### PRAYER INTENTION

**That the Church in Latin America may continue growing and maintain its commitment to the Word of God.**

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**SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- Deuteronomy 5:1-9
- Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 / Luke 3:1-6
- Zephaniah 3:14-18a
- Philippians 4:4-7 / Luke 3:10-18
- Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
- Colossians 3:12-21 / Luke 2:41-52

**SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- Isaiah 25:6-10a / Matthew 15:29-37
- Isaiah 26:1-6 / Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- Isaiah 29:17-24 / Matthew 9:27-31

**SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
- Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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**CBF Full Members:**

- **23**

**Associate Members:**

- **101**

**Countries:**

- **22**

**Catholic Biblical Federation** has been present in this region right from its inception in 1969; together with Europe, this is the oldest region in the Federation. It is also the largest, containing 34% of all CBF members in the world, best developed, and most active. Thanks to a fruitful cooperation of the CBF with the biblical department of the Council of Latin American Episcopal Conferences (CELAM), almost all countries in the region organize Bible Sundays, Bible Weeks, and Bible Months. Numerous biblical centers run by dioceses, religious orders, and lay associations offer a great variety of biblical courses in various formats, and organize countless Bible-based Church activities, often organized in cooperation with the United Bible Societies. Thanks to these efforts, the Catholic Church in Latin America stands as a shining example of a Church rooted in and build on the Word of God. Still, the challenge of providing sufficient funds for sustaining biblical ministry in the reality of political instability and the atmosphere of social inequality and conflicts remains.