

Middle East





CBF Full Members:

This region of the Catholic Biblical Federation brings together primarily Arabic-speaking countries of the Middle East and Northern Africa. Historically, these countries were the birthplace of the Bible itself, while Christians living there are, in some manner, the descendants of biblical characters. Complexity and diversity of the Bible is reflected in a great diversity of Christian rites and denomination present in the region. This diversity accounts for the richness of the region, but also poses a significant challenge in the area of diversity and dialogue, not least a dialogue with Islam. The beginnings of this region date back to 1985 when the first meeting of 20 exegetes and ministers of the Word in the Arabic speaking countries of the Near and Middle East took place on the island of Cyprus. The second Cyprus Meeting in February 1988 focused on the topic "The Reading of the Bible in our Middle East context". This meeting paved a way and provided direction for the biblical apostolate in the entire region.

PRAYER INTENTION:

That Christians in the Middle East and Northern Africa may enjoy religious freedom and zealously serve the cause of promoting the Bible as the grounds for unity among all Christians.

MAY 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 30	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	27	28	29	30	1
Dt 4:32-34,39-40 Rom 8:14-17 / Mt 28:16-20	Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-56	Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30	Acts 12:24-13:5a / Jn 12:44-50	Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20	Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6	Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14
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Acts 9:26-31 1Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8	1Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14	Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a	Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8	Acts 15;7-21 / Jn 15:9-11	Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17	Acts 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10	11	12	13	14	15
Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 1Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17	Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26-16:4a	Acts 16:22-34 / jn 16:5-11	Acts 17:15,22-18:1 / Jn 16:12-15	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 / Mk 16:15-20	Acts 1:15-17,20-26 / Jn 15:9-17	Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	17	18	19	20	21	22
Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26 1Jn 4:11-16 / Jn 17:11b-19	Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33	Acts 20:17-27 / Jn 17:1-11a	Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 & JN 17:20-26	Acts 25:13B-21 / JN 21:15-19	Acts 28:16-20,30-31 / Jn 21:20-25
PENTECOST SUNDAY 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Acts 2:1-11 / 1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13	Acts 1;12-14 / Jn 19:25-34	Sir 35:1-12 / Mk 10:28-31	Sir 36:1,4-5a,10-17 / Mk 10:32-45	Sir 42:15-25 / Mk 10:46-52	Sir 44:1,9-13 / Mk 11:11-26	Sir 51:12cd-20 / Mk 11:27-33