

This Was the Most Read Bible Verse of 2024

Popular Bible app YouVersion says it has seen more people engage with the Bible this year than ever before, drawing closer to God through His Word and through prayer features on the app.

Developers of the Bible app point out the most popular verse from 2024 reveals that people have been seeking God's comfort in tumultuous times.

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This year, the most searched Scripture was Philippians 4:6. It reads: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

YouVersion Founder and CEO Bobby Gruenewald believes it shows that people are more likely to turn to God when they face anxiety and daily struggles.



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"In many cases, our anxiety comes from holding onto worries that we aren't meant to carry," said Gruenewald. "To me, this verse being sought out the most this year is an illustration that our community is seeking God in prayer and choosing to trust Him to carry their burdens—and we're seeing that supported in the data."

The YouVersion app was designed to encourage and challenge people to seek God throughout each day. It offers a free Bible experience in more than 2,170 languages and has been installed

on more than 875 million unique devices.

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"I was just trying to figure out how to use technology to help people read the Bible more consistently. And just had enough faith to start, to try something, and of course, what we've seen God do is incredible. Our faith has grown, but in the very beginning had no idea what it was going to become," Gruenewald previously told CBN News.

Praying for Peace

Seeking peace through God's Word is not the only thing that has increased this year.

YouVersion also saw increased interest in prayer around the world.

The words "prayer" and "peace" were among the top in-app search terms this year and the app's YouVersion Prayer features went up by 46% this year compared to last year.

The YouVersion's Prayer Team volunteers responded to prayer requests in 20 languages and prayed for concerns involving finances, healing, family, marriage and anxiety.

The group has partnered with 24-7 Prayer International to facilitate "an unbroken chain of prayer, every hour of the day and night" among churches in more than 65 countries.

This year, they saw a 37% increase in the number of 24-7 Prayer Rooms they're supporting.

"Throughout 2024, we have seen a rise in the number of people dedicating themselves to night and day prayer in different nations around the world," said Carla Harding, International Director of Products for 24-7 Prayer International. "Our hope

is that through continual prayer, the global church would be ignited in the presence of God and carry His love with greater compassion and power to the communities around them.”

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