



# January 2019

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**Psalm 33** Pray as we move into 2019 that God will bless our nation. Pray many people will engage with God's Word and this year many will turn to the Lord and lives will be changed as they read the good news of the Gospel.

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**Ecclesiastes 2: 17-26** Our Bible-a-Month partner for January is the Bible Society in **Iraq** who are working to serve the persecuted Church through providing Bibles and strengthening people to remain as steadfast witnesses for Christ. Pray for strength and protection for everyone working in such a dangerous and challenging area of our world.

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**Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15** Give thanks for the Bible Society of West Indies as they distribute 2,000 Bibles to children in hospitals and in children's homes throughout **Jamaica**. Pray young lives will be transformed as they read about the wonderful message of God's love for them in the Bible.

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**Ecclesiastes 3: 16-22** Pray for the many opportunities in the year ahead as we share news of Bible Societies' work through our website, on social media, by email and in print publications. Ask that this will encourage many to support Bible-based work around the world.

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Sa **Ecclesiastes 4: 1-12** Please pray for the Bible Society of **Uzbekistan** as they produce an audio Bible in *Northern Uzbek*. A New Testament recording is already available, and many have enjoyed listening to God's Word and are eager to hear the Old Testament.

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Su **Psalm 34** Pray for the **American Bible Society** as they translate and distribute the Bible in American sign language to engage 575,000 deaf people with God's Word in their heart language.

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**Ecclesiastes 4: 13 - 5: 7** Pray many more people will use the *Community Bible Experience* this year. Give thanks for many people who have already shared together around God's Word and pray for a continued deepening of their faith.

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**Ecclesiastes 5: 8 - 6:12** Elaine Duncan is attending the *Crieff Fellowship* conference at **Crieff Hydro**. Pray for this gathering of evangelical church leaders as they look at issues facing the church today.

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**Ecclesiastes 9: 1-12** Give thanks for many people who volunteer for SBS throughout **Scotland**. Pray that they will know God's blessing upon their lives as they give of their time and gifts to further our work.

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**Ecclesiastes 9: 13 - 10:9** Pray for the Bible Society of **Uganda** as they begin the revision of the Bible in the *Ateso* language. Pray for God's guidance and accuracy for the translation team as they work on this project.

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**Ecclesiastes: 11: 1-10** Please pray for the **Nepal Bible Society** as they work on the revision of the *Nepali* Bible. Pray for wisdom and unity as the team of translators work on this project.

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Sa **Ecclesiastes 12: 1-14** Please pray for Jen Robertson speaking at Scripture Union Scotland's *Team Leader Conference* today where she will introduce the Bible teaching resources on *Dear Theo*.

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Su **Psalm 35** Give thanks for the Bible Society of **Togo** as they translate the Old Testament into the *Lama* language. Pray for protection, health and wisdom for the translation team and that this project will be completed on time.

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**Luke 3: 1-20** Give thanks for the new *Bibleworld Book* clubs that are happening in schools and churches around **Scotland**. Pray as children improve their literacy skills by reading stories from the Bible that they will be thrilled to hear about Jesus maybe for the very first time.

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**Luke 3: 21-37** The General Secretaries of Bible Societies in the Europe and Middle East area are meeting this week in **Budapest**. Pray for good fellowship as this UBS gathering discusses matters of mutual concern and interest.

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**Luke 4: 1-13** Give thanks for the Bible Society of **Tanzania** as they provide training for those who work with orphans and vulnerable children in *Mbarali* district. Pray that young lives will be impacted spiritually, emotionally and psychologically.

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**Luke 4: 14-21** Fiona McDonald is speaking at **East Neuk Coffee Club** today. Pray God will bless this time as Fiona shares about our work here in Scotland and around the world.

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**Luke 4: 22-30** Jen Robertson is speaking at *Deep Impact Conference* for children, young people and family workers, leading a seminar on Bible engagement and young people. Pray God will bless this time and that all will be encouraged as they share together.

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Sa **Luke 4: 31-37** Please pray for a support centre in Erbil being run by the Bible Society in **Iraq** to provide help for many people who have taken refuge in the region. Pray for wisdom for staff that they will offer a warm and safe environment to everyone who visits.

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Su **Psalm 36** Pray for the Bible Society in **Syria** as they provide training in *Bible-based Trauma Healing* to enable churches to offer support to those who have faced traumas of many kinds. Pray for healing as individuals join together around the Bible to find hope, comfort and forgiveness.

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**Luke 4: 38-44** Please pray that our *Communications Team* will be able to make good use of digital media in the year ahead to encourage younger generations to engage with the Bible. Pray for opportunities to share God's Word online and through social media.

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**Luke 5: 1-11** Give thanks for the Bible Society of **Namibia** as they begin producing an oral Bible for the *Ovaherero* people, beginning with Genesis and around 30 Psalms. Pray as many hear of the wonder of creation and the faithfulness of God that lives will be transformed.

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**Luke 5: 12-16** Please pray for the **Indonesian Bible Society** as they digitise 66 different Bible texts that exist in a number of local languages. Pray for wisdom and accuracy as the files are transferred into electronic format.

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**Luke 5: 17-26** Representatives of the UK Bible Societies meet together today in **Edinburgh**. Pray for continued good working relations and for fruitful discussions at the meeting.

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**Luke 5: 27-32** Pray for Jen Robertson speaking at St John's Church Guild in **Hamilton** today. Pray people will be challenged and encouraged as they hear about our work.

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Sa **Luke 5: 33-39** Please pray for the **Suriname Bible Society** as they work with children in Guyana who are suffering from abuse, neglect and domestic violence. Pray as they train facilitators in *Child Bible-based Trauma Healing*, that God will speak through His Word into young lives who are hurting, that they will find comfort and peace.

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Su **Psalm 37** Pray for Norman Liddle as he speaks in **Cupar Baptist Church** this morning. Pray this congregation will know God's blessing as they share together around His Word.

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**Luke 6: 1-11** Give thanks for all the countries signed up to *Bible 2020* so far. Please pray that the remaining countries will come on board.

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**Luke 6: 12-16** Pray for the Bible Society of **Moldova** as they distribute Bibles and literature to many who are in great need. Pray God's Word will bring comfort and support to people who are suffering or in despair, giving strength and hope where it is most needed.

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**Luke 6: 17-26** Give thanks for our *Action Groups* as they help to make the work of the Scottish Bible Society known in their own churches and communities. Pray for creativity as they plan events to encourage people to engage with the work we do here in **Scotland** and around the world.

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**Luke 6: 27-36** Give thanks for the Bible Society of **Mexico** as they produce audio Scriptures in Spanish and 10 indigenous languages of Mexico. Pray as people listen to God's Word in their heart language that they will be challenged and encouraged as they hear of God's love through His Son Jesus.