

# Pray for Zero

This people group has no Scripture in their language.

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**BISAYA, SABAH**  
MALAYSIA, ASIA  
POPULATION: 77,000

The Bisaya in Sabah, Malaysia, are primarily farmers. Rice is their staple crop, but they also grow chilies, maize, and other vegetables. Fish is also an important part of their diet. While they live alongside the much larger Malay groups, they maintain their unique language and culture.

Bisaya villages are located along riverbanks. Most marriages are arranged while children are very young, and divorces are easily obtained by both men and women.

Most Bisaya are Muslim but also observe animistic practices. The Bisaya believe that disease is caused by "soul loss", and a spirit medium attempts to retrieve that soul through going into trances at public ceremonies.

While some Scripture was translated in 1938, it is not being used, and there are currently no known Christ followers or active church planting efforts among the Bisaya of Sabah. Pray for God to send workers to translate Scripture into Bisaya in a way that is accurate and compelling, and ask for the passion, creativity, and strategy to engage these people with translated Scripture in a way that starts a healthy church among them.

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# Pray

**PRESENCE** - For God to prepare hearts to receive His Word. (Isaiah 48:17)

**PROVISION** - For needed financial provision, prayer partners, translation consultants, and translators. (Luke 10:2)

**PROTECTION** - Against spiritual and physical opposition. (Ephesians 6:12, 18)

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We are passionate about growing in prayer with you.  
Here are five prayer habits for you to practice  
when praying for this language community:

1. Before you read your Bible, pray for the ministry of Bible translation to begin for this language community.
  2. Before you eat, pray for the provision of Bible translators who will bring the eternal food, the Scriptures, to their people group.
  3. Write out a "breath prayer" to pray for your language community. Something like, "Jesus, rescue this people group out of darkness with the light of your word."
  4. When you walk, pray for the "word of God to run swiftly" to this language community (Psalm 147:15).
  5. Invite others to join you in praying for this language community (Acts 2:42).
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