

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

NORTHERN IRELAND



WHOLE FAMILY BIBLE ENGAGEMENT

Every year, **World Day of Prayer** focusses on a project, which you learn about, pray and fundraise for.

During 2022, we aim to support three projects which are close to home. Based in Northern Ireland, these projects will allow children, families and adults from across Northern Ireland to engage with the Bible. Let's look at each of these initiatives in turn.

BIBLES FOR BABIES

Bibles for Babies will help families to form the habit of Bible reading with their children. It provides Bibles and resources in the first five years of a child's life.

Each baby registered will receive a Toddler's Bible on their first birthday. They will receive a birthday card and some resources on their second, third and fourth birthdays. Then on their fifth birthday they receive a Children's Bible. By reading the Bible together, Bibles for Babies will also encourage parents to form Bible reading habits in their own journey of faith.

Your donations can bring the Bible alive and help children to become familiar with God's Word from birth.

52: A BIBLE RESOURCE

Last year, Bible Society Northern Ireland took families on a journey of discovery. For every week in the year, it released free Bible-based resources, called 52, on its website.

Families would read one chapter of the Bible, reflect on some simple questions, take on a challenge, pray and learn some memory verses. 52 proved so popular, that Bible Society Northern Ireland would like to turn these digital resources into a published book — something that families can use for years to come.

Your donations can gather families around the Bible, taking them on a journey of discovery together.

When you support World Day of Prayer 2022, your donations help 3 projects to:

- **Bring the Bible alive and help children to become familiar with God's Word from birth.**
- **Gather families around the Bible, taking them on a journey of discovery together.**
- **Refocus adults on the hope that is found in God's Word.**



DARING TO HOPE

Daring to Hope: Exploring the Grace of Lament is a new small group resource to help adults reflect on and learn from the situations they experienced during the pandemic.

World Day of Prayer 2022 is based on the theme '*I know the plans I have for you*' (Jeremiah 29:11) and lament fits into this theme.

We can't return to 'the old normal' and pretend the pandemic didn't happen. We need to pause, reflect, lament, mourn and get ready for what is next. God was with us throughout the pandemic, and he will remain with us in the future.

Your donations can help to refocus adults on the hope that is found in God's Word.

VANUATU PROJECT UPDATE



Thank you for empowering women and reminding them of the hope found in God's Word.

The World Day of Prayer 2021 supported a project in Vanuatu.

Vanuatu is a group of 80 islands off the coast of Australia. Some of the islands have active volcanoes, yet most islands are inhabited. Vanuatu is mountainous, covered with tropical rain forests and prone to earthquakes and tidal waves.

The local Bible Society, in partnership with World Day of Prayer, took a holistic approach by advocating for and empowering women who are victims of domestic violence.

It provided awareness workshops and healing sessions on domestic violence, and distributed Scriptures and trauma-healing booklets, enabling survivors of domestic abuse to have the Word of God as their source of strength and comfort.

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