

Pray for Bible Society teams in the Middle East

The war between Israel and Iran resumed, please pray for Bible Society teams in the region.

Bible Society of Iran in Diaspora

It's been a difficult time doing an already difficult job for Nahid and her team at Iranian Bible Society in Diaspora.

Nahid serves Iranians around the world but she can't go to Iran since Bible Society was expelled in 1990. It's illegal to own a Bible or to hold church services in the main Iranian language, Farsi. Iranians who have courageously accepted Jesus, face danger in their daily lives.

But observers have seen conversions by the thousand. Nahid's long-term goal has for some years been to serve this rapidly growing church and to get more than a million Bibles into Iran.



Nahid said of her hope to return to Iran: 'It won't be soon, but we know it will happen. We've got to be ready.' However, the War has changed everything but in the horrors of conflict the Bible brings hope.

In this situation, clearly, Nahid longs to be able to offer trauma healing openly in a free Iran. Now the war with America has resumed and the situation remains worrying and unpredictable.

'The bitter taste of yet another war is mixed with the sweet anticipation for peace (both inside Iran and for the region),' Nahid says. 'At present, there are no reports of physical harm to people we know and work with inside Iran. We are deeply thankful for God's protection. We remain vigilant and ready to respond immediately should the need arise. We're also praying for the protection of innocent people in Iran, Israel, and the other countries in the region.'

Bible Society in Israel

'We are grateful to report that all staff members at Bible Society in Israel and their families are safe at this time,' said Victor Kalisher, who leads the team. 'Local ministry leaders are also safe. Many among us have children, family members, and church members serving in the military during this critical time.'

'Although in-person gatherings are restricted, the ministry continues in every way possible. 'We are already hearing testimonies from individuals who are finding strength and reassurance through Bible resources during this season of anxiety and uncertainty.'



'As soon as circumstances allow, we will resume broader outreach efforts, including sharing the gospel throughout Israel and demonstrating Christ's love through the distribution of food vouchers to those in need.'

‘Your partnership enables the continued distribution of Scripture, trauma healing resources, and practical assistance to those facing fear, loss, and hardship. ‘War brings uncertainty, but our Lord remains the King of assurance and hope. In times like these, we hold firmly to the peace we have in Christ. He is our refuge and our strength.

‘We deeply appreciate your prayers and the testimony of our unity in Christ, which has the power to transcend any human weakness or division. May the Lord be glorified in our testimony and ministry.’

Bible Society in Lebanon

‘Since the early hours of this morning, the situation across parts of Lebanon has been highly unstable,’ said Michael, who leads the team in Beirut. ‘Air-raids have been reported every few hours in various neighbourhoods of Beirut. As a result, waves of internally displaced families have taken to the roads, attempting to flee targeted areas, leading to significant congestion and blocked routes.

‘Schools and universities have been closed, and all children and youth activities have been placed on hold. This pause comes during what was scheduled to be an especially active week for our Bible engagement programmes. We had multiple bookings, including sessions for Bible World, which recently celebrated its 50,000th child experience – a milestone that reflects the growing impact of this ministry.



‘We are grateful to report that all our staff members and their families are safe. Despite the circumstances, we were able to gather at the Bible Society Centre for internal co-ordination and planning. Our partners and church leaders are also safe at this time.

‘We are particularly concerned for the younger generation. Many of today’s children and youth have not previously experienced crises of this magnitude. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and partnership.’

Palestinian Bible Society

‘Here in Jerusalem, the past two days have been overwhelming, with the sound of sirens dominating our surroundings,’ said Nashat, who shares the Bible among the Palestinians. ‘From our home, we hear explosions and feel the tremors caused by the Iron Dome intercepting missiles.

‘Since Saturday and the outbreak of the war, all West Bank checkpoints have been closed, trapping people either inside or outside. My wife and children were stuck for hours trying to return home on Saturday, but thankfully, they managed to get through eventually.



‘Despite these challenging days, our ministry continues. We have paused all public meetings and gatherings for safety, but we remain actively engaged in following up with people, planning, and providing spiritual support to our colleagues and friends.

'This morning, I shared a verse from Isaiah 40.31 with the team for encouragement:

"But those who hope in the LORD, will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint." (NIV)

'It is difficult to say anyone is completely safe given the unpredictable nature of the attacks. Missiles can cause harm even in protected rooms. We are placing our trust in the Lord while taking every precaution possible. May God have mercy on our nations and people, and may our light shine even brighter during these dark times.

'Immediate needs and concerns remain centred on the safety of our teams and partners. We also pray that God uses these times to reveal his daily care, provision and protection. Thank you very much for your support and prayers.'

Bible Society in the Gulf

Despite the attacks by Iran on various Gulf countries, all Bible Society staff members and their families in the region are currently safe.

Hrayr Jebejian, who leads the team serving in the Gulf, said: 'All our staff are doing well. I have personally contacted each team across all countries to ensure that they and their families are safe. We thank God that all is well.

'One staff member in Dubai, originally from India (Telugu-speaking), shared a photo of a Bible study and prayer time he was leading amid the ongoing tensions. His faithful witness is a powerful reminder that the word of God continues to bring hope, even in the midst of conflict.

'Please pray for staff to remain safe, for communication lines to stay open, for ministries adapting to restrictions, and that governments are actively prioritising public safety.'

