

## The Bible

Deals with every experience in life. It gives advice and help, instruction and warning, comfort and hope, correction and direction, predictions and promises.

## The New Testament

Is the foundation document of the Christian faith. In vivid terms it presents the message of Jesus Christ and conveys the impact of His life and teachings upon those who first witnessed them. It is more than a book and millions have found it to be an introduction to the person of Jesus.

This booklet contains a reprint of the introductory notes which are the special feature of Bibles placed in the British Isles by The Gideons International. They provide a guide consisting of topical Bible references on a variety of subjects and we hope they will be interesting and helpful to you.

As you read the Bible with the help of these notes, will you remember the many others - even today - reading copies of the Word of God placed or presented by The Gideons, that they may receive comfort and strength and, above all, may come to experience salvation through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

## About The Gideons

The Gideons is an association of Christian business and professional men and their wives who believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

Gideons are regular church members. They operate as an arm of the Church and seek by personal example and witness to lead others to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

They place Bibles in hotel bedrooms where a succession of readers can find the Word of God. New Testaments are placed beside hospital beds and in homes for the elderly. Personal copies are presented to young people in senior schools and they are encouraged to read a section every day. Personal copies are also presented to students in universities and colleges, and members of the medical profession, police, fire and ambulance services and the armed forces.

The Association started in 1899 in the U.S.A. and in Britain in 1949. Its members now distribute Scriptures in more than 185 countries. Over one billion copies have been distributed world-wide by The Gideons.

The Gideon logo is a jar with a flaming torch, like those used by Gideon's army in their night attack, set on a dark blue background and surrounded by a gold circle which represents the trumpet (for the full story read the book of Judges chapters 6 & 7).



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## Where to find help when

### Afraid of circumstances

Mark 4:35-41  
Romans 8:28  
Isaiah 41:10 & 13  
Psalm 139:8-10

### Afraid of people

Psalm 56:9-11  
Psalm 62:5-8  
Psalm 27:1-3

### Afraid of persecution

Matthew 5: 11,12  
Hebrews 13:6-8

### Afraid of the future

Matthew 6:25-34  
Psalm 23  
Psalm 55:22

### Angry with people

Ephesians 4:29-32  
James 1:19,20  
Colossians 3:12-14  
1 John 2:9-11

### Anxious (see 'Worried')

### Apathetic or complacent

John 3:17,18,35,36  
Revelation 3:15-18  
Romans 3:22-24  
Romans 6:23

### Away from home

Proverbs 3:1-7  
Psalm 91  
Psalm 121

### Bereaved (see 'Coping with a death')

### Bitter or critical

Matthew 7:1-5  
Matthew 6:14,15  
Hebrews 12:14,15  
Ephesians 4:32

### Blaming God

Job 22:21  
2 Samuel 22:31  
Jeremiah 29:11  
Proverbs 19:3

### Broken-hearted

Psalm 34:17,18  
Psalm 147:3

### Bullied

Psalm 91:9-16  
Joshua 1:9  
Psalm 37:7-9

### Choosing a career

Proverbs 16:3,9  
Romans 12:1,2  
Psalm 37:3-7

### Conscious of sin

1 John 1:5-10  
Romans 6:23  
Psalm 25:4-11  
Psalm 51

### Considering marriage

Matthew 19:4-6  
Ephesians 5:22-33  
Hebrews 13:4

### Contemplating revenge

Romans 12:17-19  
1 Thessalonians 5:15

### Coping with a death

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Romans 8:38,39  
John 3:15,16  
John 14:1-4

### Coping with failure

Hebrews 4:14-16  
Psalm 73:26

### Desperate

Psalm 62:5-8  
Psalm 55:22  
2 Corinthians 1:8-11

## Facing death Page 10

Recently a very close family member died suddenly. Shortly afterwards my son was given a copy of the New Testament by The Gideons at school. Both my wife and I have found it to be of great comfort, helping us cope during this difficult time. We have found the "Guidance in life" and explanatory pages very useful.



## Where to find help when continued

### **Distressed or troubled**

2 Corinthians 4:8,9,16-18  
Psalm 9:9-10  
Romans 8:28-39  
2 Corinthians 1:3,4

### **Doubting**

Mark 9:17-24  
John 20:24-31  
John 4:50  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

### **Envious**

Galatians 5:22-26  
James 3:13-16  
Philippians 4:12,13

### **Facing death**

John 3:16  
John 14:1-3  
Psalm 23:4  
2 Timothy 4:6-8

### **Faith is weak**

Luke 12:22-31  
John 14:13,14  
Hebrews 11  
Matthew 8:5-13

### **Far from God**

Psalm 145: 17-20  
James 4:7-10  
Acts 17:22-28

### **Feeling hurt**

1 Peter 5:7  
Psalm 27:13,14  
Hebrews 12:2,3

### **Feeling inadequate**

1 Corinthians 1:20-31  
2 Corinthians 12:9,10  
Philippians 4:12,13  
Isaiah 40:28-31

### **Feeling lost or unwanted**

Psalm 107:4-9  
Luke 15:11-24  
Luke 19:10  
Hebrews 13:5,6

### **Feeling self-righteous**

Luke 18:9-14  
Ephesians 2:8,9  
Romans 3:9-12,21-24  
Titus 3:3-7

### **Friends fail**

2 Timothy 4:16-18  
Luke 17:3,4  
Psalm 34:18,19  
Deuteronomy 33:27

### **Ill or in pain**

James 5:14-16  
2 Corinthians 12:9,10  
Psalm 103:1-5

### **In danger or threatened**

Psalm 27:1  
Mark 4:35-41  
Proverbs 18:10  
1 Peter 3:13-17

### **Insulted**

Proverbs 12:16  
Romans 15:3,4  
1 Peter 2:23

### **Intimidated**

Proverbs 29:25  
Joshua 1:9  
Psalm 3:1-3  
Psalm 71:1-3

### **Jealous**

1 Timothy 6:6-10  
Matthew 6:33  
1 John 2:15-17

### **Lonely**

Psalm 23  
Deuteronomy 31:8  
Hebrews 13:5

## Where to find help when continued

### **Looking for a job/made redundant**

Philippians 4:11-13  
Proverbs 16:3,9  
Isaiah 48:17  
Jeremiah 29:11

### **Needing comfort**

Psalm 34:18,19  
2 Corinthians 1:3,4

### **Needing guidance**

Proverbs 3:5,6  
Romans 12:1,2  
James 1:5-8  
Psalm 32:8-10

### **Needing peace**

John 14:27  
Philippians 4:4-9  
Romans 5:1-5  
Isaiah 26:3,4

### **Newly retired**

Proverbs 16:3  
Matthew 6:25-34  
Philippians 4:12  
Isaiah 46:4

### **Praying**

1 John 5:14,15  
John 14: 12-14  
Luke 11:1-13  
Psalm 66:16-20

### **Resentful**

2 Timothy 2:22-24  
Proverbs 3:11,12

### **Sceptical**

Luke 24:36-49  
John 6:35-40  
John 10:25-30

### **Sleepless**

Matthew 11:28-30  
1 Peter 5:6,7  
Proverbs 3:21-26  
Psalm 4:8

### **Stressed**

Matthew 6:25-27,34  
1 Peter 5:7  
John 14:1  
Isaiah 40:31

### **Tempted to:**

#### **- Commit suicide**

1 Corinthians 10:13  
1 Corinthians 6:19,20  
Psalm 34:6  
Psalm 31:9,10,14-16

#### **- Divorce**

Mark 10:1-12  
Romans 7:1-3  
Malachi 2:15,16

#### **- Drink abuse**

Ephesians 5:18  
1 Thessalonians 5:6-8  
1 Corinthians 10:12,13,31  
Proverbs 20:1

#### **- Drug abuse**

2 Peter 2:19  
Romans 13:13,14  
Proverbs 25:28  
Proverbs 14:12

#### **- Lie**

Proverbs 6:16-19  
Proverbs 19:9  
Ephesians 4:22-25  
Revelation 21:8

#### **- Sexual immorality**

Galatians 5:19-24  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8  
1 Corinthians 6:9,10

#### **- Steal**

Exodus 20:15  
Romans 13:8-10  
Ephesians 4:28  
Hebrews 13:5



## Where to find help when continued

### Thankful

Psalms 100  
2 Corinthians 9:10-12,15  
Colossians 3:15  
Colossians 2:6,7

**Unemployed** (see 'Looking for a job/  
made redundant')

### Weary

Matthew 11:28-30  
2 Corinthians 4:16-18  
Philippians 4:13  
Isaiah 40:28-31

### Witnessing

Acts 1:8  
1 Peter 3:15  
Matthew 10:32,33  
Romans 10:8-10

### Worried

Philippians 4:6,7  
Nahum 1:7  
Psalm 46  
Isaiah 43:1-3

Some of the references are relevant to those who have a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. If you are not a practising Christian, you will see some of the blessings and help that faith in Jesus Christ brings. If you would like to know how to become a Christian, please refer to the section beginning on page 22, 'What the Bible says about' and the 'My Commitment' section on page 53. You may also like to visit our website at [www.gideons.org.uk](http://www.gideons.org.uk)



# ABOUT THE BIBLE

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### Introduction

The Bible is a book primarily about God's revelation of Himself to mankind and His relationship with people. It is not primarily a book of history, but its accounts of God's dealings with individuals and nations are as relevant to the modern world as they have been to every age since they were written.

It is not primarily a book of science, but it is not at variance with any proven scientific fact. Some of its statements reveal knowledge of the world of science that the writer could not have had apart from Divine revelation.

It is not primarily a book of philosophy. Nowhere does it argue for the existence of God. Yet the God it reveals has been known in a personal way by many of the greatest minds who have ever lived as well as by many millions of ordinary people. It speaks to every person from the simplest to the most sophisticated at his or her own level of understanding.

## The Old Testament

### History

The historical books of the Old Testament (from Genesis to Esther) tell the story of God and His people. In the first pages of Genesis we read how God made the whole universe of planets, stars and galaxies, creating life on planet Earth and setting mankind in a perfect environment and surroundings. The story of mankind's disobedience to God and the resulting death, sickness, violence, unrest and dissatisfaction that ensued is told through the history of certain individuals and nations that lived in the Middle East. The historical account given is corroborated by other historians of that time and by considerable archaeological evidence discovered in more recent times.

### Poetry and wisdom

This section (from Job to Song of Solomon) covers prayer and praise, love and joy, despair, doubts, bitter anger, the emptiness of life without God and, in sharp contrast, triumphant faith when God is included in day-to-day life.

### Prophecy

These 17 books (from Isaiah to Malachi) are God's Word to His people. The prophets often speak of judgment and doom but they also proclaim the coming of a Messiah to save mankind from the consequences of their disobedience and to offer a new relationship with God.

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## The New Testament

### History

The four Gospels and the book of Acts tell of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and its significance to every member of the human race. They tell how God so loved the world He had created that He sent His only Son in the form of the man Jesus, to save every person who truly repents and trusts Him, from the punishment of eternal death and misery.

Despite all the healing, help and hope Jesus brought to so many, most people rejected Him and His message and plotted to have Him killed. However, God brought Him back to life again three days later and He was seen by hundreds of people over a period of forty days before going back to heaven. These historical facts are well supported by the historians of the day.

The amazing spread of the Christian faith, and some of the persecution and troubles its followers faced, are told in these books.

### Letters

The 21 letters from Romans to Jude give guidance and teaching. They were written to correct weaknesses and mistakes made by early Christians but are still very relevant to us today.

### Prophecy

The last book is Revelation. It tells of things that are yet to happen as part of God's plan to save the human race. It describes the future of God's people in heaven and the final defeat of Satan and the power of evil. It reinforces the warnings of the whole Bible regarding the consequences of rejecting God's light and love.

Because the things foretold in the Old Testament about Jesus came to pass as had been prophesied, Christians who value and respect the Bible as the Word of God look forward to the coming again of Jesus to this earth. He will then judge wrongdoing and bring new hope and peace to this troubled world.

## It's composition

The Bible is a collection of 66 different books and letters, written over a period of some 1500 years up to about 100 years after Christ's death and resurrection. It is divided into the Old Testament (the first 39 books) and the New Testament (the last 27 books). The word Testament means 'covenant' or 'agreement'. So God's 'old' covenant with man was superseded by His 'new' covenant.



# ABOUT THE BIBLE

## About the Bible continued

The Bible has stood the test of time, the greatest test of all literature. It was completed nearly 2,000 years ago, yet is now read more than any other book and by people of widely varying cultures. It is still the world's best-selling book.

### Its inspiration

Like any other book, the Bible was written by men but, unlike any other book, it was guided and planned by God from beginning to end. When Christians say that the Bible is 'inspired', they mean that God spoke His message through the people He chose to act as authors.

### Its divine author

The Bible claims that God is its ultimate author and Christians believe the Bible to be the Word of God because the Lord Jesus Christ believed it to be so. He constantly referred to the Old Testament in His teachings.

In every case His words show that He believed in its historic accuracy and divine authority. Here are three passages that show His attitude to the Old Testament, called by the Jews "The Law and The Prophets:"

Matthew 5:17-19. Here Jesus underlines the Authority of The Law.

Luke 24:27. Here He underlines the Message of The Prophets.

John 5:39,40. Here He speaks of them as pointing to Himself as the source of eternal life.

He also gave the seal of His Authority to the New Testament in advance of it being written:

Matthew 28:19,20. Here He commissioned His disciples to teach all nations "Everything I have commanded you." This would have been impossible without a written record.

John 14:26. Here He promised that the Holy Spirit would bring back to their memories "Everything I have said to you."

John 16:12-14. Here He promised that the Holy Spirit would teach them things they were not ready to understand at that time, but which were a vital part of His message.

Therefore, to believe that Jesus is the Son of God is to believe in the divine authority of the Bible.

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Also, the apostle Paul wrote, "All Scripture is God-breathed." (2 Timothy 3:16), and it is clear from 2 Peter 3:16 that the apostle Peter regarded the apostle Paul's writings as part of Holy Scripture.

### Its human writers

There were many different writers, who lived and wrote in different countries and eras. They came from different walks of life and represented a very wide range of intellects and abilities.

One wrote history, another biography; another wrote on theology, another poetry and another prophecy. Some wrote on philosophy, and some wrote stories of adventure, travel and romance, but all of them were inspired by God.

Most of them had no contact with each other and no means of knowing that when their writings were all put together as one book it would be complete, all parts agreeing in doctrine, teaching and prophecy.

### Its unity of themes

As you read through the 66 books you are confronted by the Bible's unity. The Bible is one whole book and no part is complete without the remainder.

Throughout the Old Testament the theme of Redemption of Mankind is developed with people and nations. In the New Testament all that has been indicated in advance in the Old Testament comes to vibrant and startling reality.

The Old Covenant is a 'Covenant of Law' and the New Covenant is a 'Covenant of Grace', and the one led to the other (Galatians 3:17-25). The Old finds its fulfilment in the New; the New has its roots in the Old.

### Its moral impact

The Bible is not afraid to show the weaknesses of some of its major characters but it also shows us the highest moral standard in history – that of the life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This book has consistently challenged and transformed the lives of its readers.



## About the Bible continued

### Its translation

The Bible, or parts of it, has now been translated into over 2,300 languages and dialects. There have been many different translations from the time of Wycliffe in the fourteenth century onwards. There are now many recent translations and paraphrases available in modern English. The New International Version, from which verses in this booklet are quoted, was produced by a panel of 100 internationally recognised Bible scholars.

### Its power and effect

During the British Coronation ceremony a Bible has traditionally been presented to the monarch with the words: "We present you with this book, the most valuable thing this world affords. Here is wisdom. This is the Royal Law. These are the lively oracles of God." These words are true and deeply significant.

This book has the power not only to inform – but also to reform and to transform lives. Through its influence countless people have been given a new strength, an unerring purpose and a sure hope in life. It has brought blessing to millions in every land and age.

It is supernatural in origin, eternal in duration, divine in authorship, infallible in authority, inexhaustible in meaning, universal in readership, unique in revelation, personal in application and powerful in effect.

It is given to you here in this life, it will be open at the Judgement, it is established forever. Come to it with awe, read it with reverence, frequently, slowly, prayerfully.

**"Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."**

**John 20:30,31**





## What the Bible says about

### Itself

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**2 Timothy 3:16,17**

### God

The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

**Exodus 34:6,7**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**2 Peter 3:9**

### Man

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**Genesis 1:27**

### Sin

There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

**Romans 3:22,23**

But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

**Isaiah 59:2**

### Death

...man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement...

**Hebrews 9:27**

## What the Bible says about

### The Judgement

So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**Romans 14:12**

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

**Revelation 20:12**

### God's love

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 5:8**

### Christ - His birth

She (Mary) will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

**Matthew 1:21**

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

**Luke 2:10,11**

### Christ - His person

Jesus said, "I have come down from heaven...I and the Father are one... Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father...I came from the Father... now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father...I will come back and take you to be with me."

**John 6:38, 10:30, 14:9, 16:28, 14:3**

### Christ - His purpose

...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

**John 10:10**

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

**1 Peter 3:18**



## What the Bible says about

### Christ – His resurrection

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

**1 Corinthians 15:20,21**

### Christ – His return

At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

**Matthew 24:30**

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

**1 Thessalonians 4:16**

### The Holy Spirit

Jesus said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

**John 14:16-18**

### Repentance

...God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**Luke 18:13**

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight...

**Psalms 51:4**

### Salvation

...if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Romans 10:9**

## What the Bible says about

### Faith

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

**Romans 10:17**

### The devil

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

**1 Peter 5:8,9**

### Temptation

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

### Confession

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**1 John 1:9**

### Life

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**1 John 5:12**

### Prayer

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

**John 14:13,14**





## WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT

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#### Wisdom

...for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

**Proverbs 8:11**

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

**James 1:5**

#### Heaven

God...has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you...

**1 Peter 1:3,4**

#### Hell

...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power...

**2 Thessalonians 1:7-9**

#### Eternal life

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

**John 5:24**

#### Security

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father who has given them to me, is greater than all...

**John 10:28,29**

#### Enemies

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you.

**Luke 6:27,28**



# THE COMMANDMENTS

## The Commandments

The Ten Commandments were originally given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai, as recorded in Exodus chapter 20:

**"I am the Lord your God...You shall have no other gods before me.  
You shall not make for yourself an idol...  
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God...  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honour your father and mother...  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not give false testimony...  
You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbour."**

When asked what was the greatest commandment, Jesus referred to them and summarised them as follows:

**"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"**

**Matthew 22:37-39**

On another occasion he told an enquirer:

**"'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honour your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbour as yourself.'"**

**Matthew 19:18,19**

# PRAYING

## Praying

Jesus Christ spent much of His time in prayer. In the gospel of Luke we read that on one occasion Jesus was asked by His disciples how to pray. He taught them this prayer:

**"Father,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive everyone  
who sins against us.  
And lead us not into temptation."**

**Amen**

**Luke 11:2-4**

### **A traditional version (based on Matthew 6:9-13):**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and  
the glory, for ever and ever.**

**Amen**





### When feeling the need to pray

To help you start praying, we have suggested a number of prayers that will help you to speak to God. When you pray regularly you will soon want to add prayers in your own words.

#### Before reading the Bible

Dear Lord, as I read your book, help me to understand what you want to show me today. May your words inspire me to live the way you teach, and to put you first and others before myself.

Amen

#### In search of faith

Dear God, I find it difficult to know what to believe. Help me to trust you and what you say in the Bible even though I don't understand everything.

Amen

#### Seeking guidance

Lord God, help me to find the way forward for my life. I am not sure what to do next so I ask you to give me wisdom and confidence. Thank you that your plans for me are always good. Help me to trust you to guide me, and to be patient, waiting for you to open new doors of opportunity.

Amen

#### When needing comfort

Dear God, you know and understand everything, even when I feel ill, afraid, lonely, anxious, sad or stressed. Help me to trust you because you love me and promise to be with me always.

Amen

#### When conscious of sin

Dear Lord, I am sorry that I often do wrong things that upset you and others. Please forgive me and help me to accept the forgiveness that you offer through Jesus Christ, my Saviour.

Amen



### When feeling the need to pray continued

#### A Christian commitment

Dear God, I confess that I have done wrong. I believe that your Son, Jesus Christ, took the punishment that I deserve by dying on the cross and I thank you. I also believe that you raised him from the dead. I now receive Jesus as my Saviour and Lord.

Amen

#### Acknowledging God's goodness

Thank you, Lord God, for all you have given us in the world, for its beauty and for all the good things we enjoy. But I thank you most of all for loving me and for your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Please help me to share these blessings with others.

Amen

#### When in need of peace

Dear God, help me to know that you are with me in this situation. Take away my fear and reassure me that, because I have committed my life to you, you are in control of my circumstances and you know what is best for me. Help me to trust you.

Amen

#### For friends and family

Father in heaven I pray for my family and friends; that you will bless them and keep them safe. Help them to know your peace and the love you have for them. Help me to make their world a richer and happier place.

Amen

**I found a Gideon Bible by my bedside when I was unexpectedly in hospital. It was very welcome and helpful with John 3:16 in multi-translations.**

### The best known verse in the Bible

There is a verse in the Bible that has been translated into more than 2,300 languages and dialects. It tells of a God who loves us with an everlasting love. The verse is John 3:16.

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."**

#### ALBANIAN

Sepse Perëndia e deshi aq botën, sa dha Birin e tij të vetëmlindurin, që, kushdo që beson në të, të mos humbasë, por të ketë jetën e përjetshme.

#### AZERI

Чунки Аллах дуняны елэ севди ки, ваһид Оғлуну она верди; буну она көрәтди ки, Она иман едәнләрин һеч бири һәлак олмасын, һамысынын әбәди һәјаты олсун.

#### BAHASA MALAYSIAN

"Allah sangat mengasihi orang di dunia ini sehingga Dia memberikan Anak-Nya yang tunggal, supaya setiap orang yang percaya kepada Anak itu tidak binasa tetapi beroleh hidup sejati dan kekal"

#### CROATIAN

UISTINU, BOG JE TAKO LJUBIO SVIJET TE JE DAO SVOGA SINA JEDINORODENCA DA NI JEDAN KOJI U NJEGA VJERUJE NE PROPADNE; NEGO DA IMA ZIVOT VJECNI.

#### CZECH

Nebo? Buh tak miloval svit, ?e dal sveho jednorozeneho Syna, aby ?adny, kdo v niho vioi, nezahynul, ale mil ?ivot vieny.

#### ESTONIAN

Sest nõnda on Jumal maailma armastanud, et ta oma ainu-sündinut Poja on andnut, et ükski, kes temasse usub, ei saaks hukka, vaid et temal oleks igavene elu!



## GEORGIAN

რადგან იქამდე შეიყვარა ღმერთმა სოფელი, რომ მისცა თავისი ერთადერთი ძე, რათა არავინ, ვინც მას ირწმუნებს, არ დაიღუბოს, არამედ ჰქონდეს საუკუნო სიცოცხლე.

## HUNGARIAN

**Mert úgy szerette Isten a világot, hogy az o Egyszülött Fiát  
adta, hogy aki hisz obenne, el ne vesszen, hanem örök élete  
legyen.**

## ILOKANO

**Ta casta la unay ti panagayat ti Dios iti lubong; nga intedna ti Anacna a Bugbugtong, tapno amin a mamati kencuana, saan a mapucaw, no di ket adda biagna nga agnanayon.**

## ILONGGO

**Kay ginhigugma gid sang Dios ang kalibutan sa bagay nga ginhatag niya ang iya bugtong nga Anak, agod nga ang tagsatagsa nga nagatuo sa iya indi na mapatay, kundi may kabuhi nga wala sing katapusan.**

## INUKTITUT

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## KAZAK

Өйткені Құдай адамзатты сондай қатты сүйгендіктен,  
Өзінің жалғыз рухани Ұлын құрбандыққа берді.  
Енді Оған сенуші әркім жаны тозаққа түспей,  
мәңгілік өмірге ие болады.

## KYRGYZ

Кудай бул дүйнөнү ушунчалык сүйгөндүктөн, Өзүнүн жалгыз Уулун берди. Кудай Аны Ага ишенген ар бир адам өлбөй, түбөлүк өмүргө ээ болсун деп берди.

## LATVIAN

Jo tik ļoti Dievs pasauli mīlējis, ka viņš devis savu vienpiedzimušo Dēlu, lai neviens, kas viņam tic, nepazustu, bet dabūtu mūžīgo dzīvību,

## LITHUANIAN

Nes Dievas taip mylēja pasauli, jog davē savo vienagimi Sūnū,  
kad kiekvienas, kuris jī tiki, nepražūtu, bet turētu amžinā gyvenimā.

## MACEDONIAN

Зашто бог толку ги засака луѓето од овој свет, што го даде Својот Единороден Син, за да не загина ниту еден Што верува во него, туку да има вечен живот.

## MONGOLIAN

Áódòáí ádò°íóééá ḡíyóýýð òàèðéàñàí òóé òìðúí ááíò ÕḲḲáýý  
°āñí. Èíáýñíýýð ÕḲḲà èðāýā÷: óýí ÷ í°ò°òāḲé, òāðèí í°íò  
àìùòàé áíèṽò òì.

## OSHINDONGA

Oshoka osho ngeyi Kalunga a kala e hole uuyuni, oye a gandja Omwana awike, opo shaa ngoka te mu itaale, kaa kane, ihe a kale e na omwenyo gwaaluhe.

## POLISH

**ALBOWIEM TAK BÓG UMIŁOWAŁ ŚWIAT, ŻE SYNA  
SWEGO JEDNORODZONEGO DAŁ, ABY KAŻDY,  
KTO WEN WIERZY, NIE ZGINAŁ, ALE MIAŁ ŻYWIOT  
WIECZNY.**

**PUNJABI**

ਵਿਉਵਿ

ਪਰਮੇਸ਼ੁਰ ਨੇ ਜਗਤ ਨੂੰ ਅਜਿਹਾ ਪਿਆਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜੋ ਉਹ ਨੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਕਲੌਤਾ ਪੁੱਤ੍ਰ ਬਖਸ਼ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਕੋਈ ਉਸ ਉੱਤੇ ਨਿਰਧਾਰੇ, ਉਹ ਨਾਸ਼ ਨਾ ਹੋਵੇ, ਪਰ ਸਦੀਪਕ ਜੀਉਣ ਧਾਪਤ ਕਰੇ ॥

## ROMANIAN

Fiindcă atât de mult a iubit Dumnezeu lumea, că a dat pe singurul Său  
Fiu, pentru ca oricine crede în El să nu piară, ci să aibă viața veșnică.



## RUSSIAN

Ибо так возлюбил Бог мир, что дал Сына Единородного, чтобы каждый верующий в Него не погиб, но имел жизнь вечную.

## SAMARENYO

Kay ginhigugma gud han Dyos an kalibutan, nga iginhatag niya an iya bugtong nga Anak, basi diri unta mamatay an ngatanan nga nasarig ha iya, kundi makaangkon han dayon nga kinabuhi.

## SERBIAN

JER BOG JE TAKO ZAVOLEO SVET DA JE SVOG JEDINORODNOG SINA DAO,DA SVAKI KO VERUJE U NJEGA NE PROPADNE,NEGO DA IMA VECNI ZIVOT.

## SLOVAK

„Lebo tak Boh miloval svet, že svojho jednorodeného Syna dal, aby nezahynul, ale večný život mal každý, kto verí v Neho.“

## SLOVENIAN

Kajti tako je Bog ljubil svet, da je dal Sina svojega edinorojenega, da se ne pogubi, kdorkoli veruje vanj, temvec da ima vecno zivljenje.

## TAJIK

«Зеро Худо чахонро чунон дӯст дошт, ки Писари ягонаи Худо дод, то ҳар кӣ ба Ӯ имон оварад, талаф наштад, балки ҳаёти ҷовидонӣ ёбад.

## TIGRINYA

በቲ ሓደ ወዱ ዝኣመነ ዘበለ ኹሉ ናይ ዘለዓለም ሕይወት ምእንቲ ኺረክብ እምበር ከይጠፍእሊ፥ እምላኽ ንወዱ በጃ ኽሳብ ዚህብ ክሳብ ክንድዚ ንዓለም ኣፍቀራ።

## TSONGA

Hikuva Xikwembu xi rhandzile misava swonghasi, xi ko xi nyika N'wana wa xona la nga un'we, leswaku un'wana ni un'wana la pfumelaka ka yena, a nga lovi, kambe a va ni vutomi lebyi nga heriki.

## TURKISH

Çünkü Tanrı dünyayı o kadar çok sevdi ki, biricik Oğlunu verdi. Öyle ki, O'na iman edenlerin hiçbiri mahvolmasın, ama hepsi sonsuz yaşama kavuşsun.

## UKRANIAN

Так бо Бог полюбив світ, що дав Сина Свого Однородженого, щоб кожен, хто вірує в Нього, не эгинув, але мав життя вічне.

## VENDA

Mudzimu shango o li funa zwihulu lwe a vhuya a kumedza Murwa wawe muthihi fhedzi, uri munwe na munwe ane a mu fulufhela a si lovhe, tshawe hu vhe u wana vhutshilo vhu sa gumi.

## WELSH

Do , carodd Duw y byd gymaint nes iddo roi ei unig Fab, er mwyn i bob un sy'n credu ynddo ef beidio â mynd i ddistryw ond cael bywyd tragwyddol.





## SUGGESTED READINGS

### From the Old Testament

The beginning	Genesis 1
The fall of man	Genesis 3
The flood	Genesis 6-8
Abraham tested	Genesis 22
Jacob's dream at Bethel	Genesis 28
The birth of Moses	Exodus 2
Moses and the burning bush	Exodus 3
Manna and quail	Exodus 16
Moses and the glory of the Lord	Exodus 33
Balaam's donkey	Numbers 22
The death of Moses	Deuteronomy 34
The Lord instructs Joshua	Joshua 1
Crossing the Jordan	Joshua 3
The fall of Jericho	Joshua 5,6
Gideon defeats the Midianites	Judges 7
The Lord calls Samuel	1 Samuel 3
David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17
Elijah on Mount Carmel	1 Kings 18
Benefits of wisdom	Proverbs 3
Sayings of the wise	Proverbs 22
The wife of noble character	Proverbs 31
Remember your Creator while young	Ecclesiastes 11,12
Isaiah's commission	Isaiah 6
To us a Child is born	Isaiah 9
Comfort for God's people	Isaiah 40
The suffering and glory of the Servant	Isaiah 52,53
Invitation to the thirsty	Isaiah 55
Jehoiakim burns Jeremiah's scroll	Jeremiah 36
The writing on the wall	Daniel 5
Daniel in the lions' den	Daniel 6



## SUGGESTED READINGS

### From the Psalms

The way of righteousness	Psalm	1
A plea for mercy		6
The God of creation		8
God's witness		19
The suffering of the Messiah		22
The shepherd psalm		23
Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?		24
A plea for pardon		25
The Lord is my light and my salvation		27
A psalm of forgiveness		32
The Lord is good		34
The greatness and glory of God		48
A psalm of repentance		51
He alone is my rock and my salvation		62
Longing for God		63
Remember the Lord		77
How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord		84
Worship and warning		95
O worship the Lord		96
The praise of a pardoned people		103
I love the Lord because he hears me		116
A song of the redeemed		118
In praise of God's Word (the longest psalm)		119
Where does my help come from?		121
Building a house		127
Penitence and pardon		130
His love endures for ever		136
Hear my prayer, O Lord		143
Great is the Lord		145
Praise the Lord		146

## SUGGESTED READINGS

### From the New Testament

The Son of God becomes man	John 1:1-18
Jesus Christ is born	Luke 2:1-20
Jesus' childhood	Matthew 2:1-23
Jesus introduced by John the Baptist	Matthew 3:1-17
His life's work begins	Luke 4:1-21
Jesus feeds the five thousand	Mark 6:30-56
Jesus heals the sick and calms the storm	Matthew 8:1-34
The parable of the sower	Matthew 13:1-23
Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven	Matthew 13:24-52
Parable of the lost son	Luke 15:11-32
Parable of the talents	Luke 19:11-27
Jesus rides into Jerusalem	Luke 19:28-48
The Last Supper	Luke 22:1-23
A parting message	John 14:1-21
Jesus arrested	Mark 14:32-56
The trial of Jesus	Mark 15:1-20
Jesus crucified	Luke 23:32-56
The resurrection	Matthew 28:1-20
The ascension	Acts 1:1-14
The Holy Spirit comes	Acts 2:1-39
The Ethiopian converted	Acts 8:26-40
Paul converted	Acts 9:1-25
Paul preaches in Athens	Acts 17:16-34
Paul's defence before King Agrippa	Acts 26:1-29
God and sin	Romans 1:16-32
Becoming a Christian	Romans 10:1-17
Faith, wisdom and perseverance	James 1:1-27
The last days	2 Peter 3:1-18
A new heaven and a new earth	Revelation 21:1-27
Jesus is coming soon	Revelation 22:1-21





### The Books of the Old Testament

Genesis	Ecclesiastes
Exodus	Song of Songs
Leviticus	Isaiah
Numbers	Jeremiah
Deuteronomy	Lamentations
Joshua	Ezekiel
Judges	Daniel
Ruth	Hosea
1 Samuel	Joel
2 Samuel	Amos
1 Kings	Obadiah
2 Kings	Jonah
1 Chronicles	Micah
2 Chronicles	Nahum
Ezra	Habakkuk
Nehemiah	Zephaniah
Esther	Haggai
Job	Zechariah
Psalms	Malachi
Proverbs	

I came to know the Lord three or four years ago in the middle years of secondary school. Now I am in my final year of sixth form and have been reading a Gideon Bible that my father gave me for about one and a half years. Although I have always been grateful for it, particularly in times of trouble, tonight has shown me a much greater power that the Word can have. While I feared I had committed the greatest sin of my life, I prayed and took in several of the passages specified for times of difficulty. I was comforted, I was corrected and I was given hope and understanding.



## The Books of the New Testament

Matthew	1 Timothy
Mark	2 Timothy
Luke	Titus
John	Philemon
Acts	Hebrews
Romans	James
1 Corinthians	1 Peter
2 Corinthians	2 Peter
Galatians	1 John
Ephesians	2 John
Philippians	3 John
Colossians	Jude
1 Thessalonians	Revelation
2 Thessalonians	

If you would like a free 'Bible Reading Calendar' to help you read the whole Bible, Genesis to Revelation, in one year, send a stamped, addressed envelope, marked 'Bible Reading Calendar' to The Gideons International at the address on page 2 of this booklet.





# DAILY READINGS

## From the New Testament - 1st year

A constant presence in my life is my New Testament. Its well thumbed pages have been read from cover to cover thanks to the "Daily Readings" guide which breaks the text into daily manageable chunks. It was been a source of comfort at times of crisis and a constant guide in faith.

JANUARY		JANUARY CONTD		FEBRUARY CONTD		MARCH CONTD		APRIL CONTD	
Day	Luke								
1	3:21-38	29	9:1-9	22	11:29-36	19	18:31-43		
2	4:1-12	30	9:10-17	23	11:37-54	20	19:1-10	14	24:13-27
3	4:13-21	31	9:18-27	24	12:1-12	21	19:11-27	15	24:28-35
4	4:22-30			25	12:13-21	22	19:28-38	16	24:36-53
5	4:31-37	FEBRUARY		26	12:22-34	23	19:39-48	2 Timothy	
6	4:38-44	1	9:28-36	27	12:35-48	24	20:1-8	17	1:1-18
7	5:1-11	2	9:37-45	28	12:49-59	25	20:9-19	18	2:1-13
8	5:12-16	3	9:46-50			26	20:20-26	19	2:14-26
9	5:17-26	4	9:51-62	MARCH		27	20:27-40	20	3:1-9
10	5:27-32	5	10:1-16	Luke		28	20:41-47	21	3:10-17
11	5:33-39	6	10:17-24	1	13:1-9	29	21:1-9	22	4:1-8
12	6:1-11	7	10:25-37	2	13:10-21	30	21:10-24	23	4:9-22
13	6:12-26	8	10:38-42	3	13:22-30	31	21:25-38	Galatians	
14	6:27-36	1 Timothy		4	13:31-35	APRIL		24	1:1-10
15	6:37-42	9	1:1-11	5	14:1-14	Luke		25	1:11-24
16	6:43-49	10	1:12-20	6	14:15-24	1	22:1-13	26	2:1-10
17	7:1-10	11	2:1-15	7	14:25-35	2	22:14-30	27	2:11-21
18	7:11-17	12	3:1-16	8	15:1-10	3	22:31-38	28	3:1-14
19	7:18-28	13	4:1-8	9	15:11-32	4	22:39-46	30 {	3:26-29 4:1-7
20	7:29-35	14	4:9-16	10	16:1-9	5	22:47-53		
21	7:36-50	15	5:1-16	11	16:10-18	6	22:54-62		
22	8:1-8	16	5:17-25	12	16:19-31	7	22:63-71		
23	8:9-15	17	6:1-10	13	17:1-10	8	23:1-12		
24	8:16-21	18	6:11-16	14	17:11-19	9	23:13-25		
25	8:22-25	19	6:17-21	15	17:20-37	10	23:26-43		
26	8:26-39	Luke		16	18:1-8	11	23:44-49		
27	8:40-48	20	11:1-13	17	18:9-17	12	23:50-56		
28	8:49-56	21	11:14-28	18	18:18-30	13	24:1-12		

# DAILY READINGS

## From the New Testament - 1st year continued

MAY	JUNE	JUNE CONTD	JULY CONTD	AUGUST CONTD
Galatians	1 8:26-40	John	28 8:31-41	25 2:1-13
1 4:8-20	1 Corinthians	29 1:1-18	29 8:42-47	26 2:14-26
2 4:21-31	2 1:1-9	30 1:19-28	30 8:48-59	27 3:1-12
3 5:1-12	3 1:10-17		31 9:1-12	28 3:13-18
4 5:13-26	4 1:18-31	JULY		29 4:1-10
5 6:1-18	5 2:1-10	1 1:29-42	AUGUST	
Acts		2 1:43-51	1 9:13-25	30 4:11-17
6 1:1-11	7 3:1-9	3 2:1-11	2 9:26-41	31 5:1-12
7 1:12-26	8 3:10-23	4 2:12-25	3 10:1-10	
8 2:1-13	9 4:1-13	5 3:1-15	4 10:11-21	
9 2:14-21	10 4:14-21	6 3:16-21	5 10:22-30	
10 2:22-36	11 5:1-13	7 3:22-36	6 10:31-42	
11 2:37-47	12 6:1-11	8 4:1-15	Revelation	
12 3:1-10	13 6:12-20	9 4:16-26	7 1:1-8	
13 3:11-16	14 7:1-16	10 4:27-42	8 1:9-20	
14 3:17-26	15 7:17-40	11 4:43-54	9 2:1-11	
15 4:1-12	16 8:1-13	12 5:1-15	10 2:12-29	
16 4:13-22	17 9:1-14	13 5:16-30	11 3:1-13	
17 4:23-31	18 9:15-27	14 5:31-47	12 3:14-22	
18 4:32-37	19 10:1-13	15 6:1-15	13 4:1-11	
19 5:1-11	20 10:14-22	16 6:16-24	14 5:1-14	
20 5:12-16	21 10:23-33	17 6:25-40	15 6:1-17	
21 5:17-26	Colossians		16 7:1-8	
22 5:27-42	22 1:1-14	19 6:60-71	17 7:9-17	
23 6:1-7	23 1:15-23	20 7:1-13	18 8:1-13	
24 6:8-15	24 {	21 7:14-24	19 9:1-21	
25 7:1-10		22 7:25-36	20 10:1-11	
26 7:11-22	25 2:6-23	23 7:37-44	21 11:1-14	
27 7:23-38	26 3:1-17	24 7:45-53	22 11:15-19	
28 7:39-53	27 {	25 8:1-11	James	
29 7:54-60		26 8:12-20	23 1:1-18	
30 8:1-8	28 4:2-18	27 8:21-30	24 1:19-27	
31 8:9-25				



# DAILY READINGS

## From the New Testament - 1st year continued

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	DECEMBER CONTD
1 5:13-20 <b>1 Corinthians</b>	1 15:1-8	1 3:1-8	1 11:25-36	30 4:12-25
2 11:1-16	2 15:9-17	2 3:9-20	2 12:1-8	31 5:1-12
3 11:17-34	3 15:18-27	3 3:21-31	3 12:9-21	
4 12:1-11	4 16:1-4	4 4:1-12	4 13:1-7	
5 12:12-31	5 16:5-16	5 4:13-25	5 13:8-14	
6 13:1-13	6 16:17-24	6 5:1-11	6 14:1-12	
7 14:1-12	7 16:25-33	7 5:12-21	7 14:13-23	
8 14:13-25	8 17:1-5	8 6:1-14	8 15:1-13	
9 14:26-40	9 17:6-19	9 6:15-23	9 15:14-22	
10 15:1-11	10 17:20-26	10 7:1-6	10 15:23-33	
11 15:12-34	11 18:1-14	11 7:7-25	11 16:1-16	
12 15:35-49	12 18:15-18	12 8:1-8	12 16:17-27	
13 15:50-58	13 18:19-27	13 8:9-17	<b>Titus</b>	
14 16:1-12	14 18:28-40	14 8:18-27	13 1:1-16	
15 16:13-24	15 19:1-7	15 8:28-39	14 2:1-15	
<b>John</b>	16 19:8-16	<b>1 Peter</b>	15 3:1-15	
16 11:1-16	17 19:16-22	16 1:1-12	<b>Philemon</b>	
17 11:17-31	18 19:23-27	17 1:13-25	16 1-7	
18 11:32-44	19 19:28-37	18 2:1-12	17 8-25	
19 11:45-57	20 19:38-42	19 2:13-25	<b>2 Peter</b>	
20 12:1-11	21 20:1-9	20 3:1-12	18 1:1-11	
21 12:12-19	22 20:10-18	21 3:13-22	19 1:12-21	
22 12:20-36	23 20:19-23	22 4:1-11	20 2:1-10	
23 12:37-43	24 20:24-31	23 4:12-19	21 2:11-22	
24 12:44-50	25 21:1-14	24 5:1-14	22 3:1-18	
25 13:1-17	26 21:15-25	<b>Romans</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	
26 13:18-30	<b>Romans</b>	25 9:1-18	23 1:1-17	
27 13:31-38	27 1:1-7	26 9:19-33	24 1:18-25	
28 14:1-7	28 1:8-17	27 10:1-13	25 2:1-12	
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<b>Day Matthew</b>	1 13:53-58 <b>Philippians</b>	1 19:16-22	1 26:47-56	1 10:12-18
1 5:13-26	2 1:1-11	2 19:23-30	2 26:57-68	2 11:1-15
2 5:27-37	3 1:12-30	3 20:1-16	3 26:69-75	3 11:16-33
3 5:38-48	4 2:1-11	4 20:17-28	4 27:1-10	4 12:1-10
4 6:1-15	5 2:12-18	5 20:29-34	5 27:11-26	5 12:11-21
5 6:16-24	6 2:19-30	6 21:1-11	6 27:27-31	6 13:1-14
6 6:25-34	7 3:1-11	7 21:12-17	7 27:32-44	<b>Hebrews</b>
7 7:1-12	8 3:12-21	8 21:18-22	8 27:45-56	7 1:1-14
8 7:13-23	9 4:1-9	9 21:23-27	9 27:57-61	8 2:1-18
9 7:24-29	10 4:10-23	10 21:28-32	10 27:62-66	9 3:1-6
10 8:1-13	11 4:14-22	11 21:33-46	11 28:1-10	10 3:7-19
11 8:14-22	12 8:23-27	12 22:1-14	12 28:11-15	11 4:1-11
12 8:28-34	13 8:28-34	13 22:15-22	13 28:16-20	12 4:12-16
13 9:1-13	14 9:1-13	14 22:23-33	<b>2 Corinthians</b>	13 5:1-14
14 9:14-26	15 9:14-26	15 22:34-40	14 1:1-11	14 6:1-12
15 9:27-38	16 10:1-15	16 22:41-46	15 1:12-24	15 6:13-20
16 10:16-31	17 10:16-31	17 23:1-12	16 2:1-11	16 7:1-10
17 10:32-42	18 10:32-42	18 23:13-28	17 2:12-17	17 7:11-22
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20 12:1-14	21 12:1-14	21 24:15-25	20 4:1-18	<b>Acts</b>
21 12:15-21	22 12:15-21	22 24:26-35	21 5:1-10	20 9:1-9
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1 12:20-25	1 12:14-21	1 8:1-13	<b>2 Thessalonians</b>	25 11:12-19
2 13:1-12	2 12:22-29	2 8:14-21	31 1:1-12	26 11:20-26
3 13:13-20	3 13:1-14	3 8:22-30		27 11:27-33
4 13:21-31	4 13:15-25	4 8:31-38	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	28 12:1-12
5 13:32-41	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Revelation</b>	1 2:1-16	29 12:13-17
6 13:42-52	5 1:1-8	5 12:1-17	2 3:1-18	30 12:18-27
7 14:1-7	6 1:9-20	6 13:1-10	<b>1 John</b>	
8 14:8-20	7 1:21-34	7 13:11-18	3 1:1-10	
9 14:21-28	8 1:35-45	8 14:1-13	4 2:1-14	
10 15:1-11	9 2:1-12	9 14:14-20	5 2:15-29	
11 15:12-21	10 2:13-17	10 15:1-8	6 3:1-10	
12 15:22-35	11 2:18-28	11 16:1-21	7 3:11-24	
13 15:36-41	12 3:1-12	12 17:1-18	8 4:1-6	
14 16:1-5	13 3:13-19	13 18:1-10	9 4:7-21	
15 16:6-10	14 3:20-30	14 18:11-24	10 5:1-12	
16 16:11-15	15 3:31-35	15 19:1-10	11 5:13-21	
17 16:16-24	16 4:1-12	16 19:11-21	<b>2 John</b>	
18 16:25-34	17 4:13-20	17 20:1-6	12 1-13	
19 16:35-40	18 4:21-25	18 20:7-15	<b>3 John</b>	
<b>Hebrews</b>	19 4:26-34	19 21:1-14	13 1-14	
20 9:1-10	20 4:35-41	20 21:15-27	<b>Mark</b>	
21 9:11-22	21 5:1-20	21 22:1-9	14 9:1-13	
22 9:23-28	22 5:21-34	22 22:10-21	15 9:14-27	
23 10:1-18	23 5:35-43	<b>1 Thessalonians</b>	16 9:28-37	
24 10:19-31	24 6:1-6	23 1:1-10	17 9:38-50	
25 10:32-39	25 6:7-13	24 2:1-12	18 10:1-12	
26 11:1-12	26 6:14-29	25 2:13-20	19 10:13-16	
27 11:13-22	27 6:30-44	26 3:1-13	20 10:17-22	
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29 11:32-40	29 7:1-13	28 4:13-18	22 10:32-45	
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<b>Mark</b>	1 19:32-41	1 28:23-31	
1 12:28-34	2 20:1-6	<b>Ephesians</b>	30 3:7-14
2 12:35-40	3 20:7-12	2 1:1-14	31 3:15-20
3 12:41-44	4 20:13-24	3 1:15-23	
4 13:1-13	5 20:25-38	4 2:1-10	
5 13:14-23	6 21:1-9	5 2:11-22	
6 13:24-31	7 21:10-16	6 3:1-13	
7 13:32-37	8 21:17-26	7 3:14-21	
8 14:1-11	9 21:27-36	8 4:1-16	
9 14:12-16	10 21:37-40	9 4:17-32	
10 14:17-26	11 22:1-16	10 5:1-14	
11 14:27-31	12 22:17-29	11 5:15-20	
12 14:32-42	13 { 22:30 23:1-11	12 5:21-33	
13 14:43-52		13 6:1-9	
14 14:53-65	14 23:12-22	14 6:10-24	
15 14:66-72	15 23:23-35	<b>Jude</b>	
16 15:1-15	16 24:1-9	15 1-16	
17 15:16-20	17 24:10-21	16 17-25	
18 15:21-32	18 24:22-27	<b>Luke</b>	
19 15:33-47	19 25:1-12	17 1:1-4	
20 16:1-8	20 25:13-22	18 1:5-25	
21 16:9-20	21 25:23-27	19 1:26-38	
<b>Acts</b>	22 26:1-11	20 1:39-45	
22 17:1-9	23 26:12-23	21 1:46-56	
23 17:10-15	24 26:24-32	22 1:57-66	
24 17:16-23	25 27:1-12	23 1:67-80	
25 17:24-34	26 27:13-26	24 2:1-7	
26 18:1-8	27 27:27-44	25 2:8-20	
27 18:9-17	28 28:1-10	26 2:21-35	
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## MY COMMITMENT

### God's love

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**John 3:16**

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 5:8**

### All are sinners

As it is written: There is no-one righteous, not even one.

**Romans 3:10**

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**Romans 3:23**

### God's remedy

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 6:23**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**Romans 10:13**

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

**1 Corinthians 15:3,4**

### Your response

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

**Revelation 3:20**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**1 John 1:9**

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become the children of God.

**John 1:12**



# MY COMMITMENT

## My Commitment

I confess to God that I am a sinner. I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for my sins on the cross. I believe that God raised him from the dead. I now repent of my sins. I receive him as my Saviour. I confess him as Lord.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

After making your decision to receive Christ, we encourage you to seek a local church, congregation or assembly that will assist you in growing as a new Christian by the clear teaching of the Bible.

## God's promises

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Romans 10:9**

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

**John 5:24**

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand.

**John 10:27,28**

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**John 20:31**

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**1 John 5:13**



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**My name is Philip, I am 15 years old and a few weeks ago I was distraught, nothing felt real and my life seemed pointless. I hoped that God might help me through this difficult time but was unsure what to do. Then I remembered the Gideon's Bible I received at my school. I went up to my bedroom and found it, I looked at the "Where to find help when" section. One passage John 14:1-3 was so comforting. I have now found God and would like to offer my thanks to your organisation.**