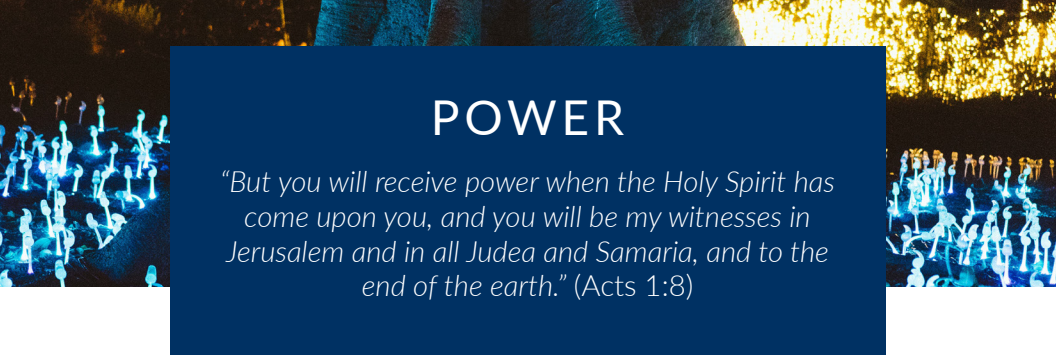




The Promises of God

TWR CANADA PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL GUIDE FOR
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POWER

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Jesus rose from the dead and showed himself to around five hundred eyewitnesses in the span of forty days. After those few days, it was time for Jesus to return to the Father. From the perspective of the disciples, this must have been a hard transition. They had suffered the brutal loss of their dear friend, good teacher and long-awaited Messiah, and now, after just receiving him back, they had to say goodbye again.

Jesus had instructed them to go to their neighbours and all over the world to tell others about what they had seen and heard, and to make disciples (Matt. 28:18-20). This was a big job and there may well have been anxiety about doing this without him. Only, they weren't called to do it without him. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would go with them and dwell in them and empower them for every good work. He promised that through his Spirit they would receive the power they needed to carry out this task.

This job that the disciples were given is given to us too. We are called to send and to go and to make disciples. The Holy Spirit and the power to carry out this task is given to us too.

This power is not some superpower by which we have superhuman strength and abilities to change or save the world but is the all-powerful God of the universe living in us and using us for the expansion of his kingdom! The Holy Spirit enables us to go, send, make disciples, and even just make it through the day!

He is the source of our power which completely removes any room for us to boast in our own strength. The Holy Spirit in us enables us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and to lean not on our own understanding (Prov. 3:5).

Let us approach this mission with confidence in the God who sends us and confidence that he will give us the power we need for each new day.

Missionaries

Our missionaries serve in a variety of countries, including here in Canada! Using their God-given skills and passion, they are the on-the-ground workers in the field.

December

- 31. Pray that God would stir up new missionaries from Canada to go out and support the work of TWR around the world.

January

- 1. Pray for Greg and Ingrid Clarke in their roles as station manager and finance manager at the Eswatini transmitter site.
- 2. Pray for the Dunlop family in South Africa. Nathan is working on several audio and video production projects for TWR globally, and Megan continues her role of social and relational facilitator in the office.
- 3. Steve Shantz leads TWR's global digital media ministry. Pray for him as he works with teams around the world to build and enhance their digital outreach.
- 4. Pray for Carol Hawkins as she works in the London office calling donors to thank them and pray with them.
- 5. Pray for Stephen and Teresa Murray in South Africa as they continue to build relationships with their coworkers and community.
- 6. Pray for McDaniel Phillips in his role as global ambassador for Discipleship Essentials, mentoring and encouraging partners.





REST

“Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

Jesus promises to give us rest but that doesn't necessarily mean we'll all be getting a perfect eight hours of sleep each night! The rest that Jesus promises extends beyond just the physical. Yes, he is our sustainer in a physical sense, but he promises even greater, more life-giving rest.

During the time of Jesus' ministry on earth, the Jewish people were heavily laden with religious legalism imposed by the Pharisees and religious leaders. The laws had been elaborated on and had become even more challenging to keep than they were originally, trickling all the way into the smallest details of everyday life.

The heavy enforcement of these man-made laws stripped away all room for compassion and mercy, and the people of

the day would absolutely have felt the weight and burden of it all. It may have felt that the steadfast love and compassion of God that was sung of in the Psalms had become obsolete as they tried with everything they had to earn the favour of God.

But Jesus promised and provided rest. Jesus perfectly carried out every detail of the law. He died for us, he rose for us, he intercedes for us. Because of this, even in our hardest places, our souls can find their rest in him. The burden of the law and the punishment for breaking it is upon his shoulders and the freedom of salvation is on ours!

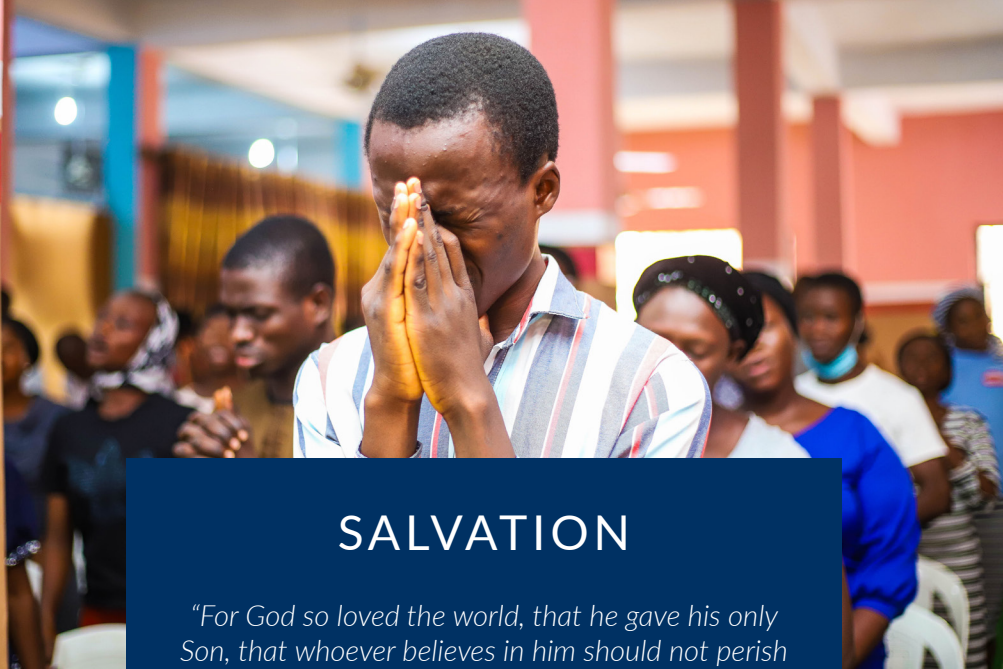
In every circumstance, let us look to Jesus and receive the rest that he has promised to give us!

Hard Places

Using media and technology, we can reach into the hardest places in the world, opening new doors to the gospel that would otherwise be impossible. When we respond to those reaching out, we share resources, offer encouragement and connect them with local believers – because life is meant to be lived in community.

7. Pray for those in hard geographic, historical, cultural, economic, and political circumstances to seek Christ and discover a meaningful relationship with him.
8. In Ukraine, we are creating a series of documentary-style videos showing how people are living in the midst of the war. Pray for the production team as they travel the country, interviewing people and filming the reality they are living in.
9. Many people in Quebec are unwilling to enter a church. However, some are willing to explore the gospel message privately in their own homes. Pray that God would open more hearts in Quebec to receive the gospel.
10. Belarus is the often-forgotten third country involved in the Russia-Ukraine war. Pray for the team there as they produce and distribute programs and meet with listeners.
11. Cuba continues to suffer from inflation and shortages that make food, basic essentials and medicine hard to find. Pray that those who seek Christ will experience lasting peace and connection through radio programs and content published online through RTM Cuba.
12. Pray for wisdom and strength for our partner Media Impact International as they engage with people on social media who are seeking after Christ in difficult circumstances.
13. Across West Africa, people gather in groups to listen to biblical programming and discuss what they have learned. Pray that each group member would grow in faith.





SALVATION

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

All of God’s attributes, his grace, his justice, his mercy, his wrath, etc., are intrinsic to who he is. None of them can be taken away and he is not divided within himself. That means that each of his attributes are active in his saving us. That being said, his steadfast love is repeatedly shown as one of the most significant motivators in our salvation.

This saving love is promised to people from all over the world. Everyone who believes in who Jesus is and what he has done is met with eternal love and life. God has promised and will not

change his mind *“that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved”* (Joel 2:32).

Because this salvation is for the world, we are called to go to the world with this promise, this good news. Salvation is for you, for your family, for your neighbour, for your co-worker, and for people of every tribe and nation and language, if only you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

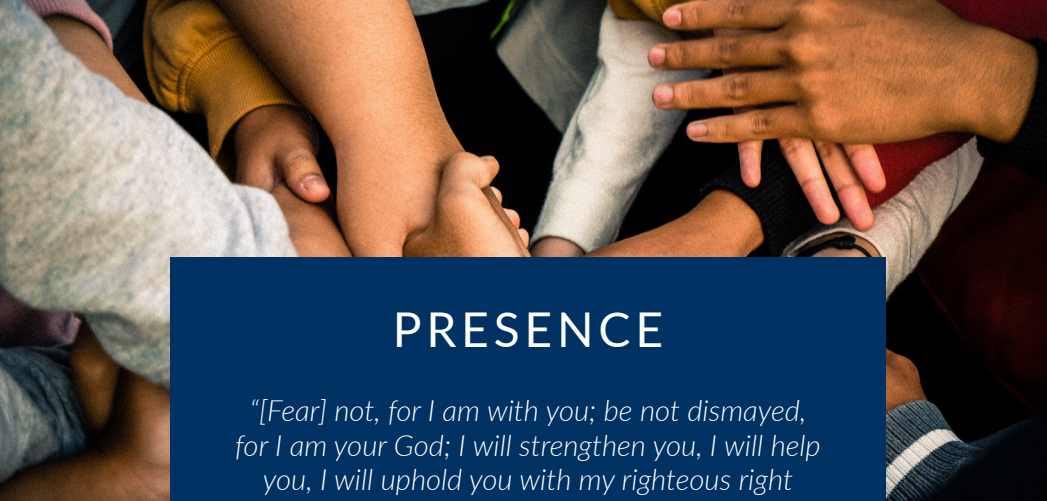
Embrace this promise of salvation today and share it near and far for the glory of God and the hope of the world!

Latin America and the Caribbean

Broadcast from the island of Bonaire, TWR programming can be heard across much of northern Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as from local FM stations. Local teams also share the hope of the gospel through on-the-ground initiatives in their communities.

14. In Uruguay, *Against the Current* encourages young adults to stand firm in their faith. Pray that listeners would be encouraged to live using a biblical worldview.
15. Praise God for the completion of the mini recording studio in Mexico! Pray for the team as they produce a program called *The Carpenter’s Workshop*, which will provide biblical marriage advice to couples across the country.
16. Pray that the Discipleship Essentials radio program broadcast in Spanish across Latin America and the Caribbean would continue to encourage spiritual growth in the lives of listeners.
17. Pray for those listening to our two Cuban programs, *Messages of Faith and Hope* and *Our Home*, broadcast from the TWR transmitter on Bonaire.
18. Please pray for RTM Cuba leader Alberto, who continues to await visa confirmation so he can join his family in the United States and carry out God’s will for him there after years of faithful service with RTM Cuba.
19. Praise God incoming RTM Cuba leader Moisés has already recorded over 66 new programs of *Messages of Faith and Hope*! Pray his youthful vigor will stir the hearts of Cuba to experience the hope of Christ.
20. Praise God that the new RTM Colombia office and studio is operational! Pray for the team as they finish setting up equipment and that the programs they have started producing will lead people across the country to God’s saving Word.





PRESENCE

"[Fear] not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

Psalms 139 tells us that everywhere we go, God is present there. He fills this world. There is no escaping his presence. For this reason, from time to time we can take this promise of God being with us for granted. We may come to the logical conclusion that if God is in every space, then of course that includes the spaces that we are in.

But there is a difference between his omnipresence and his covenantal presence.

No matter where we are, God fills that space, but for those who believe in Christ, we have his presence in a unique way. Not only is he all around us but he lives within us by his Spirit. Everywhere we go we carry him with us and he carries us everywhere we go.

God has always promised to be with his people. All throughout biblical history he has been present with his people. In the Garden of Eden, in the Ark, with Abraham and his children, in the wilderness, with returning exiles, in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and now by his Holy Spirit. We are never alone or apart from him. Beyond that, there is no hidden place, whether within our hearts or around the world, that God cannot reach. The unreached people of the world can be reached by the grace, power and presence of God and the unreached places in our hearts can be reached and healed by him too.

Let us rest and trust in the promise of God's loving presence with and around us.

Hidden Places

Everyone should have access to the gospel, no matter where they are. We share the hope of the gospel with and provide fellowship to those who are isolated due to geography, culture or simply where access to Christianity is limited. Using technology and through small groups, house churches and training, people can access God's grace and grow in faith, knowing the truth of life and being reminded that they are not alone.

21. Pray for access to the gospel for those around the world who are isolated due to geography, culture or where access to Christianity is limited.
22. The Roma population in North Macedonia is hesitant to enter a church or publicly acknowledge their faith for fear of rejection from family and friends. Pray for peace for believers and praise God for the ways *Voice of Truth* speaks into their lives over the radio.
23. Japan is the second largest unreached people group in the world. Pray for those across Japan who will hear the truth of Jesus through the SON-Lift project, which shares stories from the Gospels in audio programs.
24. Pray for believers in Bangladesh who face discrimination and attacks for their faith. Pray that hearts would be encouraged and find safety and spiritual connection through radio home groups.
25. Praise God for the technology which allows us to speak hope into hidden places!
26. Pray for believers in Nepal to grow in faith and feel connected to God and his Church through listening to audio programming and discussing what they have learned together in radio home groups.
27. Pray for the effective distribution of biblical resources and portable devices and that believers who are in hiding or who lack access to such resources would receive what they need to grow closer to God.





INSTRUCTION

*“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.”
(Psalm 32:8)*

No matter who you are, it is very likely that you have at some point struggled to find the right words to say, especially when it comes to questions and conversations about faith. Whether you are a pastor tackling sermon prep, a missionary overseas, an employee in a company with few to no believers, a mom or dad to curious children, or anything else in between, sometimes we feel stumped.

It is in these moments of wondering and searching for the right words that we tend to realize how deeply we need an all-knowing God to instruct us.

The good news is that this is the kind of God we have! We have a God who gives wisdom generously (James 1:5), who tells us the way in which to walk (Is. 30:21), and who gives

us the words to say when we need them (Mark 13:11).

That certainly doesn't mean that we will never stumble over our words or struggle to figure out what we are meant to do, but it does mean that we have a good and wise Teacher to help us.

He instructs us and sanctifies us so that our words and actions will be good and right and effective. He is not unable to use weak or clumsy people. He makes his power and wisdom known in and through our weakness!

As we face hard conversations or decisions, let us look to our wise God and good Teacher for help trusting that whether things play out the way we hope they will or seem to go sideways, God is still using that for his glory.

Media Players

Whether listening to content in a group on a media player or privately from an SD card on their phone, these devices provide biblical teaching directly into the hands of people in their heart language.

28. Pray for TWR Canada missionary Jeremy Mullin as he assembles media player and SD card orders for use around the world.
29. Praise God for the ways media players and SD cards enable getting God's Word into the hands of people all over the world.
30. We recently distributed some media players containing an audio Bible and Thru the Bible sermons in English and French in Guinea, in partnership with a Canadian church. Pray that these players would speak hope into the lives of those who listen.
31. At our Persian ministry conferences, attendees often return home with SD cards of biblical programs and songs. Pray that this content would be an encouragement to those who listen.



February

1. In partnership with Hope and Care Outreach, we recently distributed 400 media players containing an audio New Testament, Thru the Bible sermons and *Bible Stories Alive* in English to illiterate women across Liberia, as well as 100 media players containing an audio Bible and Thru the Bible sermons in French to pastors in Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea. Pray these media players will be a blessing and encouragement to those who receive them.
2. Pray for the continued distribution of media players in Chile and Peru, in partnership with ShareWord Global and Thru the Bible.
3. Pray for the continued distribution of media players across West Africa, in partnership with GAIN.



SAFETY

“The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.”
(Psalm 9:9-10)

Most of us have a designated “safe place” or “comfort zone.” A place where we can rest or hide or draw back from the chaos. Not every place feels that way though. Some have hostile workplaces, schools or mission fields, or even hostile families and homes. Even our so-called “safe places” and “comfort zones” are not entirely safe or closed off. We carry our worries, our weariness, our anxieties and our pain into these spaces. We cannot fully escape the turmoil of our own hearts and minds. We can only stress eat, doom scroll and distract ourselves for so long before our worries and cares catch up with us again.

But there is a safe place, a refuge and a stronghold that trumps all other comfort zones. The Lord God is a stronghold for the oppressed, for the weary, for the fearful. He is not a distraction from our very real pains and problems but a dwelling place for us to cling to and rest in as we walk through our pain and problems.

There is no safer place to be than in the arms of the Lord! There is no greater security than trusting yourself into God’s care. He has not forsaken those who put their trust in him. Our circumstances may not change for the better in this lifetime but let us trust that God is our constant and unshaken stronghold.

Hostile Places

Where Christian believers face persecution and restrictions, we provide safe and accessible means through technology and discipleship conferences for them to hear the gospel, be discipled and grow in faith.

4. Pray for the safety of believers in dangerous areas of the world and that God would work through technology to reach into lives with the hope of the gospel.
5. Pray for those across the Persian-speaking world who receive resources such as SD cards, Bibles and other resources. Pray that they would grow in faith.
6. Pray for believers in Bangladesh who face discrimination and attacks for their faith. Pray that hearts would be encouraged and find safety and spiritual connection through radio home groups.
7. Pray for wisdom and strength for our partner Media Impact International as they engage with people on social media who are seeking after Christ in difficult circumstances.
8. Pray that the persecuted in Nigeria would find encouragement and security through Discipleship Essentials, which is broadcast to French-speaking communities in West Africa and is currently in translation and production in the Hausa language.
9. Pray for the translation and production of Discipleship Essentials lessons to be used in Indonesia. Pray that these teachings will encourage persecuted hearts and equip them to continue sharing the gospel.
10. Pray for the seekers in Pakistan who are keen to know about the Bible. Pray that our signal strength and coverage will reach listeners through radio broadcasts such as *The Way of Righteousness*, which preaches the gospel, provides a biblical education and leads people to salvation.





CARE

“So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, ‘You are a God of seeing,’ for she said, ‘Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.’”
(Genesis 16:13)

Hagar’s story wasn’t a pretty one. She was the maidservant of Sarah, the woman who was promised to be the mother of a great people, of God’s people. Because Sarah and Abraham were advancing in years, Sarah came up with the not-so-trusting, less-than-brilliant idea that Abraham should have a child with Hagar instead of Sarah, his wife. God had made the promise to Abraham with his wife in mind, but Sarah and Abraham tried to make things happen on their own time and with their own plan as if God was not going to keep his promise.

Sure enough, Hagar became pregnant with Abraham’s son, but this was not the son that God was talking about when he made his promise to Abraham, and God told him as much.

Even so, and though God’s promise to Abraham and Sarah remained intact, Sarah grew

bitter towards Hagar and sent her and her unborn child away. It was following this exile that Hagar felt she had no option but to wait in the wilderness until she and her unborn child died. But God had not abandoned Hagar. Even though she was not the one chosen to be the mother of this nation, she was still precious in his sight. He promised that he had heard her and cared for her and would make her offspring into a great nation too. In that moment, Hagar saw God for who he is. She saw and believed that he is a God who hears and cares and she was right!

No matter how bright, shiny and pretty, or dull, painful and messy our situation is, God cares for us. He is the God who sees, hears and cares. Let us remember that he will not forsake us but will keep his promise to hear us and care for us.

Canada

TWR Canada provides resources for the Canadian Church, as well as tools to help share the hope of Jesus in the heart languages of our neighbours.

11. Pray for the post-production and marketing plans of CultureCross, a tool for the Canadian church to assist Christians in knowing how to share the gospel with people of other cultures.
12. Pray for Robert Barbeau as he grows the ministry of Every Man a Warrior in Canada. Pray that Canadian men will be equipped into faithful warriors and multiply God’s Church through this ministry.
13. Pray for the Hope Line volunteers in Quebec to have meaningful discussions with callers and to provide answers and encouragement to those seeking Christ.
14. Pray for the CRTC application process for the five new FM antennas in Quebec. Pray that the applications would be quickly approved so that more people across the province could hear the hope of the gospel across the airwaves.
15. Praise God for the ways *La Parole Vivante* opens doors for the gospel across Quebec.
16. TWR Canada provides media players for believers to use as an evangelism tool in reaching new Canadians with the gospel. Pray for those who will receive a player in their heart language.
17. Pray for God’s guidance as TWR Canada looks at other ways to provide resources for the Canadian Church.





TRANSFORMATION

*“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”
(Isaiah 43:18-19)*

Throughout this chapter in the book of Isaiah, God reminds his people that he alone is God and that they are his people whom he loves and redeems. He declares that he alone is their Saviour, even in the midst of exile and captivity. He reminds them that he is the one who *“makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters”* (Isaiah 43:16) and makes an end to their enemies.

God had done many things for his people, the likes of which had never been seen before, and he intended to do another new and amazing thing.

Though during this time his people refused to call to him and turn from their sins, still he intended to make a way for

them. He says, *“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins”* (Isaiah 43:25).

This new thing was Jesus, whom the Father sent to blot out our transgressions! Not only was that a new and outrageous thing, but through the death and resurrection of his Son, God makes us brand new! Christ’s death and resurrection count as our own and we are new creations!

God has done a new and great thing for and within us! Can you see it? Do you believe it? Embrace and delight in the truth that you are brand new!

Discipleship Essentials

Discipleship Essentials is available in more than 15 languages and is used by individuals for personal study and in thousands of small groups in Canada and around the world.

- 18. Praise God for providing DE in new languages! Please pray for those who will access the materials in the Bambara, Peruvian Quechua, Tagalog, Hiligaynon and Albanian languages.
- 19. Pray for our DE Partnership Director, Tony Tira, as he discerns new opportunities to use DE, as well as strengthens partnerships and relationships that have already been established around the world.
- 20. Pray for our partner in the Middle East and North Africa, Together Network, as they train believers to share their faith and create spiritual movements using DE and other resources.
- 21. Please pray for the continued translation and production of DE. Pray for the production teams, as well as for those who will use these resources.
- 22. Praise God for the growth in faith we are seeing as church leaders from the Christian and Missionary Alliance Churches of the Philippines are trained and receive DE resources.
- 23. In West Africa, the Discipleship Essentials radio program serves French-speaking communities. Pray that listeners and small groups would integrate lessons learned through this radio program into their lives and that they would grow in capacity to produce disciples within their communities.
- 24. Pray for those accessing DE online on TWR360, YouTube and the DE Android and iOS app. Pray that their faith would be strengthened as they watch, listen and read.





PEACE

*“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.”
(Isaiah 26:3)*

Isaiah 25 speaks of the day when God will swallow up death forever, bringing an end to what is wicked and ruined and bringing full restoration to his chosen people. It is on that day that we will sing the song written in Isaiah 26. It is on that day that we will have full and perfect peace in our God. But even now God promises to work this peace into our souls. Jesus says, *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid”* (John 14:27).

Even in this lifetime, we can have a true and unique peace. Those who keep their minds anchored on Jesus will not

be ruined by worry and those whose hearts trust in him need not be discouraged. Our circumstances may still be chaotic or concerning or downright painful, but our hearts and minds do not need to be wrecked by those circumstances. In this lifetime our peace may often be interrupted or distracted or rocky because our hearts and minds are imperfect. But a day is coming when we will have perfect peace in and with God our Saviour for eternity. In the meantime, let us fight hard to keep our minds on Christ and our hearts trusting in his name, knowing that he will keep his promise and give us peace that surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:7).

Radio Broadcasting

Radio broadcasting allows listeners from hard-to-reach places to urban centres, and everywhere in between, to access the gospel. From FM stations in countries like Burundi to high-powered radio from Bonaire, Eswatini and more, radio broadcasting shares the hope of the gospel around the world.

25. *Strengthening Families Through the Word of God* was created to guide families in Eswatini in having conversations that are avoided in their culture. Pray that the program would open the door for families to communicate on difficult topics from a biblical perspective.

26. In Côte d’Ivoire and Mali, *Women of Hope* is broadcast in the French and Bambara languages. Pray that the women who listen would understand the love God has for them and the hope that he provides.



27. Across Sri Lanka, *God’s Unique Book* introduces Buddhists to the truth of God’s Word. Pray that hearts across the country would be open to receiving the good news of Jesus.

28. *Bible Stories Alive* is broadcast on four FM stations in Kenya. Pray that the children and families who listen would grow in faith.

29. Pray for those listening to our two Cuban programs, *Messages of Faith and Hope* and *Our Home*, broadcast from the TWR transmitter on Bonaire.

March

1. Pray that *Voice of Truth* would answer the spiritual questions of the Roma people living in the city of Prilep.
2. Pray that our signal strength and coverage will reach listeners effectively and meaningfully through radio broadcasts.

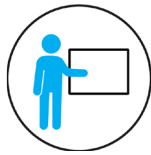


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