

# 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: [Unreached Bibleless People: 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 no Scripture to lives being transformed forever!

| MONDAY                           | TUESDAY                    | WEDNESDAY                      | THURSDAY                       | FRIDAY            |
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| 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 East Africa

“Anglophone” refers to countries where English is widely used. In Anglophone East Africa, which includes Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, and Tanzania, English is frequently used to train Bible translation teams and coordinate projects.

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

| People  | Languages |
|---------|-----------|
| 309,160 | 16        |

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

| PARTNERS  | STRENGTHS  | CHALLENGES  |
|---|--|---|
| More than 20 partners in this region—many with decades of experience—are working together to finish the task, including Bible translation organizations, church networks, and mission agencies. | Many local leaders in Anglophone East Africa* are taking greater ownership and leadership in Bible translation. This region is approaching Zero people without God’s Word in their heart language! | Drought, political conflict in some of the countries, and virus outbreaks periodically pose challenges to Bible translation progress. |

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

# Regional Praise

## **Bafumbira of Uganda Receive New Testament**

Around 1.3 million Bafumbira people live among the fertile hills of southwestern Uganda. Though most identify as Christian, they had no access to Scripture in their own language of Rufumbira until recently. A few months ago, they celebrated completing the entire New Testament!

### **PRAISE**

All the local Christian denominations, from Pentecostals to Anglicans and Catholics, were represented at this celebration, in addition to local political and business leaders. All rejoiced and praised God for his love letter to them in their heart language!

### **PRAY**

For God to pour out rivers of provision to the Bible Society of Uganda as they respond to the community's requests for Old Testament translation. May God hasten the day when the entire Rufumbira Bible is available!

"The word of God is like a hammer. It pierces the deep of the deepest in a human life. It brings us together as believers and it is the reason we gathered here." — Reverend Father Havugimana Francis, a Bafumbira parish priest

## Watch Part of the Rufumbira New Testament Celebration

*Video courtesy of Bible Society of Uganda.*

Watch [video](#).

# 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 Kahe of Tanzania

The Kahe people, with an estimated population of 10,000, live in the eastern region of Tanzania, south of Mt. Kilimanjaro. They mainly farm and cultivate livestock. While many Kahe people also speak Swahili, their heart language is closely tied to their identity. Kahe churches are enthusiastic about getting the Bible in their own language to enrich and deepen their worship.

### PRAISE

- For the interest and support shown by Kahe church leaders.
- For the permits some local partners have already received.

### PRAY

- For God to provide community support and the right people to guide and support this project.
- For Tanzania's government to provide permits so language workers can gain access to the Kahe area.

# Tuesday

*I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.*

—Philippians 1:27b (NLT)

## PRAY FOR PARTNERS Ethiopian Kale Heywet Church

Founded in 1913, Ethiopian Kale Heywet Church (EKHC) is a prominent evangelical church in Ethiopia. Currently, EKHC has 10,000 local congregations with 12 million members. They've been involved in Bible translation since their inception, and they've been working with Wycliffe Global Alliance and Seed Company toward the day when all remaining Ethiopian language groups begin Bible translation. There may only be 3 left, according to ProgressBible!

### PRAISE

For this church's impact, including 40 missionary families sent out of Ethiopia, 2,000 national missionary families within Ethiopia, nine local theological colleges, and 150 local Bible schools.

### PRAY

For wisdom for EKHC leaders who are seeking to expand evangelism in areas in the north and east of Ethiopia, where there is serious resistance.

## Pray Now

For our partners in Deaf translation ministry at DOOR International. One staff member recently lost her mom, and another staff member recently lost his dad. Please pray that the peace of God will comfort the families in their time of loss.

# Wednesday

*And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.*

—Mark 16:15-16

*Wa belayom, “Asik killa iddinya herro wa la injiil igil killu maklugh balligho. Lalámmín wa litqammad killu litnajje wa la iilámmín lahállik.”*

—Mark 16:15-16 (Meadowlands\* language in East Africa)

Watch video: [Mark 16:15-16 in Meadowlands Language](#)

## PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT Meadowlands\* of East Africa

Since Meadowlands\* is spoken in a restricted country, the main ways to reach them with Scripture are through a website and Facebook page. Recently, analytics show that someone in the capital city of this country spent over 25 minutes on the website! May God continue to use this website to reach the hearts of Meadowlands people, wherever they are.



## PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

### Gawali\* Oral Bible Translation in East Africa

Most of the 55,000 Gawali people identify as Muslim, and many mix their faith with traditional animism, but God's Word in their language is spreading the truth of the gospel.

During a revision of Philippians 3, the nonbelieving translators were already being challenged by the concept that human effort to obey the law cannot earn righteousness before God, but then came the bomb: *everything* this world values—even community relationships and marriage—is as nothing compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus.

#### PRAY

That the Gawali would do more than just understand (although this is wonderful) but be transformed by God's Word and surrender their lives to Jesus.

#### PRAISE

That they have grasped more clearly that our relationship with God comes through Jesus, not through our own righteousness or human effort.

# 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

### Anthony Kamau: “A Worthy Leader in His Field”

Anthony Kamau works with linguistics organization SIL International in Nairobi, Kenya. He is known as “a worthy leader in his field,” and leaders report that all the resources invested in him throughout his internship program are already bringing a beautiful harvest.

Anthony has recently finished his master's degree in project management and is continuing to serve in operations and administration, helping Bible translation expand and advance in East Africa. He's already restructured some of the funding roles in his organization, resulting in better stewardship of their resources. He is known as a pioneer and innovator and will be an excellent leader within the area and even globally.

### PRAISE

- For God blessing Anthony with being a self-starter, learner, and leader.

### PRAY

- For his wife and new baby as he takes on increasing responsibility, and for the works of his hands to continue to bear fruit.

# Friday

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

## IMPACT STORY

### Pokomo People of Kenya Receive Full Bible

While the Pokomo people were historically animist, more and more of them are turning to Christ and walking deeply in his ways. They treasure their newly completed Bible—after all, they’ve been waiting for it more than 38 years.

People were so excited to receive the full Bible that they couldn’t wait for the day of the dedication; people began dancing the night before and kept dancing until morning! Men, women, and youth all read publicly from the Word, to represent the truth that God’s Word is for male and female, elderly and young alike.

One partner at the organization Bible Translation and Literacy, Caroline Kamau, remarked, “It’s been 38 years to get the Bible, and the man who was paralyzed and lame at the pool of Bethesda waited 38 years for someone to help him get into the pool.” On this day, all Pokomo people were finally able to plunge into the healing waters of the full counsel of Scripture.

One man jumped up and down with his Bible, saying he’d received gold. Another said it was like the joy of the birth of a new child after pregnancy and labor. Still another person said, “We may be a small people group, but we are a people with an identity, and God knows us enough to get the Word into our language!”

## Step into the Joy of Receiving the Bible

Watch [video](#).