

Bible Translation Sunday 2011

Prayer

Theme: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21, Compelled by Christ's Love

The following prayer can be used in part or in its entirety as part of the Prayer of the Church. It can also be used one part at a time as part of a Litany or Responsive Prayer.

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Most merciful God, you desire everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Your Word is that truth by which your Holy Spirit calls all people to repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Pour out the gifts of your Spirit upon all translators of your Word that the world may hear and believe. Bless especially the personnel of Lutheran Bible Translators of Canada that, compelled by Christ's love, they may find joy and success in their mission to make your Word available to those who do not have in the language of their heart.

Grant your wisdom and strength to all who, compelled by Christ's love, labour to teach others to read and rightly understand your Word. Bless all efforts to record your Word and make it available in oral form that nothing hinder the proclamation of the Gospel. Let your Word be a light for the path of all people.

Graciously guard and protect missionaries who, compelled by Christ's love, live overseas working in Bible translation, literacy and Scripture Engagement projects. Grant them good physical and emotional health, your peace and good relationships with the people among whom they live.

Enable your people throughout the world to work together in the mission of Bible translation. Grant us generous hearts and minds so that compelled by Christ's love, we may be effective stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. Direct us by your Spirit that we may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Saviour until we shall stand before you in the joy of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.