

# How to Pray for Zero

Did you know that more than 1 billion people still don't have the full Bible in their own language, and millions still don't have a single verse? Together, we pray 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](#)

## 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:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
People with No Scripture	Partners in Ministry	Translation Projects	Teachers and Trainers	Kingdom Impact

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

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<a href="#">Pray for Zero</a>	<a href="#">Unceasing Prayer</a>

# This Just In

## PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Please pray for a team in Mexico that has been learning oral Bible stories from Luke and Genesis and sharing them with their communities! Pray for healing for one translator's husband who has been suffering from epileptic seizures.

— 1/19/24, from Mexico Society Orality Project

The Nap\* audio New Testament is almost done! Pray for the team as they check Psalms in the community. Pray for translators' family members who have been forced to serve in the militia, and ask for safe travel as the Nap team travels through conflict zones.

— 1/18/24, from the Nap\* team in Asia

I praise the Lord for the lives of the translators, for their courage in facing opposition from relatives and friends, for leaving their families, their jobs, and giving up privileges to work for the translation of his Word. Please pray for the health of these translators and their families in the villages. One of their uncles was bitten by a snake.

— 1/17/24, from intern Teresinha Santos in Brazil, who coordinates translation projects

Pray for wisdom for my thesis presentation, which I have to do in English. Also, pray for wisdom for the subjects I'll be teaching in 2024, specifically Language Acquisition as it will be my first time teaching it.

— 1/17/24, from intern Victoria Infante, a linguistics consultant in Brazil

Praise God that Faith Comes By Hearing has made the Ninam New Testament available on the Bible.is app! May God speak to the Yanomami as we promote the app and the "JESUS" film. I thank God for the people who have supported me here with prayer and finances. I would like to thank Seed Company for their investment in my life.

— 1/17/24, from Jacqueline dos Santos, training to be a translation consultant in Brazil

# 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
1,455,711	94

*\*ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. January 2024. Numbers may shift as new needs are discovered or languages fall out of use.*

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We partner with ~15 Bible translation organizations and 10+ church networks in this region.	God has provided incredible unity and local leadership among ministries with diverse strengths.	Unstable socioeconomic conditions, persecution, corruption, and false teaching present challenges.

*\*Asterisks indicate when a pseudonym or general region is being used due to security risks.*

# Regional Prayer

## Attacks on Christians in Nigeria

On December 23, a series of terror attacks on Christian communities in Nigeria's Plateau state began that continued through Christmas. According to accounts by several local news sources and human rights activists, entire villages were destroyed, and nearly 200 Christians were killed.

Sadly, these types of attacks are not uncommon. Even though Christians make up roughly half of Nigeria's population, it is one of the most dangerous countries in the world for believers to live in, according to a 2023 report by the advocacy group [International Christian Concern](#).

### PRAY

For God to protect our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, who live under almost constant threat of danger as they press forward in Bible translation and ministry to the many people groups still waiting for Scripture.

# 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

### Nabt of Ghana

About 51,800 Nabt speakers live in Ghana's Nabdam District. This area is the poorest district in the country, with a poverty rate of 68.6% (11 times higher than the national average).

Nearly 66% of Nabt speakers are Christian, but they have no Scripture in their language. Their access to God's Word currently relies on someone being able to orally translate from another language. The Nabt language is an important cultural identity that unites not only Christ followers but also the 24% who follow African Traditional Religion, 8% who follow Islam, and 2% who identify as nonreligious.

### PRAISE

For a new Bible translation project that's starting among the Nabt this April!

### PRAY

For better living conditions in Nabdam District.

## Pray Now

For our partners across West Africa as they set out to begin new translation projects in many other communities like the Nabt who do not have Scripture in their mother tongue yet.

# 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

### Nigeria Evangelical Missions Association (NEMA)

NEMA, a national mission network in Nigeria, connects Bible translation organizations, churches, and mission groups to ensure that translated Scriptures are effectively used to transform lives and communities. They encourage the Nigerian church to take responsibility for ensuring that no language in the country is left without Scripture.

In recent years, our brothers and sisters at NEMA have seen renewed commitment among local churches to ending Bible poverty in Nigeria. Language groups that have resisted the gospel for many years are opening up. Nonbelievers are coming to Christ as they participate in Bible translation!

## PRAY

- For the multiplication of obedient disciples in the 12 language groups that NEMA is currently partnering with in Bible translation.
- For increasing goodwill and unity between NEMA, the Nigerian church, Bible translators, and the global missions movement.

## Pray Now

For the economic and security uncertainties that continue across Nigeria. With the recent terrorist attacks in December and continued rapid inflation within Nigeria's economy, our West African brothers and sisters are growing weary.

**Watch video:** [Church Attack in Nigeria](#)

# Wednesday

*Choose my instruction rather than silver, and knowledge rather than pure gold. For wisdom is far more valuable than rubies. Nothing you desire can compare with it.*

—Proverbs 8:10-11 (NLT)

*Yebke elle ename, sehngre re wo yebke asilva, wo fere yebke elkahne sehngre atingi agul. Tibre ngbere ga li etingi ejum sehngre atingi atal nya bo kpo lung re rubi. Jol ejumjum lim ji a sebe no, ji a bahke ma ko gare a ngbere.*

—Proverbs 8:10-11 (Ga'anda, a language in Nigeria)

*Choose my advice more than you choose silver, and choose knowledge more than fine gold. Because wisdom, it is a true thing, more than fine stones that they call rubies. And there is nothing that you look for, that you can take-measure with wisdom.*

—Proverbs 8:10-11 (translated back into English from Ga'anda)

## PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT Ga'anda in Nigeria

For years, [Ga'anda](#) churches used the Bible in the regional language of Hausa, which was difficult to understand. As a result, many churchgoers identified as Christian without truly knowing the gospel.

### PRAISE

That today, they have the “JESUS” film as well as portions of the Old and New Testament in Ga'anda!

### PRAY

That God will continue to give Ga'anda people clear knowledge of his Word, will, and ways as Scripture is translated.

## PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

### Kambari Cluster in Nigeria

The Kambari [Cluster project](#) is impacting about 450,000 people in three language groups. These teams have made remarkable progress on the Old Testament despite security challenges over the past year.

One pastor has shared with the team that his scriptural knowledge is increasing as he studies in his [heart language](#). He believes that his deeper understanding is helping him preach with more power. Elderly men and women are having a much easier time comprehending what is being taught in church.

### PRAISE

All three teams have gone above and beyond their translation goals!

### PRAY

For security and safety, which are daily concerns in these communities. Because of safety concerns, translation teams often travel 8+ hours to the city of Jos for consultant checking.



# 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

### Wakaso Mamman

Wakaso Mamman, a Language Program Manager Intern with Seed Company, has overcome significant spiritual warfare and adversity to excel in his role. He is so committed to the Kambari language project (which we prayed for yesterday) that he gave up a pastoral ministry of nearly 20 years to relocate his family to the language area.

### PRAISE

For the confidence and leadership skills Wakaso has gained while serving in his internship. He is now mentoring and supervising a fellow intern.

### PRAY

For safety and security for Wakaso and his team as they travel through the northwest region of Nigeria, where safety risks run high, to build relationships in communities for the sake of Bible translation.

## Pray Now

For God to provide more avenues for printing Scripture in Nigeria. One major publication partner is still recovering from pandemic delays and supply chain struggles, so we're working with [MiDi Bible](#) in Switzerland to connect with more printing houses. Ask God to provide for the many Nigerians who are still waiting to hold translated Scripture in their hands!

# Friday

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

## IMPACT STORY

### Nigerian Partners Receive Reliable Internet

**Watch video:** [Installing Starlink in Nigeria](#)

After many years of struggle and frustration (and prayer!) over intermittent internet, our local partners in Nigeria knew there needed to be a change. Last year, one of our partners called ITDAL (Initiative for Translation and Development of African Languages) had the foresight to have Starlink installed at their headquarters. Starlink, [which has also been a game changer for remote teams in the Pacific](#), is much faster, more reliable, easier to transport, and cheaper than other internet options for remote communities.

## PRAISE

So far, Starlink is providing steady internet access, even when many people use it at once during a group training or checking session. Other Bible translation organizations are in the process of following suit!

## Pray Now

For ITDAL as they begin their first Oral Bible Translation and Transcription projects for seven languages. These language groups have spent the last three years working on oral Bible stories, and now they're eager to get entire books of the Bible in their languages!

# Special Announcement

## Join 24 Hours of Prayer for the Buddhist World during the Lunar New Year

Buddhism is especially common in Mainland Asia. While this area has some of the highest remaining Bible translation needs in the world, security risks, political opposition, and religious persecution present obstacles to beginning and sustaining projects there.

[Join our friends at International Prayer Connect in interceding for the Buddhist world during the Lunar New Year.](#)