

Canton Corona Bible Project — Step-by-step Instructions

To stay connected while physically distancing, people across Canton are invited to copy a chapter from the Bible in their own handwriting. The final result will be a “Canton Corona Bible,” a powerful testimony to hope and connection in this time of crisis. Our goal is to copy the whole Christian Bible, using individuals’ handwriting or calligraphy. For each of the 1,189 chapters of the biblical books of the Old and New Testament, we are looking for women and men, youth or children who commit to each copy at least one chapter. Contributors are also welcome to add a personal commentary, illustrations, or artistic interpretations to their passage. Thus, the Bible is re-created in light of our questions and fears, but also our hope and trust as a testimony to this time of crisis.

FOR GROUPS AND TEAMS: HEBREW BIBLE

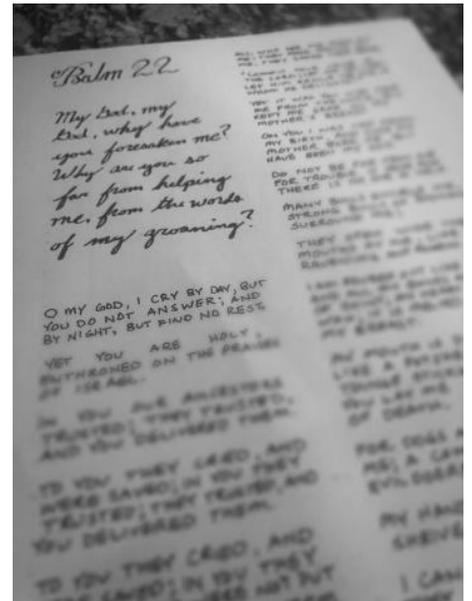
- The chapters of the books of the Hebrew Bible (or Old Testament) will be copied by small groups, families, choirs, groups, and other congregations who commit to copy a whole biblical book.
- Team captains are asked to contact mwallace@cantoncpc.org for more details.

FOR INDIVIDUAL WRITERS: THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Each individual selects a chapter (or two) from the New Testament (see www.cantoncpc.org/learn-grow/canton-corona-bible/) You can sign up for your preferred chapter(s) using the Signup Genius links. If your favorite chapter is already taken, please select another option. Make sure to write down your selection!
- If you have any questions, contact mwallace@cantoncpc.org.
- If you are not able to select a chapter via Signup Genius, you can call 330-456-8113.

FOR EVERYONE:

- You can write in any language you would like. Different languages are explicitly welcome!
- Choose your preferred translation (e.g. NRSV, NIV, CEB, ESV, the Message...) You can copy the text from your personal Bible, or you can find it online.
- Write on regular (not lined) white copy & multipurpose paper, letter size (8 1/2” x 11”), 20-24 lb.
- Use both sides, writing single spaced, so that the Bible won’t become too thick.
- Choose your favorite writing utensil. Ballpoint, gel, marker and fountain pens are all good options, but whatever you choose, make sure it doesn’t bleed through the pages.
- Write in portrait orientation, leaving a margin of at least 1” left and right, and 1/2” on top/bottom. You may pencil in your margins (and lines) and erase them later.
- Please write the (English) name of the biblical book and your chapter large and visible at the beginning of your text. You do not need to copy the little numbers (verses). Also, please don’t copy the titles of the paragraphs, as they do not belong to the original text.
- You may also illustrate the written text or use calligraphy to highlight individual letters. Please avoid colors that apply thickly on the paper.
- Please sign your finished chapter with your name and any biographical information you want to include.



Then, using a 9”x12” manila envelope, mail in your finished chapter(s) to the church by April 1, 2021. Please DO NOT FOLD OR BEND! Finally, on the back of your envelope, note the biblical book and chapter. Send your contribution to: Rev. Michael Wallace, 530 Tuscarawas St. W, Canton, OH 44702.