

Collects for Lutheran Bible Translators – Canada

January - Almighty and everlasting God, You would have all people (souls) come to the knowledge of salvation that is theirs through faith in Christ Jesus. Through the power of the Holy Spirit CALL labourers into the field of Bible translation that all people everywhere may come to know You and Your great love for them in their heart language. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

February - Merciful Father, look with favour upon the countless people who have never heard of You in their mother tongue. Open the window of Your Holy Word to them that they may see You as their God, repent of their sins and iniquities, and rejoice in knowing that they have become a part of the family of God through faith in Christ Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. In the Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

March - Lord Jesus Christ, You suffered the pain of hell for the sake of lost mankind. Salvation from sin has been prepared for everyone, however many remain ignorant of this salvation for lack of God's Word in their own language. Fill Bible translators with a rich measure of the Holy Spirit as they struggle to produce the written Word in the language of the people who still sit in darkness. For the sake of Jesus and His work of redemption we pray. Amen

April - Alleluia! He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Countless people around the world rejoice in the knowledge of victory over sin, death, and the devil earned for them through the death of Jesus on the cross and resurrection from the grave. Countless people remain in the darkness of their sins because they have never heard of the mercy, love, and compassion God has prepared for them in Christ Jesus. Through Bible translation tear open the curtain hiding the Written Word of God from them. Use this written Word of God to Call them into Your eternal family through faith in Christ Jesus their Saviour. Amen.

May - Dear Heavenly Father, Your Son came into the world to redeem lost mankind by carrying out Your will to perfection. He has completed the work of redemption for all who place their faith in Him as their Saviour from sin. Once His work of redemption was completed, He returned to His eternal Glory to take His rightful place as the eternal Son of God. Just as Jesus revealed the Word of God to us in a way we could understand so open His Word to people of all nations in words they can understand. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

June - Oh Holy Spirit, Comforter and Counselor, dwell in the hearts and souls of the Children of God and cause them to diligently work at bringing the message of salvation in written form to the people of all nations. Help the Bible translators find the right words in a new language to clearly explain the law and the gospel to the readers. Since "Faith comes by hearing (reading)" it is important that all readers and listeners understand what is read so they can believe and receive the gift of salvation for themselves. This we ask in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.