

Our Daily Bread

Light to the world

Psalm 119:105



7 Days on the Wall Week 6: 2- 8 October 2023

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
(Psalm 119:105)

Introduction

While we remember the breakthroughs God granted us last year, renewed emphasis will be put on Global Food Security and the Bible in every language during this special week of day-and-night prayer.

Food Security

The world has adequate food supplies, but challenges due to conflict, export restrictions or weather-induced production shortfalls can lead to a supply and demand imbalance globally. Let us pray and trust God, Who is our Provider, to reverse this complicated situation so that food will be freely available, accessible and affordable for all nations. *And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples... Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.* (Matthew 14:19b; 21).

Bible Translation

Total languages in the world: 7,394

Bible translation is currently happening in 3,283 languages in 167 countries.

Statistics on global Scripture access

Languages	People
Full Bible: 736	6 billion
+New Testament: 1,658	824 million
+Portions: 1,264	449 million
= 3,658 languages with at least some Scripture	7.23 billion (up to 97% of all people)

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

LuminAfrica is a collaboration of South African-based Bible Translation Organisations joining hands to carry out the Great Commission in our generation. Over these seven days, the following ministries will partner in 24-7 Prayer for Spiritual Breakthrough in Global Food Security and Bible Translation: Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL), Biblica, Hands with Words, Bible Society of South Africa, The Word For The World (TWFTW), Wycliffe Bible Translation South Africa and Jericho Walls International Prayer Network, as well as various other prayer/resource networks. For more information visit <http://jwipn.com/24-7-prayer-tools/#week-6-2023>

A Bibleless people group is a language community in need of a Bible translation. They still have no known Scripture and no active translation project. Let us pray for these people groups to have the Word of God in their mother tongue and to know Jesus personally.



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Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. (John 12:24).

The Black Sea grain deal between Russia and Ukraine, which allowed Ukrainian grain to reach world markets collapsed due to Russia ending the deal on 17 July 2023. Ukraine continues to seek alternative routes for its agricultural products with the help of the United States and other allies. Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and for global food supply chains and lower food prices to be restored. Thank the Lord for South Africa's record wheat harvest that resulted in decent grain supplies for domestic consumption and exports.

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Thanksgiving & Prayer

We praise God for the collaboration and growing unity between different Bible Translation Organisations, globally. Pray for the Lord to guide the Leadership of the LuminAfrica Bible Translation Partners by His Holy Spirit to fulfil His perfect will.

Spiritual breakthrough

Lift up in prayer the following Bibleless people groups: Makhuwa Dialects and the Kiholo and Kisuku in the *Southern Africa Region* to receive the Word of God in their mother tongue.

Declare the Word of God over translation leaders and over this region

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (James 1:22).



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And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. (Luke 15:16).

Myanmar remains the largest dry bean supplier worldwide, comprising 26% of global exports. Global demand for dry beans is high, but the biggest issue is pricing and access. Farmers face difficulties in farming and poorer consumers can no longer afford nutritious food. Cry out to the Lord to have mercy on low-income countries and for them to gain the knowledge to plant more affordable cultivars in their region. Pray for every nation to know that *'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'* (Matthew 4:4).

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Thanksgiving & Prayer

We give thanks to the Lord for more interns joining training programmes to translate the Bible into languages still without any. Never in history has there been such a huge army of believers working to eradicate the shortage of Bibles. We pray that the Lord will be glorified in all past, current and future Bible Translation projects.

Spiritual breakthrough

Lift up in prayer the following Bibleless people group: The Kuku in the *Central Africa Region* to receive some form of the Bible in their own language.

Declare the power of God's living Word over the Kuku

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12).



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You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. (Psalm 23:5).

India is currently among the top three edible oil exporting countries worldwide. Ukraine and Russia account for around 60% of the world's production of sunflower oil, and the conflict between them has hit supplies hard. Pray for the poor who experience the greatest impact of rising food prices to receive adequate support and affordable produce, as well as vegetable seeds to plant to sustain their food supply. Pray that the nations will focus on and work for food that lasts and leads to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give them (John 6:27).

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Thanksgiving & Prayer

Praise the Lord for the increasing number of Bible Translation Ministries as well as Bible Translation projects globally. The growing unity between these ministries is bearing much fruit. Please pray for God's protection over these relationships and unity.

Spiritual breakthrough

Lift up in prayer the following Bibleless people group: The Baraka in the *Region of North Africa*. Pray for an open door among this people group, as well as the completion of outstanding projects and Bible Translation in their mother tongue.

Declare that the Word of the Lord will not return empty over this region!

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11).



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"And you, take wheat and barley, beans and lentils, millet and emmer, and put them into a single vessel and make your bread from them." (Ezekiel 4:9a).

With the surging demand for food from China, Brazil is expected to become the leading supplier and exporter of raw beans and meal derivatives in 2023. Pray for the cries of hunger-stricken countries for daily bread to stir works of compassion and mercy among those to whom much has been given. Ask the LORD who supplies all our needs according to His riches to bring forth food that supernaturally multiplies. *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.* (Matthew 5:6).

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Thanksgiving & Prayer

Praise the Lord for the tremendous efforts and progress in the completion of more Sign Language Bible Translations. Only as little as 2% of Deaf people globally have received the Gospel of Jesus.

Spiritual breakthrough

Pray the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers to reach the unreached Deaf people of Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras, Asia and South Sudan, and provide them with the Word of God in their own sign language, as well as video resources so they can experience and share God's love.

Declare the saving power of God over the global Deaf community!

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18).



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Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones. (Proverbs 16:24).

New factories and product launches are expected to positively impact the growth of the global honey market. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, a third of the world's food production depends on bees. Thank the Lord for providing some of the poor with healthy sustainable jobs through entrepreneurship programmes coaching them to put hives out and grow a bee enterprise. Pray for *those in the shadow of starvation to see the light of His presence in the form of life-sustaining food*.

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Thanksgiving & Prayer

Without God's provision through ministry partners, much of the work that is done would not have been possible. Praise the Lord for so many committed partners who are faithfully supporting the Bible Translation Movement globally. Continue to pray for these projects to function effectively and be completed with great efficiency.

Spiritual breakthrough

Pray and declare the Word of God over the Kashi people group in the *Region of Asia* - one of the last and most challenging frontiers for Bible Translation.

Declare the Lord is all-powerful and all-knowing

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. (Psalm 33:6).



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Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9:10).

China is the largest egg-producing country in the world, producing around 462 billion eggs annually. Avian flu globally caused the loss of millions of domestic poultry and caused a global shortage of eggs in recent months. Pray for farmers worldwide to come up with creative plans to quickly and safely produce more chickens and eggs to provide affordable protein, especially for the poor. Plead for the Lord's mercy on people who rely on poultry produce for daily survival. Pray for God's miraculous provision as families globally try to survive on basic staple foods.

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Thanksgiving & Prayer

Praise the Lord for tremendous breakthroughs, especially in nations where translators face many challenges. Continue to pray especially for translation projects running in nations opposing the Gospel.

Spiritual breakthrough

Let us pray for wisdom and declare the Word of God as workers seek to get access to translation work to be done in some of these challenging regions, specifically for the Dhofari Arabic, Kumzari, Luwati and Shehri people groups in countries in the Middle East.

Declare that God's Word stands firm

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. (Matthew 24:35).



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Sustain me with cakes of raisins, refresh me with apples, for I am lovesick. (Song of Solomon 2:5).

Losses due to extreme weather in China are expected to drive global apple production down by 5%. New Zealand's apple industry suffered damage from Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023. Michigan's (USA) official 2023 apple crop estimate of 32 million bushels accounts for about 90% of last year's record of 32.38 million bushels of apples. (A bushel is a unit of volume that is used for measuring agricultural produce such as apples.) Give thanks to the Lord for global apple producers who persevere amid fluctuating economic, storage and weather conditions. Pray for technological development and God's wisdom to prepare the soil, protect the harvest and store produce to avoid global shortages.

BIBLE TRANSLATION

Thanksgiving & Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord for the growing awareness of the power and importance of prayer among Bible Translation ministries. Continue to pray for those who trust God for His guidance to complete the Bible in every remaining language of every tribe, tongue and nation of the earth.

Spiritual breakthrough

Lift up in prayer the Maleku people group in Costa Rica who has no written or Audio Bible in their language as well as the Drehu people group in New Caledonia, in the Pacific to the east of Australia, who has no Audio Bible available in their heart language. Pray for the translation of the Bible, written and or Audio, for these two people groups. Pray for wisdom, revelation and divine strength to start and complete this task. Ask the Lord for the translation of the JESUS Film for these two people groups to be completed soon. *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17).*

Declare God's agenda over these two countries

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. (Isaiah 62:1).

