



Greetings!

In the name of the International Christian Fellowship, we are delighted to support and endorse this year's Bible marathon for the purpose of publicly reading through the Bible. Despite the fact that the Bible is an ancient text, its content is anything but ancient. Just because something is "old" does not mean it is irrelevant. The timeless truth and inspiring stories of Scripture continue to provide inspiration, direction, and answers to the most important pressing questions of our time. We wholeheartedly endorse the public reading of Scripture.

Mark 10:49 is the verse that captures the reward of someone who is persistent in ignoring the discouraging voices of those around them by trusting in the nature of the One who brings forgiveness, healing, and deliverance. Had blind Bartimaeus listened to those who wanted to silence his cry for help then he would have forever remained in his debilitating condition. Instead of silence, he cried out even louder so that Jesus would hear his cry above all the other voices. Jesus heard, stood still, and called for Bartimaeus. Now, the same crowd that wanted him silenced turned and said to him, "Be of great courage! Stand up!" We live in a society with many voices. It is vitally important that we not arrange our life on the basis of what the crowd is telling us, but we make our decisions based on the nature of the One we are calling.

Please consider joining with others to read through the Bible during this year's marathon. We are grateful for this initiative. May God's word increase in Slovenia and open the way for many to respond to God's invitation to walk with Him and He with them.

MKS, Pastor  
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