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## **BLF Day of Prayer & Fasting / U.S. National Day of Prayer - May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Dear Friends,

This week's BLF Day of Prayer & Fasting we are coordinating with the U.S. National Day of Prayer.



The [U.S. National Day of Prayer](#) is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the United States. The NDP in it's original purpose is to mobilize prayer in America and to encourage personal repentance and righteousness in the culture. The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of the heritage of the United States of America.

Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through the history of the United States, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by U.S. Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual, national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. Last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations.

While BLF Prayer & Praise reaches a number of nations, we would ask all to expand your scope of prayer to also include the French speaking countries of the world - Europe, Canada, all the French speaking countries of Africa, Asia, Haiti, and other areas of the world.

Thank you for praying for the U.S., French speaking countries around the world and the issues of the BLF staff expressed below:

### **Prayer & Praises from BLF USA**



Lynn Lockwood  
US Board of Directors

#### **Welcome Lynn Lockwood to the US Board of Directors!**

Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the BLF U.S. board meeting in Carol Stream, IL, Lynn was unanimously asked to join the U.S. board of directors. We are SO excited to have her "on board". Lynn grew up with BLF since childhood and the inception of BLF. Her background includes years of missions service in Africa as well as growing up in the Brussels area with her parents Marshall and Marilyn Matthews, (both of which have served on the BLF US board over the years). Lynn, her husband Jason and their three sons reside in the Seattle, WA area (where Marshall and Marilyn have retired). Her heart continues to point to the need of seeing the French speaking people of the world come to Christ and to become mature Christians. Studying God's Word in print is key to these areas.

**Please pray for Lynn** as she begins working on several strategic BLF projects at hand.



John Saucedo,  
BLF U.S. Accounting

**Praise God for Encouraging Reports at the BLF US board meeting** on May 2<sup>nd</sup> held in Carol Stream, IL.

Several new exciting trends of ministry are beginning to develop. While our purpose is to **see the French speaking world come to Christ and grow in Christ** remains constant, we are seeing new areas to become more culturally effective to that end. Please join the board as we pray.

Also, **we praise God for the good report** on the business state of the ministry by John Saucedo, BLF Accounting. In order to facilitate the goals and purpose of the ministry a strong foundation is essential.

**Pray for the US operations** as the tools are in place to God to use BLF to be effective world wide. [Eccl. 4:12](#)



John Looney



Annalyse Baziuk

**Please continue pray for John Looney and Annalyse Baziuk.** Both are actively raising their support to go on the missions field in France.

**Please pray about their support.**



Walter and Nancy Zurfluh  
West Coast Reps for  
BLF USA

**From BLF US Reps Walter & Nancy Zurfluh:**

**PRAISE for the mission conferences** locally in which we have participated for BLF this spring. We thank God for the fairly good response. PRAY for more opportunities to present the ministry of BLF in local churches.

**PRAY for Lisa who is a nurse in the Pasadena Cancer Center who speaks French fluently.** We have given her BLF's French New Testament and another excellent BLF Christian book. We trust that she will read both of them and respond in a positive way.

**PRAY for a French-speaking neighbor** on our street who is an irregular church goer. We gave him a copy of our French Gospel of John (Voir Clair) and trust that he is reading it.

**PRAY for continued improvement in Nancy's health.**



**Praise God for John and Jan Ward from Lake Jackson, Texas.** They are getting ready to head over to Marpent, FR to help with teams that are scheduled to be in France.

**Pray as they prepare** that God would give them vision as they prepare to GO!

### Prayer & Praises from our partners: BLF Europe



Philip Kapitaniuk  
Director  
Responsible for publishing,  
marketing  
and communication

**From Philip Kapitaniuk:**

- **Please pray for Alain Stamp**, currently in [Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso](#). He is one of the speakers at the first "Forum of Evangelist" taking place in Africa.

- **Praise -- We are all extremely excited** to see how our latest book has been so far warmly welcomed in France: In less than two months, 2500 copies of Crazy Love (Francis Chan) have been sold! Amazing... May God touch many hearts through the reading of this great book. [Read the book yourself!](#)

- We are trying to finalize the sending of Manga material to the 120 Catholic bishops in France. We would like to encourage them to propose the Manga Bible as a great tool to teach catechism in France. **Please pray** for a positive reception from the bishops.

**Fred Mondin:**

- **Praise -- As Philip and I were wondering about the numerous translation issues** with various books we're facing, Olivia, a young Christian student, wrote to us and asked for a one-month work experience with us. She started this week.
- **Pray that together with Olivia's help, we may be able to fix various problems** and create a document for translators that would allow them to work according to our editorial demands.

**Olivier Drogue:**

- **Continue to pray for the Manga website creation:** [www.labiblemanga.com](http://www.labiblemanga.com). Our desire is to have it functional by fall.
- **Pray for the production of Les Mesgistrats**, the 4th volume of the Manga Bible, as it is to be released this fall.
- **Pray for pertinent ideas in creating book designs.**

**From Mary Cayot:**

- **Pray for LeRoy**, the father of my sister-in-law Gaye. His doctor discovered a malignant tumor in LeRoy's pancreas last week. Please pray for wisdom in treatment.
- **Pray for the effectiveness of recent BLF mailings** (catalogues and Manga Bibles) to potential clients.



Nicolas Devins

**From Nicolas Devins**

- **Please continue to pray** that we can find a buyer for our saddle-stitch machine.

**Stéphane Kapitaniuk:**

- **Praise God for the excellent first month of sales of *Crazy Love***, a book by Francis Chan. It's our fastest-selling (non-Manga) book yet.
- **Pray for a good response** from the 5000 people that will be receiving our new catalogue this week.

**From Nathan Phillips:**

- **Praise --** I have been in the US since April 7th, staying until May 12th. I had my doctor's appointment April 28th for Multiple Sclerosis. Praise God for the great report. He was satisfied with how well I am doing. He gave me a prescription to help with fatigue.
- **Praise God** for the great time speaking at supporting churches.
- **Praise God** for time spent with friends and family.
- **Pray** that I would grow to love God more and more.



Alain Stamp

President, BLF Europe

**From Alain Stamp:**

- **Pray for the finalization** of Emmanuel Maennlein's book on occults.
- **Pray for the new authors, Saotra and Aurélien**, who are preparing their first book.
- **Pray for the financing of the Mentor Packs.** I am in [Burkina Faso](http://www.burkinafaso.org) for the first Forum of Evangelists of West Africa and will teach on mentoring with the hope of launching a community of mentors.

**Prayer & Praises from our partners: BLF Canada**

**We are thankful that the French programming** we are providing [Radio Victory 100.1 FM in Saskatchewan](http://www.radiovictory100.1.com) is opening doors.

Last month, the local RC bishop (who is French) expressed great interest and talked with our partners at the radio station on matters of Old Testament theology.

**They ask prayer that he will come back and continue to dialogue with them.**



**Pray for Zak Kenney and Toe-Blake Roy** as they tackle BLF Canada's income taxes this year. A daunting task for most to deal with!



Pray for missionary candidates François and Marie-Paul Bedard as they are in the process of moving to [Lachute](#)



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