

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: [Imagine 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 the Bibleless	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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Pacific

The Pacific includes 27 countries spread across hundreds of islands. While churches are present almost everywhere on these islands, and there is no animosity toward Christians or the Bible, this region presents unique logistical challenges.

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

People	Languages
383,163	326

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

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with around 10 partner organizations in the Pacific and a great number of church networks. Local believers greatly value the Bible and desire it in their own languages.	Bible translation progress has accelerated over the years as local partners gain strength and increase ownership. Hundreds of translations are in progress, and well over 300 New Testaments have already been completed.	Many more people groups would like to begin translation, but trained consultants often have their hands full with existing work. Most of these remaining groups are also very small and difficult to reach (as in, no roads or only accessible by boat).

Regional Praise

Many Answer the Call to Pray for Zero at Perth World Prayer Assembly

Believers representing dozens of countries all over the world gathered in Perth, Australia, for the World Prayer Assembly in October! At the Pray for Zero booth, many learned about the urgency of praying for Bible translation for all remaining people groups.

Here are just a few highlights:

- More than 85 new prayer warriors, including many local church leaders from Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea, joined the movement to Pray for Zero!
- Friends from Seed Company, Wycliffe Australia, South Pacific House of Prayer, YWAM Adelaide, Papua New Guinea Bible Translation Association, and SIL all joined to pray together and educate others about Bible translation.
- We got to share about and pray for the upcoming launch of Kids Pray for Zero (to receive early information, [please scroll to the bottom of this page and email us](#))

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 Neme of Papua New Guinea

Information supplied by [Joshua Project](#)

Neme people cultivate gardens on the plains east of a river. Their diet consists of yam, taro, sweet potato, sago, greens, and fruits such as coconuts, bananas, pineapples, and papayas. They occasionally sell produce, meat, and fish in the nearby city. In addition, they fish, hunt deer and wallabies, and raise chickens. Neme people build their houses on poles, raised about 6–10 feet above the ground.

While Neme is not taught in schools, it is used at home and throughout the community by approximately 200 people in two villages. Though most people in these villages would identify as Christians, syncretism with animistic religious rituals is common. God's Word in their own language will help them truly know the way of Jesus and follow him with their whole lives.

PRAY

- For God's wisdom and grace as SIL and Seed Company begin conversations about starting Bible translation in the Neme community.

Pray Now

For the local Wampar translation team in Papua New Guinea, as they adjust to their advisor returning to South Korea due to health issues. They had recently finished drafting the whole New Testament and some of the Old Testament. Pray for healing and for God to make a way for work to continue despite poor internet access. Praise God that their most recent online Scripture check was successful!

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 & Culture Unit** **of the Evangelical Church in West Timor**

The Evangelical Church of West Timor has their own Language & Culture Unit, which has been an incredible partner in Bible translation for the unreached language groups of southern Indonesia. Since 1999, Seed Company has partnered with them in the publication of Mark's Gospel for 20 languages, as well as eight entire New Testaments!

ANSWERED PRAYER

- In the last Pacific prayer journal, [we prayed for wisdom for this partner as they decided which Bibleless people groups to engage next](#). They were able to add all four to an existing [cluster project](#), for a total of 9 language groups currently translating Scripture!

PRAY

- For wisdom as we are in the process of approving funds to underwrite construction costs for a translation center to serve these nine groups. This center will support training of local translators, literacy specialists, and ministers, as well as the production of materials in these languages. It will also have a recording studio for audio Scripture and hymns.

Pray Now

For the Micronesian Isles teams, who are translating Scripture for seven languages in Micronesia, as they're planning which books to translate next and in which formats. Praise God that they recently held a conference to encourage some of the teams who have struggled the past few years during the pandemic and its aftermath.

Wednesday

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

—Genesis 1:1

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT Zabana of the Solomon Islands

Having completed the New Testament in their language, the Zabana team has begun translating the Old Testament! Take a look at their trial edition of Genesis 1:1-14—now available for the first time ever in the Zabana language.

[insert image of Zabana trial edition]

Starlink Satellite Technology to Provide Pacific Teams with More Reliable Internet

For remote people groups, like the Zabana of the Solomon Islands, unreliable internet access can really slow Bible translation down. An innovation called [Starlink](#) is changing that.

Seed Company's Vice President of Technology Engagement believes, "This is a game changer for Bible translation." Until this innovation, technology used for remote projects was extremely expensive, and the internet was slow. Starlink is a fraction of the price and takes just seconds to download files and play videos. The portable qualities make it easy to set up within a few minutes, and all equipment fits in a specialized backpack for easy transportation.

PRAISE

As more and more translation teams install Starlink, they'll have access to new translation resources, and translation consultants can help check Scripture quickly over Zoom, requiring less time-consuming travel.

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

Pray for Scripture Engagement Interns in Vanuatu

Language surveys help us understand who truly still needs Bible translation. Robert and Georgie are Scripture engagement interns in Vanuatu, which means they look for ways to help communities use and benefit from translated Scripture.

The following video, made by Georgie, features footage of Robert during a language survey in partnership with [Ethnologue](#) to look at 24 language groups in one area of Vanuatu.

Watch video: [Harem Voes Blong Vanuatu](#)

PRAISE

Georgie writes, “I thank God for making a way so that I can do some recording in the Gospel of Mark and John for the people of my island.”

PRAISE

For God to continue to bless these men as they balance their training and studies with their ministry.

Learn more about [Robert](#) and [Georgie](#) from previous prayer journals.

Pray Now

A group of 11 Seed Company interns (10 Papua New Guinean and 1 Solomon Islander) and 3 leaders were supposed to leave October 15th for a 2-week study tour of Israel, but it was canceled because of the war. Pray for peace in Israel and also that these interns will be able to travel there sometime in 2024.

Friday

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

IMPACT STORY

Oral Bible Storytelling Paves the Way For Greater Gospel Understanding

The three people groups in the brand new SHEFA Oral Bible Storytelling project live spread across a dozen different islands. While the Namakura, North Efate, and Lelepa people identify as Christian, many are heavily influenced by animism. Hearing the Word of God orally will help them walk in the footsteps of Christ and pave the way for written translation. Seed Company field team members are amazed by the local ownership and excitement surrounding this project. One local church leader said of sharing oral Bible stories: “This is our way of doing things.”

PRAISE

Recently, church leaders met for their first Oral Bible Storytelling workshop and developed strategies for translating and spreading Bible stories throughout their communities, with the goal of inspiring people to dig into the Bible for themselves! Praise God that the Namakura team has the blessing of the local chiefs—a very big deal in Vanuatu.

PRAY

For God to make a way for his good news to spread and to protect teams as they travel by boat over open seas and brave unpredictable weather that can include tropical cyclones.

Praise God

The Nukumanu book of Psalms has finally been completed and printed! Pray that the team can find a way to get the 50 copies of Psalms to Nukumanu, an island in Papua New Guinea. Pray that translation advisor Edmond and family will soon be able to travel to Buka Island to work on revising the New Testament.

[Learn more about Edmond and the Nukumanu project.](#)