

A close-up photograph of a woman with long dark hair and bangs, laughing joyfully. Her eyes are closed, and her mouth is wide open, showing her teeth. She is wearing a dark top with white polka dots. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, likely from a window, creating strong shadows and highlights on her face and hair. A window frame is visible on the right side of the image.

The Radiance

TWR CANADA PRAYER AND DEVOTIONAL GUIDE FOR
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THE RADIANCE

“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.” (Hebrews 1:3-4)

Jesus is God and all of Scripture points to that truth. Every attribute that is ascribed to God, Jesus also displays to a perfect degree. Jesus perfectly matches the brilliant glory of God.

When we consider the human nature of Jesus, and how he is truly man, we might lose sight of the fact that he is also truly God. When we read passages of Jesus’ birth, Jesus preaching in the synagogue, Jesus weeping over the death of a friend, or Jesus himself facing death, we might lose sight of Jesus performing miracles, being transfigured, and rising from the dead.

It would seem that even the disciples who walked with him every day were often caught off guard by the glory and deity of Jesus. When Jesus displays

his authority over nature the disciples can’t help but ask “Who is this?” (Luke 8:25). Before the news of Jesus’ resurrection was widely known, his disciples spoke sadly of how they had hoped he might have been the Messiah (Luke 24:21).

In the time that Jesus was with his disciples, they didn’t have the whole picture. They had promises and prophecies, ideas and hopes, and they had the Messiah face-to-face! But they still had many questions even after all the events had unfolded! Now we have a much fuller story. It may still take lots of reading, remembering, and considering, but let us recognize that Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature. Let us recognize Jesus for who he is!

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.

July

2. Praise God for the successful distribution of media players in the Achi language in Guatemala! They were so well received that the local missionaries requested an additional 10 media players to distribute!
3. In some areas of the world, it is dangerous to have Christian materials. Praise God for providing discreet methods to safely share resources.
4. Praise God for the nearly 500 players that have been sent to Chile and Peru already this year in partnership with ShareWord Global and Thru the Bible. Pray for the remaining distribution and that lives would be changed through technology loaded with biblical content.
5. Praise God for the 500 media players distributed to pastors in Kenya in partnership with ShareWord Global and Thru the Bible last year. The recipients have requested additional content, and we have sent 500 SD cards in response.
6. 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.
7. Earlier this year, we sent five media players containing *The Way of Righteousness* in the Nubi language to Uganda with a local missionary, who later requested 50 more! Pray for the distribution of these players.
8. Pray for TWR Canada missionary Jeremy Mullin as he assembles media player and SD card orders for use around the world.





THE IMAGE

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:15-17)

The book of Genesis tells us that God made us in his image and after his likeness (Gen. 1:26). We are meant to bear his name and his image and his character well, but we often fail to do so. Each of us is in some way a reflection of God – either as an imperfect but still honest reflection of his attributes or as a dishonest representation of God, demonstrating what God is not like.

Jesus, however, not only bears God’s image perfectly as a man but also is God’s image as he is God in the flesh. Where we fail as image-bearers, Christ shows

us who God really is and what he is really like.

Romans 3:23 tells us that *“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*

Jesus, however, is the *“radiance of the glory of God”* (Heb. 1:3). Though each of us fail, Jesus is without sin. He perfectly images the Father and he holds all things together (including us!). When we fail, Jesus is victorious on our behalf!

Let us praise our Saviour King who is all that we need!

Women’s Ministry

TWR Canada’s ministry to women includes TWR Women of Hope, which equips women around the world to understand the Word of God, grow in faith and discover the hope of Jesus.

9. Pray for Susie Pek, TWR Women of Hope global director, as she continues to learn the scope of the ministry and make plans for the future.
10. Pray for the listeners of *Women of Hope* programming across West Africa. Praise God for the lives changed through spiritual and practical teachings!
11. Around the world, thousands of women pray for the ministry of TWR Women of Hope each month. Praise God for these faithful prayer warriors!
12. Pray for Jeanne, TWR Women of Hope coordinator in Mali, as she plans for and speaks at churches and conferences in her own and surrounding countries.
13. TWR Canada missionary Jonathan Griffiths is a consultant with TWR Women of Hope. Pray for him and the global leadership team as they strategize and make plans for the future.
14. Pray for the TWR Canada women’s ministry team to see and carry out new opportunities for sharing the hope of Jesus with women across our country and around the world.
15. Around the world, TWR Women of Hope has women who oversee the various country teams in their regions. Pray for Miia, Inja and Sphiwe in their roles as regional coordinators.



RADIANCE IN POWER

“And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Is the LORD’s hand shortened? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not.’” (Numbers 11:23)

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so 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)

All throughout the Old Testament, God’s mighty power is put on display working miracles and proving over and over again to his people that he is trustworthy, mighty, and God above all gods. In the same way, God’s power was put on display as Jesus performed miracles on earth, testifying to the truth that he is the Son of God. In both cases, God was still not believed by many.

In the Old Testament, the people of Israel were too afraid and stubborn and distracted to fix their eyes on the Lord. In the New Testament, the

people expected someone big and flashy and impressive to overthrow the Romans. Today too the power of God is often ignored and brushed aside. In every generation, though God’s worth and might and deity are put on display before our very eyes, many people harden their hearts, refusing to believe. But, in every generation, Jesus stays the same and God preserves for himself a remnant of people who are faithful.

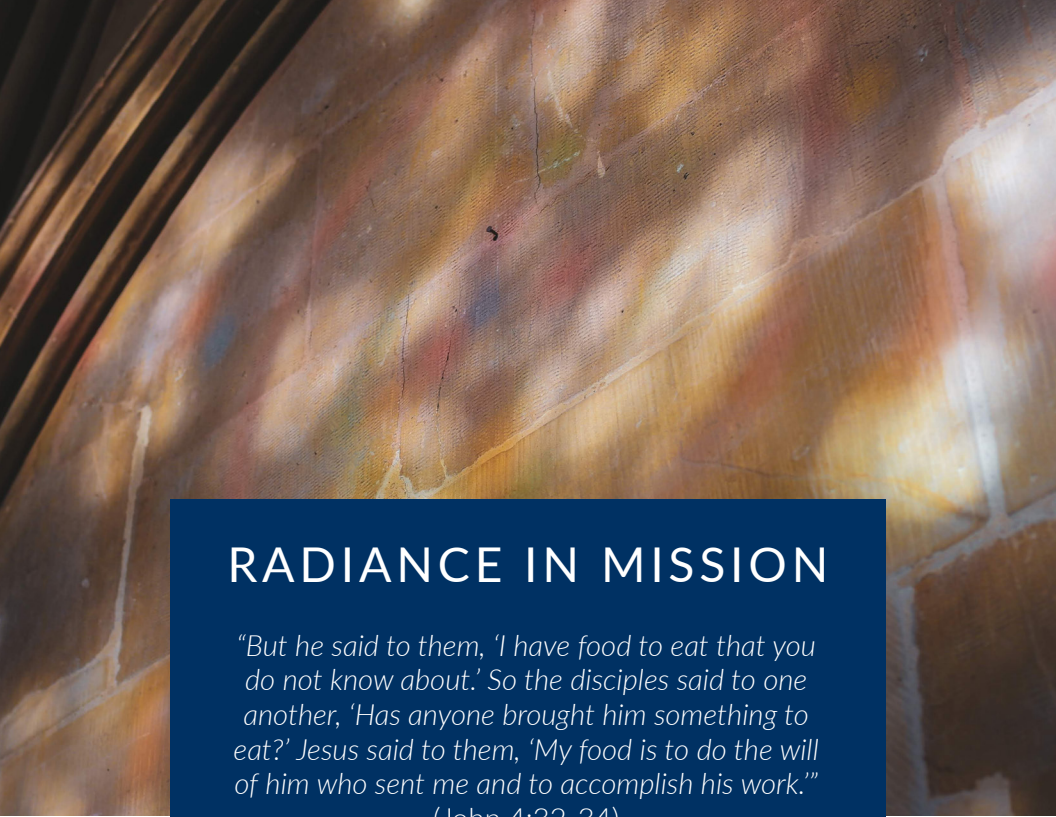
Let us not harden our hearts or brush aside our powerful God but praise Jesus for his awesome saving power.

Training

Around the world, pastors and church leaders don’t have the same opportunities we have in Canada to grow in faith and leadership. By partnering with the Church in training, we build a stronger global Church, helping local churches grow in faith and reach their communities with the hope of Christ.

16. Persian ministry conferences allow believers to gather safely for fellowship and Bible teaching. Pray that these conferences would be spiritually filling and encouraging for attendees.
17. Pray for the many Chinese pastors and church leaders who attend training seminars, workshops, and other events in Canada and online. Pray that what they learn would strengthen their ministries and build up healthy churches.
18. Earlier this year, TWR leaders across West and Central Africa attended training on project management and reporting. Pray that what they learned would be beneficial in growing their ministries.
19. Pray that Leadership Essentials would help small group leaders across the Middle East, North Africa and the Philippines be better equipped to lead and disciple.
20. Pray for the production of CultureCross, a tool for the Canadian church to assist Christians in knowing how to share the gospel with people of other cultures.
21. Across the Middle East and North Africa, church leaders are being trained to start discipleship movements using DE. Pray that the leaders who are trained would effectively implement what they have learned in their ministries.
22. Praise God for providing online platforms Christians can use for training and fellowship, particularly in parts of the world where it may be unsafe to gather in person.





RADIANCE IN MISSION

“But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Has anyone brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.’”
(John 4:32-34)

Jesus radiates the glory of God in his unity with the Father. The Father and the Son are united in their mission. The Father sent the Son, and the Son gladly came to rescue us from sin for our benefit and for God’s glory.

There was no divine bickering, but a perfect and united plan designed and carried out by the Triune God.

When Jesus says that his food is to do the will of the Father, he is saying that he is satisfied by doing that work.

Accomplishing the work he was sent for is more important to him than eating physical food. Jesus endured much on our behalf and for the joy set before him. He glorifies the Father in obeying his will and he is glorified by the Father for his perfect obedience. Although carrying our sins and bearing our punishment was anything but pleasant, nevertheless, this was also the will of the Son.

Let us see the glory of God reflected in the obedience of the Son and praise God!

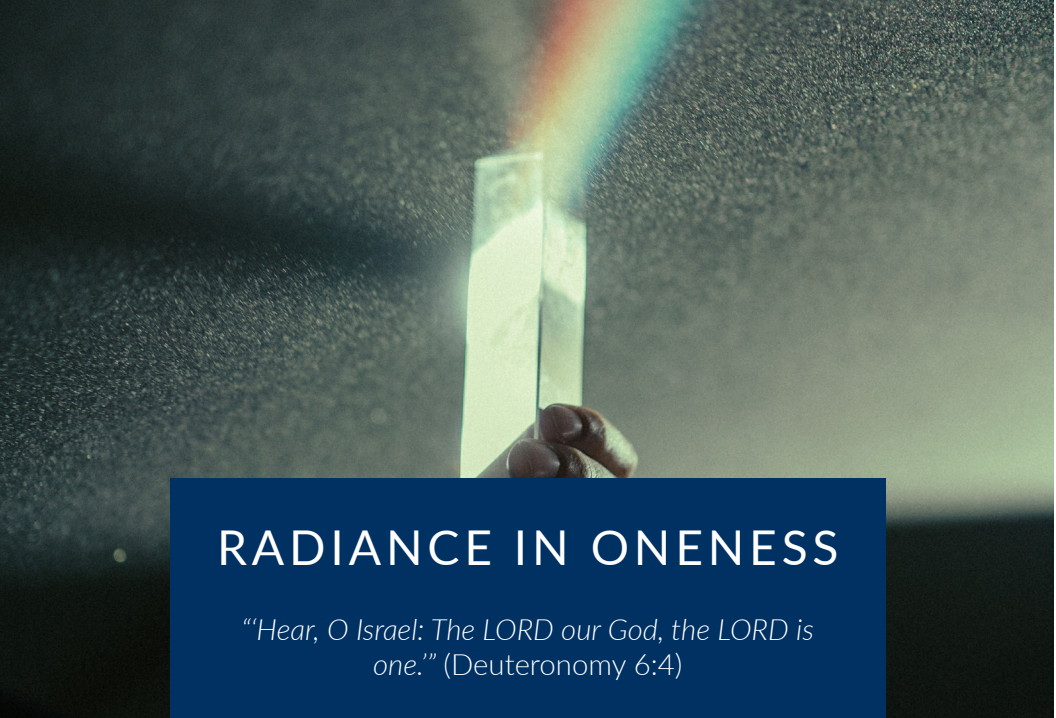
Radio Broadcasting

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.

- 23. Across Kenya, *Bible Stories Alive* is broadcast on four FM stations. Pray that the children and families who listen would grow in faith.
- 24. Praise God for the interest from churches across Quebec to host a repeater station for our Quebec FM station! Please pray for the process of applying for licenses through CRTC and for quick approval to begin broadcasting more broadly.



- 25. *Strengthening Families Through the Word of God* is a new program in Eswatini written to guide families 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. The Burundian programs *Good News for All* and *Jesus is the Answer* are well-loved across the country. Pray that these programs would continue to draw people to Christ.
- 27. Across Sri Lanka, *God’s Unique Book* introduces Buddhists to the truth of God’s Word. Pray that the hearts of many across the country would be open to the good news of Jesus.
- 28. *Against the Current* is a program for young adults in Uruguay, encouraging them to live a life of obedience to God rather than following the culture. Pray that this program would encourage listeners.
- 29. In West Africa, the Discipleship Essentials radio program is changing lives! Pray for all those tuning in and growing in faith.



RADIANCE IN ONENESS

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.” (Deuteronomy 6:4)

“I and the Father are one.” (John 10:30)

The Trinity is not an easy concept to wrap one’s head around! Most (if not all) Christians would agree that they cannot fully comprehend the triune nature of God and that lack of comprehension probably makes many of us uncomfortable!

Even so, it is a crucial component of Christianity and a truly beautiful one. Yes, God is One. Yes, the Persons of the Trinity have distinct roles. No, they are not more or less God than the others. No, they cannot be blurred together, and no, they cannot be separated from one another.

It’s a lot to consider, but in this moment the thing to focus on is the description we are given by God himself. The Lord is One. Jesus is One with the Father. Although not explicitly stated in this verse, the Spirit too is included. Jesus radiates the glory of God (Heb. 1:3) because he is One with the Father and the Spirit.

As challenging as this belief is, the Bible does not shy away from it and neither should we! Let us look at and consider the Son and rather than being intimidated by the doctrine of the Trinity, marvel at how Jesus shines with all the glory of God.

Media Content

Our media content comes in different forms: audio, video or text resources. But what unifies it all is the hope and truth of the gospel.

- 30. The team in Serbia is completing the translation and production of a series of biblical videos and songs for Roma children. They report that only four songs exist for Serbian Roma children. Pray that these videos and songs would introduce these children to the hope of the gospel.
- 31. Pray for the production teams in Quebec as they produce programming such as the *Parole Vivante* TV show and Heralds of Hope’s *Moment of Hope*.

August

- 1. The SON-Lift series began as a program to share the gospel with unreached people groups in China. Pray for the production team now creating this series in Japanese.
- 2. In partnership with TWR Motion, we are creating a series of videos to introduce Thai Buddhists to the gospel. Pray for the ongoing production of these videos.
- 3. In Ukraine, we are creating a series of documentary-style videos showing how people are living in the midst of the war and what they have lost and gained. Pray for the production team as they travel the country, interviewing people and filming the reality they are living in.
- 4. Pray for Pastor Edijan and the production team for *Voice of Truth* in North Macedonia. Pray that the programs they write and produce would answer the spiritual questions of the Roma people living in the city of Prilep.
- 5. The *God’s Unique Book* production team create the programs in response to the questions and needs of the people of Sri Lanka. Pray for wisdom as they choose which topics to cover.





RADIANCE IN LOVE

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, ‘His steadfast love endures forever.’ Let the house of Aaron say, ‘His steadfast love endures forever.’ Let those who fear the LORD say, ‘His steadfast love endures forever.’” (Psalm 118:1-4)

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13)

Jesus radiates the glory of God by the way that he loves.

The whole Bible is filled with references to the steadfast love of God. The steadfast love of the Lord is stated to be better even than life itself (Ps. 63:3). The ongoing and unending nature of God’s love is emphasized three times within the simple phrase, “his steadfast love endures forever.”

What kind of love is it? Steadfast. What does it do? Endures. For how long?

Forever. Clearly, this love is the greatest of all time!

Then Jesus makes the claim that there is no greater love than the love of someone laying down his life for a friend. And this is the type of love that Jesus showed us. Before we were his friends, while we were still bitter enemies, he laid down his life for us.

Lord, let us never forget your steadfast love displayed on that cross!

Latin America & 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.

6. Praise God for the purchase of a new office space for RTM Colombia! Please pray for the logistics of renovations and moving in.
7. Please pray for RTM Cuba leader Alberto, who is transitioning leadership responsibilities to a young man named Moisés Pérez Padrón. Pray that the transition would be smooth and effective.
8. Pray for incoming RTM Cuba leader Moisés Pérez Padrón to understand all the components of the ministry and to guide the ministry forward in God’s will.
9. Pray for those listening to our two Cuban programs, *Messages of Faith and Hope* and *Our Home*, broadcast from the TWR transmitter on Bonaire.
10. In Uruguay, *Against the Current* encourages young adults to stand firm in their faith. Pray that listeners would be encouraged to live out their lives using a biblical worldview.
11. Pray for the set-up of a mini recording studio in Mexico. This will allow the team to produce a program called *The Carpenter’s Workshop*, which will provide biblical marriage advice to couples across the country.
12. Translation of a subset of Discipleship Essentials in Peruvian Quechua has begun! Please pray for wisdom for the translator to know how to translate terms which don’t have an equivalent phrase in Peruvian Quechua.





RADIANCE IN COMPASSION

*“As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.”
(Psalm 103:13)*

Jesus radiates the glory of God in having compassion on us. The Lord is said to be a compassionate God and we see this throughout the entirety of Scripture. Though we most certainly witness his righteous wrath and judgment upon his stubborn people, we also see his patience and grace and kindness in continually forgiving them, preserving them, rescuing them, and ultimately in sending his Son to save them. This Son, Jesus, perfectly emulates that compassion. He cares for and listens to the lowly, heals the needy, weeps for the lost, and died to save those who could never save themselves.

This Jesus is compassionate and kind and is the perfect image of our compassionate Father.

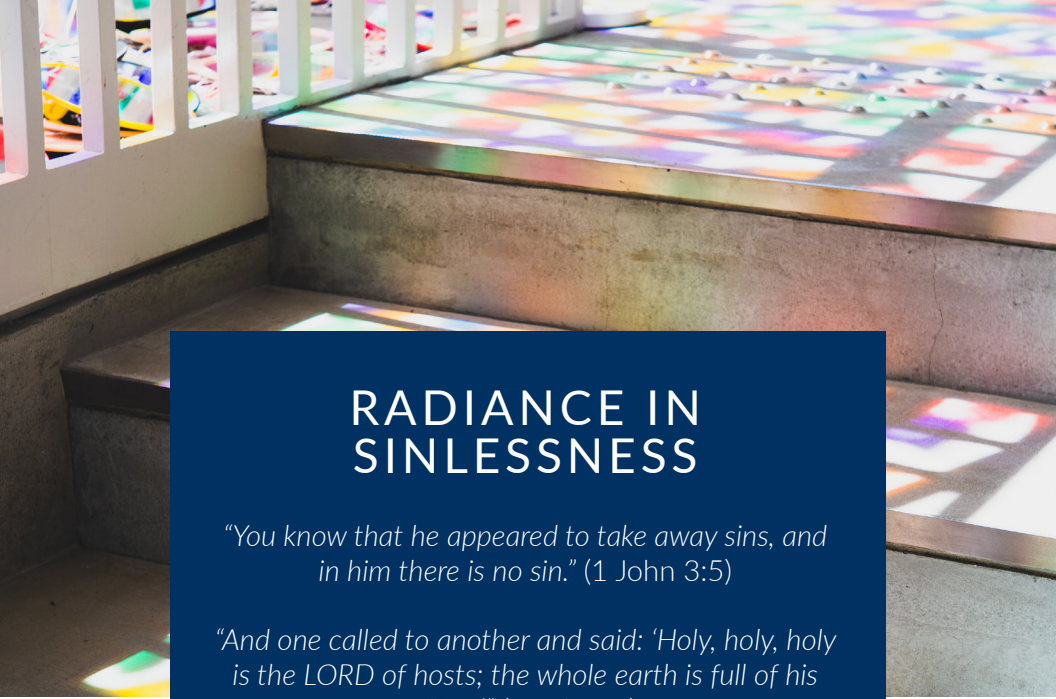
We all fail to show this compassion perfectly. Our patience can very easily wear thin. Maybe our fathers were not excellent examples of who our heavenly Father is. Let us fight to remember that no matter how we may have failed or been failed by others, our God is a compassionate God who bears with us and is patient. He shows us compassion to the highest degree. Let us receive this compassion with joy and thanksgiving!

China Ministry

Our China ministry includes SOTA, our 3-4 year seminary program for the Chinese church, as well as other ministry initiatives including Discipleship Essentials, *Bible Stories Alive*, and training events for Chinese church leaders.

13. Pray for wisdom for the China Ministry team. They are developing several new courses and study tracks to meet the needs of the Chinese church.
14. Praise God for the SOTA retreat which happened earlier this year. SOTA staff from Canada, China and Germany were able to meet in person and grow in faith and fellowship together. This was the first time the team had met in person!
15. Pray for SOTA in Germany, where there are 51 active students and 23 graduates. These students and graduates represent churches in approximately 30 cities across the country.
16. The SOTA team is finding opportunities to equip the Chinese diaspora in new locations. Pray for wisdom as they make plans for the future.
17. Many of the China Ministry's training sessions are done using online platforms. Please pray for protection over these platforms and pray that in-person trainings would increase now that COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.
18. Pray that SOTA students around the world would remain steadfast and dedicated to their studies. Pray that what they learn can be implemented quickly into their churches and ministries.
19. With COVID-19 restrictions lifted, student visits can begin again. Pray that these visits would be an encouragement to both the students and staff.





RADIANCE IN SINLESSNESS

"You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin." (1 John 3:5)

"And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!'" (Isaiah 6:3)

The Lord is holy and completely unstained from all sin and this is yet another way in which Jesus radiates the glory of God. In him there is no sin.

Our sin interferes with our ability to properly image God, but this is not so for Jesus. He is perfect and sinless and always has been. He is holy, holier, and holiest. He alone is perfectly equipped to take away all our sins and give us the forgiveness our souls crave.

In Luke 5:17-26 we read about Jesus healing a man who was paralyzed. But before the physical healing, Jesus heals

this man in a much more important way. Jesus said to the man, *"Man, your sins are forgiven you"* (Lk. 5:20). Immediately, the Pharisees observing this event begin to question this asking, *"Who can forgive sins but God alone?"* (Lk. 5:21). Though they either could not or would not understand, Jesus is the perfect one to forgive us our sins! He is without sin and because all our sin is ultimately against him, he has every right to forgive us!

Let us rejoice in the truth that we worship a sinless God who delights in forgiving his children!

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.

- 20. Pray for our new DE Partnership Director, Tony Tira. Pray that he would quickly understand all of the facets of the ministry and begin building new partnerships around the world.
- 21. Praise God for providing DE in new languages! Please pray for the translation and production teams in Bambara, Peruvian Quechua, Tagalog and Hiligaynon.
- 22. Please pray for the ongoing translation and production of DE in Spanish, Hausa and Indonesian.

- 23. Across the Philippines, DE is used in small groups, Sunday school classes for adults, youth and children, and for sermon preparation. Pray for all those who are deepening their faith using DE!



- 24. Praise God that the DE radio program in Arabic and French and the DE material in Hausa and Indonesian are now available on TWR360 and in the DE app!
- 25. There are more than 28,000 small groups around the world using DE to grow in faith together! Praise God!
- 26. Pray for the small groups using DE across the Middle East and North Africa. As they grow in faith together, each person is encouraged to go out and start their own small group, sharing the good news of Christ with their community.

RADIANCE AS KING

“Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!” (Psalm 24:9-10)

Jesus radiates the glory of God in his kingship. He is the Lord of hosts, the King of glory!

Revelation 19:11-16 describes the Son in a glorified form, riding on a white horse and righteously judging and making war. He is called Faithful, True, and the Word of God. His eyes flame and his head is crowned with many crowns. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood and his words are like a sharp sword and rules over the nations. On his robe and on his thigh is written, “King of kings and Lord of lords.” This is an intense image to consider but also beautiful and triumphant and good.

Our King is sovereign and victorious. He is worthy of all praise; he is high and lifted up!

God is subjecting all things to the rule and reign of the Son and one day he will return shining with the glory of God! Jesus is the radiance of the glory of God, who upholds the universe by the word of his power (Heb. 1:3).

Let us praise this King of glory and eagerly await the day when we will meet him face-to-face and be received into his kingdom!

Africa

From radio broadcasts to capital projects to on-the-ground ministry and the work of missionaries, our reach across Africa is vast, just like the region.

27. Across Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal, small groups are using media players to listen to programs and discuss what they have learned. Pray for growth in faith and new believers!
28. *Bible Stories Alive* is aired on four FM stations across Kenya. Please pray that these stories would spark a desire for children to grow in their faith.
29. Pray for TWR Canada missionaries Greg and Ingrid Clarke, in their roles as station manager and in the finance department respectively. Pray for children Rebekah and Caleb who are preparing for a new school year.
30. Pray for those who received a media player containing the *Knowing God* drama series in the Aringa language in Uganda. Pray that many would come to know the Lord through this program.
31. Pray for TWR Canada missionaries Nathan and Megan Dunlop's work in South Africa. Pray for Nathan's continued work on the "Legacy of Adam" project and for Megan as she develops a ministry for third-culture kids.



September

1. Pray for listeners of *Men Alive*, broadcast on satellite radio from South Africa. This program is designed to encourage men in their faith.
2. TWR Canada missionaries Stephen and Teresa Murray are serving in South Africa. Pray for safety and God's direction as Stephen supports the technical operations of the West, East and Southern Africa offices and radio stations. Pray for Teresa as she cares for and encourages staff and missionaries on her team.



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