

NoBible Sunday

Order of service

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Translators



Two options for running
a NoBibleSunday
service

Option 1

Order of service

Call to worship

For the Word of God became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us know him and make him known.

For you are the light of the world, shine in our hearts and through our lives.

Hymn

Opening prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus. We thank you for the Word of God that has come to us. Challenge us, Holy Spirit, that we might see your gospel brought to the very ends of the earth.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Confession (from Common Worship: Times and Seasons)

Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord,
even your salvation, according to your promise:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
O seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your word convicts us:
all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.



Your word commands us:
repent, and believe the good news.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your word assures us:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.



Hymn

Reading/video of reading

Sermon

Intercessory prayer

Let us give thanks for the gift of the Bible and pray for all who enable it to be studied, understood, and loved.

Almighty God, in your goodness you have given us the Scriptures to equip us for every kind of good deed.

We give thanks for all who translate the Bible, and pray that, through their work and skill, your word may go forth to the ends of the earth.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

We give thanks for all who distribute the Scriptures, and pray that, through the written text, your people may be built up in faith and love.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

We give thanks for all whose learning interprets the Scriptures, and pray for biblical scholars and theologians, that more light and truth may break forth from your word.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

We give thanks for all preachers and teachers,
and pray that, through the word proclaimed and shared,
your Church may grow in holiness and discipleship.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We give thanks for all who read the Bible in public worship,
for all study groups and training courses,
and pray that, through the study of the Scriptures,
your word may find a home in the hearts of your people.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Gracious Lord,
grant to us that loving your holy word,
we may adorn it with obedient and Christlike lives;
to the glory of your name.

Amen.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

Our Father...

Hymn and collection of NoBibleSunday donation envelopes

Commissioning prayer

Heavenly Father, we join with thousands of others praying for the spread of your word among the nations. As Jesus prayed before sending out the disciples we pray now that our words, actions and deeds will bring your kingdom closer.

We pray for the Spirit to fill us with a renewed fervour for your word, and that we might not take for granted the Bible riches we enjoy in this country.

Stir us up Lord to see your gospel reach all nations, and to find our part in praying, giving and going out to make disciples.

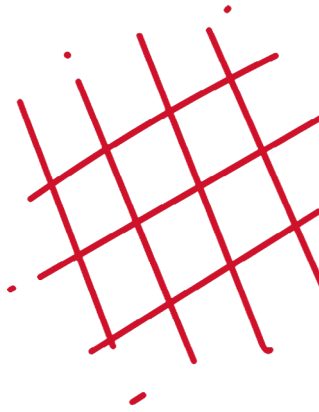
Amen.

Conclusion and blessing

Give us, Lord, a fresh love for your word, and a vision for bringing it to everyone, our neighbours through to the nations. Let us treasure the Scriptures, and store them up in our heart, as we remember those working across the world to bring them to everyone.

Father God, bless us today, that we might be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Option 2 Contemporary order of service

Contemporary church services tend to vary in structure far more, so here are some suggested elements that could be part of your **NoBibleSunday** event, which you can fit into your usual running order as needed.

Introduction

NoBibleSunday introduction – looking at the vital contribution of Bible translation in evangelism and discipleship across the world.

Video

NoBibleSunday introduction.

Family segment

If it is family service then use the children's work material here.

Member interview

If you have members of your church who work with Wycliffe you could interview them about their role.

Worship and notices

If the offering is usually taken here, consider leaving it until after the message.

Scripture

Romans 10:9–15

Bible verses initially read out in a different language, either by a member of the congregation or using the provided videos.

Message

See sermon based on the above passage.

Prayer

Praying for members at the church who are involved in Bible translation or for those who are working overseas and those thinking of going.

Collection

These **NoBibleSunday** resources are free of charge, but if you would like to take up an offering, you can find all the information you need to do so at: wycliffe.org.uk/church-giving.

Closing

Worship and prayer.

