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#### Lifewords Prayer, February 2025

You will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV)

Prayer is vital to everything we do. We want to follow Jesus' example and connect with God; to ask for peace, transformation, salvation; and to pray for the impact of Lifewords work around the world. Please join us as we pray this month.

# 2–8 February

#### **Hands and Hearts**

Good Works Mission is a Polish umbrella organisation of churches and charities working together to help Ukrainians impacted by the conflict. Its ministry includes taking practical aid into Ukraine as well as supporting Ukrainians in Poland – helping them with accommodation at the start of the war, finding a local church, and settling their young people into education. Their "Good Centre" in Warsaw supports refugees, providing assistance such as food, clothing, and material support to over 100 people daily.

Building relationships and offering people spiritual hope is key, and Lifewords is privileged to play a part by supplying Ukrainian Bible resources that offer comfort, hope, and the message of God's presence amid suffering. Radek Gasza, Good Works Mission Director, explains more: "From the beginning, our goal has been not only to offer products to anonymous recipients, but to build lasting relationships and support specific communities. Lifewords resources are an important part of this work – Bible resources are offered at the Good Centre and are included with every food bag that we distribute in Ukraine. These people really need help and sometimes we have no time for long conversations, but these resources have a short, condensed message, so this is very good for a first meeting."

"I moved to Poland a year after the full-scale war began," says Yana. "To say I was in despair is an understatement. One day, when I received a hygiene package at the centre, I saw that there were some booklets inside that talked about God. I was very intrigued. What was written in the booklet greatly encouraged me. I felt that God understood me and was in control of every situation. This inspired me to learn more about God. Later, I met people who shared their life experiences and told me how they had come to know God. You can't imagine how valuable and important such support is."

>> This text is adapted from the feature, Hands and Hearts, in the latest issue of *Interact*. Visit <u>www.lifewords.global/get-involved/interact</u> to read more.

#### Pray with us

Give thanks for Good Works Mission and its ministry in Poland and Ukraine, for how it is supporting and reaching many people. Praise God for Lifewords Ukrainian Bible resources, for how they are helping people discover God's hope, peace, and comfort.

Pray for Radek and the Good Works Mission team – pray for strength, resilience, and hope as they continue to minister in devasting circumstances.

# 9–15 February

### **Choose Life Spanish**

Choose Life, originally designed for use in Africa, has now been translated into Spanish for use in Latin America. Jarek Jankowski, Global Bible Resources Director, explains more:

"Early last year, Lifewords introduced a series of five Choose Life booklets in Spanish. Designed for schools and children's ministries, this gospel-centred curriculum builds Christian values in younger generations. These new materials mirrored the success of our Choose Life series in Brazilian Portuguese, which is exclusively distributed to approved partners. The response was very encouraging: by the end of the year, these Spanish-language materials had been distributed to partners in nine Latin American countries, including Colombia, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico. This marked a significant opening in the region, fostering connections with ministries and organisations previously unreached. In total, the Choose Life resources in Spanish and Portuguese were used by 71 partners in Latin America."

### Pray with us

Give thanks for Choose Life and for the impact it has on young people, helping them engage with the world from God's perspective. Praise God for this new phase of Choose Life and for the 71 partners who are using the resources in Latin America.

Pray that Choose Life would bring about change and help young people as they interact with their friends, families, and communities.

### 16–22 February

### Lifewords in Action

Lifewords ministry is fuelled by the prayerful generosity of individuals, trusts, and churches. Every gift, every donation makes a huge difference and helps bring life all over the world.

From the creative process and bringing a resource to life, to distributing material all over the world and the "back-room" work, to building relationships and engaging with culture, our supporters help Lifewords to continue to create ways into the Bible for people to explore and share, to practice and experience, to engage and live out – so that they find life in all its fullness. Thank you for your continued support through prayer and giving.

>> Discover more about the behind-the-scenes processes and how your gifts are used to help others, in the Lifewords in Action article in the latest issue of *Interact*. Visit <u>www.lifewords.global/get-involved/interact</u> to read more.

### Pray with us

Give thanks for the generosity of Lifewords supporters who make it possible for others around the world to carry out their mission or outreach work using the context-specific, Scripture-rich resources we provide. Praise God for our global community who are committed to sharing the Bible's life-giving message and to making a lasting difference in people's lives. Pray that as we continue in partnership together, we can keep reaching the world with this lifechanging story.

## 23 February – 1 March 50 Languages Project

Last year was the first full year that we were able to offer a comprehensive range of resources in 50 world languages, thanks to our 50 languages project. "These resources empowered Christians and churches worldwide to share good news effectively in diverse and multilingual contexts, and reach people of different languages and cultures," says Jarek Jankowski, Global Bible Resources Director. "The core publications from the project, *An Invitation* and *Finding Hope*, remained highly popular in cosmopolitan and multilingual settings. Their impact was so strong that multiple reprints were required throughout the year to meet high demand."

The availability of resources in 50 languages facilitated unexpected growth in regions where we previously had minimal engagement. Jarek explains: "In Portugal – where we had done little prior promotion – our European Portuguese materials garnered organic interest and orders. By the end of the year, Portugal had become our fifth-largest distribution country. It underscores the importance of accessible and relevant Bible resources in creating fresh opportunities for mission."

### Pray with us

Give thanks for the success of the 50 languages project and for how it is helping Christians all over the world reach out with the Bible. Give thanks for how the creation of new resources has seen growth and new outreach in Portugal.

Pray for Jarek and the team in Poland as they continue to research, create, and distribute resources in different languages. Pray that they will see more growth and a greater impact as God's Word is shared all over the world.

Thank you for praying with us! Your partnership in prayer is vital to all that we do as we share the Bible's life words around the world. You can make a donation to our work online at <u>www.lifewords.global/donate</u>, by post, or by calling 020 7730 2155.