



## AUDIO BIBLES FOR THE BLIND

**AUDIO BIBLE INFORMATION/CATALOG • REVISED May 9, 2012**

### Free Service for the visually impaired and print-handicapped

We focus on one thing: providing the Audio Bible (God’s Word) to blind, visually impaired and print-handicapped people all across the globe. We do it every day in as many languages as we can generate and into as many countries as we can reach. We believe God speaks through His Word of Truth and want to furnish it to as many people in need of it as we possibly can.

### Audio Bibles are provided worldwide as a GIFT to visually impaired and print handicapped individuals who meet any of the following criteria:

- Vision in better eye is 20/200 or less with corrective glasses, or widest diameter of visual field is no greater than 20 degrees.
- Cannot see well enough or focus long enough to read standard print with glasses.
- Reading Disability resulting from organic dysfunction.
- Qualifies for Library of Congress “Talking Book Program”.
- Print-handicapped – unable to read or use standard printed material as a result of physical limitation (unable to turn the pages of a book).
- Professionals who work with anyone that meets the above criteria are also available to receive materials for demonstration purposes.

**HOSPICE CARE REQUESTS** – there are exceptions made exclusively for hospice workers and those under hospice care. Please see our website or call us for hospice care materials and resources.

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## Our Audio Bibles are available in the following formats:

**1. Digital Talking Book (DTB) Cartridge Loading Service.** Digital Talking Book players are provided by The Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind (NLS). The government website that describes this service is: <http://www.loc.gov/nls>.

We have re-produced our Audio Bibles for use with the DTB. However, we are unable to provide individuals with blank cartridges. Here are two options to choose from:



- 1. If you already have a blank 2GB NLS cartridge or USB flash drive, mail it to us (Free Matter for the Blind) and we will load them with the language/version of your choice and return to you. ***This is a free service and there is no cost whatsoever with this loading service.*** A list of stores that sell blank 2GB cartridges can be found at: <http://www.loc.gov/nls/cartridges>.
- 2. If you don't already have a blank 2GB NLS cartridge, for a \$15 donation, we can purchase a cartridge for you from stores listed on the library website. This way the blank cartridge comes directly to us, we load it with the Audio Bible of your choice and you never have to return it to anyone – it is yours to keep. The complete Bible fits on a single blank 2GB cartridge. ***The Bible recording and shipping is absolutely free. The \$15 donation is a reimbursement for buying you a blank cartridge.***
- To mail us a Blank cartridge, USB flash drive or \$15 donation, our address is: Audio Bibles for the Blind, PO Box 621, Bradenton, FL 34206. Be sure to include your return mailing address and which version/language you want loaded.



The following Versions/Languages are available in Digital Talking Book format:

### **Audio Bible Languages/Versions**

English -New King James Version (OT & NT)  
English - King James Version (OT & NT)  
English - World English Bible (OT & NT)  
English - International Children's Bible (OT & NT)  
Farsi NT  
French OT & NT  
German OT & NT  
Haitian Creole NT  
Hebrew OT & NT  
Hindi NT  
Italian NT  
Mandarin OT & NT  
Polish NT  
Russian OT & NT  
Spanish NT

### **Note:**

If you need more than one version/language, please know that each Language requires its own 2GB NLS cartridge. However, we do have the ability to load one Bible and one Bible Study on a single NLS cartridge upon request.

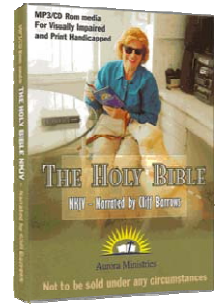
We may also load multiple Bible Studies/Messages on a single NLS Cartridge or USB flash drive.

### **Bible Studies/Messages**

Mariano DiGangi – Bible Messages  
John MacArthur – Faith to Grow On (for Children)  
John MacArthur – Divine Pattern for Marriage & Family

## Our Audio Bibles are available in the following formats: (continued)

**2. MP3/CDrom.** Our Audio Bible MP3-CD's can be used in MP3 compatible CD players, computers and some DVD players. You may also use the MP3 discs to load our Audio Bible into any portable MP3 device. Depending on the language/version, the complete Audio Bible is on 1-5 MP3-CD's.



**3. MP3/DVDrom.** Our MP3-DVD is a single DVD disc with our Bible in MP3 format that you can use on your computer or use to load on your own MP3 compatible device.

The following Versions/Languages are available on MP3/CD & MP3/DVD format:

### **Audio Bible Languages/Versions**

English - New King James Version (OT & NT)  
English - King James Version (OT & NT)  
English - International Children's Bible (OT & NT)  
Africaans  
Arabic NT  
Amharic NT  
Bulgarian NT  
Czech NT  
Farsi NT  
Finnish NT  
French OT & NT  
German OT & NT  
Haitian Creole NT  
Hebrew OT & NT  
Hindi NT  
Italian NT  
Mandarin OT & NT  
Polish NT  
Russian OT & NT  
Slovak NT  
Spansih NT (RV2000)  
Turkish NT  
Ukrainian NT

### **Note:**

MP3-CD Players can be found in many stores that sell electronics. MP3-CD players play both regular Audio CD's as well as MP3-CD's.

A MP3-CD player that many of our users recommend is the Coby Portable MP3/CD Player (Model # MPCD471). Wal-mart, as well as many other stores, sell this player for around \$31.



### **Bible Studies/Messages**

Mariano DiGangi – Bible Messages (English, Italian, Spanish)  
Steve Kreloff – False Teachers  
John MacArthur – Faith to Grow On (Children's Devotional)  
John MacArthur – Back to Basics  
John MacArthur – Battle for the Beginning  
John MacArthur – Beatitudes (English & Spanish)  
John MacArthur – Parables of the Kingdom

**4. Daisy 2.02 on CD or DVD.** We have the following versions/languages available in the Daisy Book 2.02 format on compact disc and DVD discs: • KJV, • NKJV, & • Spanish NT.

## **\* Audio CD Substitute (NOT COMPLETE BIBLES)**

Qualified individuals/organizations that don't have a NLS DTB Player or want MP3-CD/DVD versions can request three Audio. Please know these are not complete Audio Bibles and are only selected scripture readings.

- 1. Portrait of Jesus** - selected scriptures from the NT (1 hour) – in English or Spanish.
- 2. Old Testament Stories** - selected scriptures from the OT (1 hour) – in English only.
- 3. Psalms** - selected scriptures from the book of Psalms (1 hour) – in English only.

## Our Audio Bibles are available in the following formats: (continued)

**5. Online Download Library.** On our website at [www.AudioBiblesForTheBlind.org](http://www.AudioBiblesForTheBlind.org) you will find a link to access our Download Library. You may also find it at <http://download.audiobiblesfortheblind.org>.

It is absolutely free to register and download. However, please know that some downloads require certification of impairment before a username can be granted access to versions/languages with restricted use.

### **Audio Bible Languages/Versions**

English -New King James Version - NKJV  
English - King James Version - KJV  
English - International Children's Bible - ICB  
Arabic NT  
Amharic NT  
Czech NT  
Farsi NT  
French NT  
French OT  
German NT  
German OT  
Haitian Creole NT  
Hebrew NT  
Hebrew OT  
Italian NT  
Polish NT  
Spansih NT (RV2000)

### **Bible Studies/Messages**

Mariano DiGangi – Bible Messages  
Mariano DiGangi – Bible Messages (Italian)  
Mariano DiGangi – Bible Messages (Spanish)  
Steve Kreloff – False Teachers  
Steve Kreloff -Significance of the Cross  
John MacArthur – Faith to Grow On (for Children)  
Hindi – Faith to Grow On (for Children)  
John MacArthur – Beatitudes (English & Spanish)  
John MacArthur – Comfort for Troubled Hearts  
John MacArthur – Faith & Life Series  
John MacArthur – Parables of the Kingdom  
John MacArhtur – When Christians Die  
Stephen Olford – Radiant Christian Living

### **Misc. Recordings**

English - Old Testament Stories (selected scriptures)  
Sam Lane - Blind Concert Pianist (music)

### **Portrait of Jesus (Selected Scriptures from the NT)**

English – NKJV, NIV, NRSV  
Haitian  
Hindi  
Hebrew  
Hmong  
Indonesian  
Kannada  
Laotian  
Mandarin (Modern), Mandarin (Union)  
Somali  
Spanish  
Thai  
Urdu

### **God's Powerful Savior (Selected Scriptures from John)**

English – NKJV, KJV, NIV, CEV (Female)  
Albanian  
Armenian  
Batak Toba  
Bulgarian  
Cantonese  
Czech  
Georgian  
Hakka  
Hindi  
Ilocano  
Indonesian  
Italian  
Javanese  
Kannada  
Khmer  
Latvian  
Nuer  
Oromo  
Polish  
Romanian  
Russian (Living), Russian (Synodal)  
Sinhala  
Slovak  
Spanish  
Sundonese  
Tagalog  
Taiwanese  
Tamil  
Ukrainian  
Uzbek  
Vietnamese  
Yoruba

**6. Cassettes Tapes (ONLY FOR LANGUAGES NOT AVAILABLE ON NLS CARTRIDGE, MP3-CD/DVD OR DOWNLOAD).**

Please know, any requests for cassette tapes other than the languages listed below, will not be filled. The following Versions/Languages are available on tape:

Albanian NT  
Bangala NT  
Burmese NT  
Cantonese NT  
Cebuano NT  
Cakchiquel NT  
Croatian NT  
Dutch NT  
Finnish NT  
Greek NT  
Gujarati NT  
Hiligaynon NT  
Hindi NT  
Hmong NT  
Hausa NT  
Hungarian NT  
Hungarian OT  
Ilacano NT  
Indonesian NT  
Japanese NT  
Kalenjin NT  
Korean NT  
Laotian NT  
Latvian NT  
Luba Kaonde NT

Luganda NT  
Luganda OT  
Malaysian (Mark only)  
Malayalam NT  
Mabaan NT  
Mien NT  
Mandarin NT  
Maasai NT  
Navajo NT  
Ndebele NT  
Nepali NT  
Portuguese NT  
Romanian NT  
Swedish NT  
Swahili NT  
Tagalog NT  
Tamil NT  
Telugu NT  
Thai NT  
Tigrinya NT  
Uduk NT  
Urdu NT  
Vietnamese NT

## Qualification Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Impairment (circle one): **Legally Blind, Visually Impaired, Print-handicapped**

Requested format (circle one):

1. MP3/CD, 2. MP3/DVD, 3. Daisy/CD, 4. Daisy/DVD, 5. \*DTB Cartridge, 6. Download Library

Language or Version Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*If DTB Cartridge (Digital Talking Book) is selected, please mark one of the following:**

Sending a blank 2 GB cartridge or flash drive by mail.

We need Audio Bibles for the Blind to purchase a blank (\$15 donation).

**For MP3/CD, MP3/DVD or Download requests,** please provide below the contact information for the certifying authority as recognized by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; such as professional staff, agency or organization for the blind, a librarian, rehab worker, rehab teacher, doctor, etc.

Certifying Authority Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## About Audio Bibles for the Blind



Our outreach is simple and straightforward. We give the Audio Bible on request with verification of impairment. Each eligible person may receive a copy of the Scriptures. Not only does this recorded Bible become “My Bible” to the individual, but it also serves as a broader outreach as groups often gather together to listen to the Word of God together!

\* “Print-handicapped” simply refers to those whose vision may be fine but who can no longer hold and manage books ... sometimes, these are people who struggle with cancer, those who suffer with Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson’s Disease, Downs Syndrome, Paralysis, and others.

## Our History

Aurora Ministries, also known over the years as Audio Bibles for the Blind, and Bible Alliance, has a rich history of serving others. We have had the privilege of serving people around the globe for nearly 40 years!

We began in a small room located in a home on Long Boat Key, Florida. And now Audio Bibles for the Blind is located in Bradenton, Florida. We have served approximately 140 countries, have over 70 languages available, and receive hundreds of requests for Audio Bibles each week!



## Recording God’s Word



Many of our Audio Bible projects have been recorded in our studio in the Aurora Ministries/Audio Bibles for the Blind production facility.

There is always an air of excitement, comparable to the anticipation of a birth, during preparation for each new project to begin.

When the initial recording day arrives, technicians can be found in their appointed places in the sound room as the reader assumes his position in front of the microphone; and, Bible in hand, he looks for the signal and begins to read.

This scenario is the culmination of months of groundwork and the seeking out of qualified readers, to select one who must have a working knowledge of the language he will be

reading, a voice distinct with clarity and intonation, and a comfortable meter. Our reader's love of, understanding of, and commitment to the Word of God are critical qualities. When a foreign language of the Bible is recorded, the authenticity of the version is carefully verified. Copyright permissions must be procured and contracts with publishers hammered out. Many times a reader will come from a great distance, so provisions and travel arrangements are necessary.

During the days of recording, a quality control team listens through the entire journey, ready to secure accuracy across each chapter and verse. These individuals listen, Scripture and pencil in hand, to each word read, noting any concerns in diction, pronunciation, or extra sounds that may emerge. Two or three individuals may, in turn, listen to these same segments repeatedly – and call for edits and re-recordings as necessary. The result is a recording of the highest quality.



Our product is then turned over to our production volunteers, who duplicate, load and package for worldwide distribution.

So much prayer and so many hands are necessary in our providing the Word of God to people in their own languages. We invite you to be a part of this process, through your prayers and through your financial support. We think you will share our sense of elation and blessing.

Our founder, Anthony Rossi, called the Audio Bibles we send freely around the world “Little Missionaries.” He called them by such a name because he said, “Many times, these Audio Bibles will be able to go into cities and villages and homes and ears – and reach people – that maybe no person would be able to reach otherwise.”

## **Reaching Young Hearts**

Children (ages 15 and under) who suffer severe visual impairment, number an estimated five million worldwide. In the United States alone, an estimated 95,500 children and youths are severely visually impaired while over 55,000 are legally blind.

Aurora Ministries/Audio Bibles for the Blind has made it our goal to provide the opportunity for visually and physically impaired persons to hear the Bible in an Audio format. For three decades we have had this privilege of producing the Bible not only in English, but also in over 70 additional languages! And now, we have had the further privilege of producing a children's Bible tailored specifically to the many visually and physically impaired children who have desired to listen to the words of the Bible in a way they can easily understand.



Over the years, we have had the opportunity to interface with the professional men and women, such as, general practitioners, ophthalmologists, optometrists, internists, physical therapists, social workers, teachers, librarians, counselors, and hospice providers who care for these individuals. Consistently, professionals and parents had said to us, “I wish you had something for my child”. We are delighted to be able to say, “now we do”!

We have had the opportunity to record and complete the production of the International Children’s Bible (ICB) which is published by Tommy Nelson, the children’s division of Thomas Nelson Publishers.



A great thrill for us at Audio Bibles For The Blind is to have the entire International Children’s Bible in place specifically for children. We thank God for the sacrificial volunteering of Dave Carlson from Trans World Radio (TWR). Mr. Carlson was a longtime missionary statesman with TWR and was gracious to come into our recording studio and record the children’s New Testament.

David Carlson, along with his daughter Karen Avella, were our special narrators for our first ever children’s devotional written by Dr. John MacArthur – “A Faith to Grow On” published by Tommy Nelson.

The provisions are now available to any blind or print-handicapped child in need. Audio Bibles for the Blind is deeply committed to provide children with the resource of God’s Word through audio. We also believe God will richly bless our endeavor to present the Bible for these young ears and hearts. Pray with us, please, that God enables us to get the right Audio Bibles into the right hands in precisely His right timing.

## Letter from Dr. John MacArthur - Grace to You Ministries

“Dear Friend,

In Romans 10:14, the apostle Paul asks, “How shall they hear without a preacher?” For those who cannot see or read for themselves, that question takes on a particular, quite literal urgency.

That’s why I feel so honored to share my enthusiasm with you about Audio Bibles for the Blind and the wonderful work that this organization does – and why I hope you will lend your support. For the past 33 years, this ministry has been providing free Audio Bibles to blind and desperately needy people around the world – in 64 different languages.



The life-changing impact of Audio Bibles for the Blind is profound and eternal. I wish you could see the expression of joy and wonder on a blind person's face when he or she is given the means for doing personal Bible study through recorded media!

This kind of miracle is taking place every day, all over the world. But the need is great, and the demand grows with the success of the ministry. Your help is needed-and so I urge you to give Audio Bibles for the Blind your prayerful and generous support. God bless you for your compassion!

For the Master, John MacArthur”