

How to Pray for Zero

Did you know millions of people are still waiting for one Bible verse in their language, and over 1 billion are still waiting for the full Bible? We are a community united in prayer for those numbers to reach Zero. *In this generation.*

Start with This Prayer

Jesus, speed up and empower the Bible translation movement. Rescue the nations out of darkness with the light of your Word.

Watch video: [Pray for Zero](#)

Join the Day-By-Day Journey to Zero

Every week, travel to a different region of the world in prayer. Use this daily guide to pray strategically and effectively for each step of Bible translation—from zero Scripture to lives being transformed forever!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pray for Those Without Scripture	Pray for Ministry Partners	Pray for a Translation Project	Pray for Teachers and Trainers	Praise for Impact

Thank you for joining us! Together, our prayers can add up to Zero.

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Anglophone West Africa

“Anglophone” refers to countries where English is widely used. This week, we’re praying for the Anglophone West African nations of Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and The Gambia.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for a Single Verse of Scripture*

People	Languages
2,063,581	126

** According to ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. October 2023. Estimates differ between organizations, and numbers shift as new needs are discovered or languages fall out of use.*

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We partner with 15 Bible translation organizations and more than 10 church networks in Anglophone West Africa.	God has provided incredible unity among a wide variety of ministries with diverse strengths. Nigerian churches are taking ownership and leadership in translation.	Unstable socioeconomic conditions, persecution, corruption, lack of training, and spreading of false teaching are major prayer points for this region.

**Asterisks throughout this prayer journal indicate where pseudonyms have been used and locations have been generalized due to security risks.*

Regional Praise

Kamwe* Full Bible Completed; 11 More Publications in Progress

Many New Testaments and Scripture portions have been completed in Anglophone West Africa over the last several years. Technology advances have helped improve translation, typesetting, and publishing efficiency, leading to acceleration in people receiving Scripture across the region!

PRAISE

- Nigeria currently has 11 projects with New Testaments, Old Testaments, or complete Bibles that are either in the publication pipeline or being printed.
- The Kamwe full Bible was dedicated this July and will help bring Christ's freedom to people bound by Islam and African Traditional Religion.
- The Nigerian Pidgin full Bible is expected to be published in the next ~12 months.

PRAY

- For God to smooth out publishing bottlenecks that are still left over from pandemic-era supply chain struggles.
- For more typesetters to be fully trained to help accelerate the publishing process.

Monday

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

—Mark 16:15 (NLT)

PRAY FOR A BIBLELESS PEOPLE GROUP The Kinugu of Nigeria

It is said that the Kinugu people (population 3,000) came from far away and settled on a hill called Kajin many years ago. They later came down from the hill in search of farmland, which they still work today.

Christianity came to the community in the early 1930s. The names of the first believers have been passed down through generations: Bala Naziri, Zabsa Danbaki, and Eliya S. Fada. While about 90% of Kinugu people identify as Christian, syncretism with other religious practices is common. Scripture in their language will help them grow in their faith and reach their Muslim neighbors.

PRAY

- For everything to go smoothly so this project can begin soon.
- For wisdom in choosing and training those involved in this project, from translators to Scripture engagement workers to leadership in the community.

PRAISE

- For Kinugu leaders to grow in desire for Bible translation in their language and work with [Rhema](#) to see it happen.

Pray Now

High fuel and food costs and difficult roads are just some of the difficulties the Ayanran, Oja, and Ukwe teams in Nigeria face when traveling for translation work. Ask God to protect, encourage, and strengthen these teams and communities.

Tuesday

God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

—1 Corinthians 1:9 (NLT)

PRAY FOR PARTNERS

Language Developers and Bible Translators Association of Nigeria

Years ago, Seed Company and the Jesus Film Project started working together to translate Luke's Gospel and produce the "JESUS" film (based on Luke's Gospel) for communities with no Scripture. Out of that partnership, which began during [Dr. Katy Barnwell's time in Nigeria](#), Language Developers and Bible Translators Association (LDBT) was formed.

PRAISE

For the 16 translation projects LDBT is currently serving. Several are [cluster projects](#) that include multiple languages.

PRAY

For open doors and favor for LDBT. Since they're in northern Nigeria, which has a large Muslim population, much of their ministry is focused on engaging Muslims with the gospel message.

Pray Now

Pray for ongoing conversations with [Nigeria Evangelical Missions Association](#) as we look for ways to partner together in the area of leadership development.

Wednesday

When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went down to the region of Judea east of the Jordan River. Large crowds followed him there, and he healed their sick.

—Matthew 19:1–2 (NLT)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Watch [Matthew 19:1–2 in Nigerian Sign Language](#)

About Nigerian Sign Language

Nigeria is home to more than 1 million Deaf people. Most do not ascribe to any religion, but in the last few years, efforts have been made to plant Deaf churches. By the end of this project in 2025, the local team plans to have 1,303 New Testament verses translated for local churches and ministries to use in outreach.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Gumbasi Cluster in Nigeria

The Gumbasi Cluster project is producing oral Bible stories that will impact more than 17,000 people who speak the Siri, Buram, Kariya, and Gus languages. Local churches believe oral Bible stories will help open doors for the gospel among these people groups, which are only 2–4% Christian. These believers often face persecution.

PRAISE

- Almost 40 stories have already been produced by these teams, including the stories of Joseph and Ruth!
- Kariya women are impressed by the kindness of Boaz, calling him “a very good man.”
- After hearing Ruth’s story, an elderly Siri woman stood up and said to all the women gathered, “If you have been wicked to your mother-in-law or daughter-in-law, you should stop it!”

Thursday

Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

—Ephesians 4:12 (NLT)

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Helen, Finance Manager at ITDAL in Nigeria

“ITDAL” stands for “Initiative for the Translation and Development of African Languages.” They believe having the Word of God is the beginning of true development in any community. Today, we are praying for Helen, a finance manager at this ministry.

When she learned that the Bible was being translated into her heart language of Rigwe, she joined the team as an accountant and later became a finance manager at the local partner organization, ITDAL. Recently, she completed a 3-year internship with Seed Company to further her skills.

PRAISE

- For Helen's desire to pass on what she's learned to others. In October, she had the opportunity to train leaders of 10 different Bible translation organizations in financial stewardship.

PRAY

- For wise time management as Helen assesses language communities' financial needs, travels, and trains others.

Pray Now

For the Kulung translation team in Nigeria, whose majority-Christian community faces persecution from nearby Muslim groups. Over the last few months, there have been systematic, brutal attacks by herdsmen, and the translation coordinator's house was burned to the ground along with everything he owned.

Friday

Rise up, O Lord, in all your power. With music and singing we celebrate your mighty acts
—Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

A Life Transformed in Ghana

Comfort lives in Ghana and is one of 71,900 people who speak the Siwu language. Most Siwu people practice African Traditional Religion, but the Siwu church is growing since receiving the New Testament and portions of the Old Testament.

Comfort hasn't had an easy life, but she's displayed incredible resilience. After becoming pregnant at age 13 and dropping out of school, she began selling vegetables at the market to support herself and her child. Eventually, she started her own vegetable farm.

One day, at a funeral service, a young boy read Psalm 91 in Siwu. The Scripture touched her heart so much that Comfort wanted to learn to read it herself. She joined a literacy class and devoured God's Word!

PRAISE

Today, Comfort is a deaconess in her church. She says, "Reading the Scriptures, especially Psalms, has given me so much joy that it has taken away the sadness I used to feel."

Pray Now

For security to stabilize so community engagement with Bible translation work can grow in the Eda, Ajigha, Ehua, and Jijili communities of Nigeria. Despite local banditry, the teams continue to press on.

Pray Now

For protection for local translation teams in the [Bekwarra](#) and [Tarok](#) communities of Nigeria. Due to civil unrest, many are internally displaced and living in camps, but these teams are persisting in showing God's love and giving out Scripture to them.

This Just In

MORE RECENT PRAYER NEEDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

A boating accident in the Congo recently led to around a hundred people losing their lives. Three literacy workers who are working with local pastors to use heart language Scripture in church survived the accident. Praise God for preserving their lives, and pray for healing for those who lost loved ones.

– 10/24/23, from the Seed Company Congo Basin team

Please pray for good rains for our crops, and ask that we'll be able to check Scripture in the community effectively since most people will be out in the field preparing for the farming season.

– 10/23/23, from the Soli team in Zambia

Thank God that the book of Luke has been checked successfully! Pray for God's grace as we prepare our fields for this farming season, and ask for good rainfall because we had a drought last year.

– 10/23/23, from the Totela team in Zambia

Praise God that the new translator is fitting in well on our team.

– 10/23/23, from the Nkangala team in Zambia

Pray for God to help us finish recording the "JESUS" film and that he will use it to impact people's hearts. Ask that everyone involved with crafting and listening to Bible stories will experience life change. Pray for more churches to get involved in Hadza children's ministry and that translated Scripture will impact children's lives as they grow.

– 10/20/23, from the Hadza team in Tanzania

Please pray for me as I learn new education and literacy concepts at the university. Also please pray for complete healing for my dad's kidney problems.

– 10/18/23, from Profeta, a literacy teacher and Seed Company intern with SIL Mexico