvation, recalling to memory your first encounter when Jesus touched your heart, and you became aware of your sin and the freedom He provides.

Pray for expressions of worship to rise from the hearts of Lord's people to become a fragrant aroma that is pleasing to Him, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Ask for many people, like the woman in this account, to love Jesus much (in obedience, devotion and worship) because they have been forgiven much.

## BIBLE TRANSLATION

*For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread. (1 Corinthians 10:17).*

Local Deaf ownership and leadership of a translation project are given top priority to prevent misunderstandings with hearing individuals in leadership that could lead to confusion in the Deaf community. Local Deaf leadership is a requirement for the translation teams which is important for unity and effectiveness among a group of translators. Pray that godly local Deaf leaders will continue to accept leadership positions for projects and mentor those involved. Pray for good Internet connections for teams working in remote locations.

## THURSDAY: 12 OCTOBER 2023

### HEALING

*Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they **laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them.*** (Matthew 15:30).

When we are burdened by daily challenges, we need to spend time at the feet of Jesus. He will give us peace, healing, and power.

Let us pray:

Thank Jesus that He is our Saviour, Deliverer, Healer and the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. Nothing is too hard for Him.

Pray for multitudes from all the nations of the earth to recognise Jesus as the Saviour of the world and lay all their burdens at His feet.

Ask the Lord to reveal His power to unbelieving hearts so that people from many countries and people groups can turn to Him and glorify His as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

### BIBLE TRANSLATION

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* (John 1:1).

Many Deaf pastors spend a lot of time interpreting what the Word says in the national or majority language. After the Bible is translated, Deaf pastors must learn how to apply it in their own lives and then pass it on to their Deaf congregation. Pray for the training of Deaf pastors, for practical ways to use translated Scripture effectively in their churches. Ask the Holy Spirit to provide teams that are Spirit-inspired, creative and faithfully study the Scriptures.

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## FRIDAY: 13 OCTOBER 2023

### SERVANTHOOD

*After that, He poured water into a basin and began **to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.*** (John 13:5). *If I then, **your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.*** (John 13:14-15).

Jesus has modeled true servanthood by washing the feet of His disciples. To be great, you need to serve (Matthew 20:26).

Let us pray:

Thank Jesus, our Lord and Teacher, for revealing true humility and servanthood so that we can follow His example daily. He is the Way, the Truth and Life.

Pray for the Church to keep Her eyes on Jesus and continue to reveal Him to the world by following His example.

## BIBLE TRANSLATION

*And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. (1 John 4:14).*

The Bible was passed down through generations long before it was written down as memorised stories. The Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) approach was specifically developed to: Help language communities to further develop storytelling traditions and learn and tell Bible stories. One person said, "Listening to the Bible story is like the cool mountain breeze that enters and touches our hearts." Pray that oral Bible storytellers will learn the Bible stories well and retell them in their languages with accuracy so that the focus will be on Jesus their Saviour.

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## SATURDAY: 14 OCTOBER 2023

### THANKSGIVING

*Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 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. (Luke 17:12-13, 15-16a).*

An answer from Jesus in response to our cry for mercy causes us to fall at His feet with thanksgiving. He indeed does wondrous things!

Let us pray:

Glorify and thank Jesus for His goodness towards you! Look back at your week and thank Him for your answered prayers for provision, protection, wisdom and counsel, etc.

Confess to God and ask for His pardon for the things that You have taken for granted and failed to give him thanks.

Pray for an attitude of dependency on Jesus, thanksgiving and praise unto Him to be evident in the lives of believers.

## BIBLE TRANSLATION

*"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God." (Luke 8:11).*

Language communities involved in the Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) approach discover its impact on their lives. The storytellers find that the process of making Scripture stories part of your life creates a hunger to delve deeper into Scripture. Their hearts are transformed. Pray for God's Spirit to arouse the interest of people through the OBS approach and that they will hunger and thirst for the truth of God's Word. Pray that their hunger for the Word will draw them to available portions of written Scripture.

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**SUNDAY: 15 OCTOBER 2023**

**SUBMISSION**

*And He put all things **under His feet**, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:22-23).*

Jesus Christ is the reigning King of His Kingdom and Head of His church. He has all power and authority (Matthew 28:18).

Let us pray:

Declare the headship of Jesus over the Church, acknowledging that Christ will build His Church and that the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18).

Pray for the Church to continually submit herself under the authority of Jesus Christ and be careful to obey all that is written in Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16).

In your personal life, be obedient to do everything in submission to the Lord Jesus Christ by daily seeking His face.

**BIBLE TRANSLATION**

*"Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:13-14).*

The Oral Bible Storytelling (OBS) approach was developed to create an opportunity for language communities without the Bible to engage with Scriptures in their own language. This sometimes leads to a desire to read the Word of God yourself. Pray that language communities and individuals, using the OBS approach, will develop a hunger and thirst for the Word of God and thus read and study and memorise the Scriptures to minister accurately to members of their community. Pray that this will bring about transformation in their lives and communities.

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