

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

During the DVD program you have learned something about the Saur Bible and its printer, about the early Brethren and their use of the Bible, and how Brethren today view the Bible. All of this has been offered with the hope that your own Bible will become more important to you. We want to challenge you to take some concrete steps toward that end and have provided a challenge sheet that contains practical suggestions. We believe God wants to use this Bible Visit to nudge you to increase your love and use of the Bible.

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Great and merciful God, we come praying for your church here and around the world. Thank you for joining us to brothers and sisters who share a common commitment to Jesus Christ. Keep us grateful for the spiritual family in which you have planted us.

Lord, we would remember those who have preceded us. Help us see the richness of the biblical legacy they have left. May we with courage, commitment and faithfulness, take the baton from them and carry it in our day.

Like those who came before, let our faith be deeply rooted in Scripture. Help us to read it as you intend. May we hear you speak to us in its pages. Make it authoritative in our individual and congregational lives, and let it always point us to Jesus Christ.

When we strongly differ about what you have told us in Scripture, keep us from looking down on those who disagree with us. Remind us that we still have new understandings to gain from the old truths found there. Give us the humility that brings us together in peace under the Lordship of Christ

Almighty God, we recognize that we cannot fulfill your dreams for the church without your help. Bring us often to the Bible that we might encounter your dream for the church. We want to be your people bringing you honor and glory as we partner with you. Reveal your will to us so that we may do it, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, Lord, for your love and grace. We believe you have a great future for our church if we stay focused on you and love each other. Keep us faithful to the biblical vision you have given us. Remind us often that we are to model the Kingdom and lift up Jesus Christ as we continue his work peacefully, simply, together.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.