

Joshua 1:8

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Prayer:

Almighty God, Everlasting Father, You shepherded the Children of Israel out of the land of Egypt and slavery bringing them safely to the foot of Mt. Sinai where You gave them the Law they were to follow all the days of their lives. You gave the Law to Moses who in turn taught it to the Children of Israel who in turn taught it to their children. Now this Law is in our hands and we are to teach it to our children and the children of many nations where many and various languages are spoken. Your Word is already in the ears and hearts and on the tongues of many but there are still hundreds upon hundreds of languages in which Your Law, Your Holy Word cannot be found. We thank You for the hundreds upon hundreds of people working to bring Your Word into a new language through their contributions of prayer, money to finance the work, and intense translation labour. Bless the work of those already committed to Bible Translation. Call new workers into service gifted with linguistic skills who will continue to enhance the work of bringing Your Word into the lives many people who still have not heard of Your gift of salvation that is theirs in Christ Jesus. Answer our prayer according to Your Will, O Lord, for we ask it in the Name of Jesus who gave His Life on the Cross so people everywhere could hear the blessed Good News of the Bible and claim the gift of salvation through the power of the Holy Spirit working faith in their hearts in their own "heart language." In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Litany:

All: O Lord, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.

L: O Lord,

C: Hear our prayer

L: Be gracious to us and forgive us our sins and iniquities

C: Forgive us O Lord.

L: Help us to lift our heads and hearts and voices in praise and adoration of all You have done to bring us to salvation through Jesus Christ Our Lord and Saviour.

L: Amen

C: We are not worthy of Your never ending grace, mercy, and kindness, but in Your eternal love You sent Your only begotten Son into our lives to redeem us from the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh.

C: To You, O Lord, be praise forevermore.

L: Even though we are unworthy of Your love we know, as St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians 2:8-10, that it is "By grace we have been saved, through faith – and this not of ourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

C: Thank you, O Lord, for this precious Word of Life.

L: Since we have experienced this grace and saving faith, and since we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, help us to take the next step and put to work the talents and abilities we have receive from You as a gift.

C: Use me O Lord to do the work You have prepared in advance for me to do.

L: As Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.” (Mt. 9:37-38) The harvest field the Lord wants us to work in is filled with people who speak languages we don’t understand, but dedicated “language translators” can learn these languages and thus bring the Word of God to the people in their own native tongue.

C: O Lord, send the Holy Spirit to CALL dedicated language translators into Your service.

L: The need for language translators is great, but so is the need for hundreds upon hundreds of dedicated Christian people who will step forward in support of the Bible translators in their preparation for translation work, for their transition to the mission field, and for their ongoing studies of the language to be translated.

C: O Lord, show me how I can support this ongoing work of Bible translation.

L: The work of Bible translation is supported by people at home who are lifting up the Bible translators and their families before the Lord in prayer, who are supporting the work with their financial gifts, who volunteer to give of their time to promote the work of Bible translation on the home front.

C: Here am I O Lord! Use me according to Your will.

L: But Bible translation is the only one part of bringing God’s Word to the people. Once the Word of God is in the language of the people it must be taught to them. O Lord, raise up skilled teachers to teach the scriptures so they can be clearly understood. Prepare ears in advance to hear what is being taught. Prepare hearts to receive what is being taught. Prepare souls to believe what is being taught. Fill Your banquet hall to overflowing with believers in Christ Jesus from all the nations of the world.

C: Amen

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: O Christ,

C: Have mercy.

L: O Lord,

C: Have mercy.

All: Amen