

How to Pray for Zero

Over 1 billion people are still waiting for the full Bible in their language.

Millions are still waiting for just one verse.

But your prayers can bring these numbers to Zero.

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.

Join the Day-By-Day Journey to Zero

Use this daily guide to pray strategically and effectively for each step of Bible translation in a different region of the world every week:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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This Just In

RECENT PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for us as we draft Ezra, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah, and check 2 Samuel, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Habakkuk, and Obadiah. Pray for one of our computers to be fixed soon. — from the Suba team in Kenya

Pray for steady rainfall; without the rains, there will be devastating hunger. Pray for our economy, as inflation rises daily and the cost of living rises beyond reach for many. — from the Manyika* team in Africa

Pray for more Pano people to test the draft of Mark's Gospel and chapters of Nehemiah. Thank you to all the people who make it possible for the project to go forward, especially those who pray for us. We don't have enough ways to thank them. — from the Pano team in Brazil

Praise God that the Henahi^{*} New Testament is now available on the Bible.is app! May God speak to them through it. Please also pray for my mental health as I study. — from Seed Company intern <u>Jacqueline dos Santos</u> in Brazil

Praise God that the revision of Mark's Gospel is complete! Pray that we can complete the back translation of Esther by the end of February. — from the Ghayavi team in Papua New Guinea

Pray for my wife Sofia, who is pregnant with our first child due in April but has a high-risk pregnancy. — from Philip, a Seed Company language programs intern in Vanuatu

Pray that the two armed groups in our region will reconcile soon. Thank God that Yamka^{*} people enjoy listening to the Bible in their own language. By God's grace, more have been added to the family of God!

— from the Yamka team in Asia



Eurasia

We may read devastating news headlines about the region of Eurasia* (Europe and the Middle East), but faithful Bible translators are working behind the scenes to bring the light and peace of Christ.

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

People	Languages
3,646,239	84

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PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with 14 strong managing partner organizations in Eurasia, including churches, church planters, and other mission organizations.	Many ministries use translated Scripture not only within their own borders but also in nearby countries through broadcast, diaspora, and refugee outreach.	Security concerns, geographically difficult-to-reach areas, and oppressive political and religious situations all pose challenges to Bible translation.

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



Regional Praise

Answered Prayers for the Deaf in Eurasia

Last April, we prayed for a key meeting in which Deaf ministry leaders discussed how to reach the 100+ sign languages in Eurasia, including 60+ sign languages still waiting to *begin* Bible translation.

Incredibly, by late November, we counted 39 translations in progress and 43 in discussions about beginning translation! This is the fruit of prayer and the guidance these ministries received during the meeting last spring. We praise God for Seed Company catalyst funds that helped these projects get going.

PRAY

For the 35 remaining Eurasian sign languages with no translation activity and no discussion (yet) about how to begin translation. May the Waymaker bring the right people and resources together to reach all Deaf people in Eurasia with his Word!



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 Nuji* of Eurasia: A Cry from Many Nations

People spread across multiple Eurasian countries, but who all speak the Nuji language, have been asking for help getting their New Testament completed. Incredibly, they've already drafted the New Testament by themselves and just need help checking, producing, and distributing the Scriptures. Seed Company's Eurasia team has been working hard to put the pieces together to get them the support they need!

PRAISE

It looks like we may have finally found a regional partner to work with the Nuji to bring their New Testament to completion. Pray for this project to begin soon!

PRAY

For protection and provision for the roughly 300,000 Nuji speakers. They are scattered throughout neighboring countries because they are a persecuted, oppressed minority in their homeland.



For our partner translating Psalms into Gali* Sign Language. They write, "We hope and pray that we can continue making progress in translating and filming despite the war and the many missiles fired into our region." Many Deaf people are being comforted by Psalms. Pray that God would continue to use Psalms to speak to Gali people who are suffering.



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 The Word For The World: Europe

Last April, we prayed for The Word For The World: Europe, specifically for their Bible translation work among Roma people (often called "gypsies," which some see as a pejorative term). God has answered by helping them pass a huge milestone: the dedication of the full Bible in the East Slovak Romani language!

People from 35 nations attended, joining with 500 Roma brothers and sisters in the celebration. Many more joined remotely through an internet broadcast!

PRAISE

- <u>Seed Company's Growth Partners team</u> is working with The Word For The World to develop their financial capacity so they can fund more Bible translation projects.
- Two of the three East Slovak Romani translators are now lending their expertise to three other Roma Bible translation projects in Serbia and Croatia. They are making excellent progress and are way ahead of schedule.



For the Aero* team in Eurasia as they work on <u>Psalm 2</u> and <u>110</u>, which are especially difficult for a Muslim audience.



Wednesday

Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? —Galatians 3:1-2 (NLT)

[Insert picture of Bible verse in active translation project language] —Galatians 3:1-2 (Nomad Narratives, a language in Eurasia)



PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT Nomad Narratives Project in Eurasia

The Nomad* people are shepherds. But while these people may live off the land, they're still taking advantage of the latest technological innovations. Nomad translators have recently started using AI to draft Scripture!

Because a sizable amount of Nomad Scripture is already translated, AI can learn from those translations and produce high-quality first drafts, which the local translators then review for accuracy and clarity. The initial findings have been encouraging.

PRAISE

An active body of local believers is growing and hungry for more Scripture in the Nomad language. This innovation will help them get more, sooner!

PRAY

For wisdom for the local translators as they review these AI-generated drafts. May all Nomad people know Jesus as the Good Shepherd through Scripture that speaks to their hearts!



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 Tati^{*}, a Sign Language Translation Consultant in Eurasia

Several years ago, Tati started a <u>Seed Company internship</u> to become a Bible translation consultant for sign languages. Right after Tati moved away from her homeland, war broke out in her country. Then, in her final years of studying abroad, war broke out in the country where she was studying! Through all the turmoil, she persevered in learning Hebrew and completing her training.

PRAISE

Tati just finished all the training components of her internship and is in the final wrap-up stages!

PRAY

For Tati to successfully finish everything she needs to in order to be officially recognized as a translation consultant in March, and for the Lord to go before her as she prepares to move back to her country.



For peace, freedom, and a just government in the area of Eurasia where the <u>Bella</u>* translation team works. Pray for church leaders as they plan to distribute SD cards with Bella Scripture, and pray for healing for the translator's daughter (who we also prayed for <u>last January</u>), who frequently suffers from an upset stomach and has to use a wheelchair.



Friday

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

IMPACT STORY "We Live in Acts Today": A Tawnya* Story from Eurasia

While the Tawnya translation team was working on the book of Acts, a team member named Massah* had a high-risk operation on a tumor that could paralyze him for life if it wasn't removed. The Tawnya house church gathered to pray before, during, and after the 4-hour procedure. Afterward, everyone rejoiced when Massah woke up and wiggled his feet!

Translator Moe^{*} writes, "It was a surprise for others, but for us believers it was another seal of proof on our God. He was there, with the other doctor. Two doctors actually performed the operation. Acts shows us that the name of Jesus Christ is the beginning of all beauty, liberation, and healing. Our God is alive, his Word is stable, and he works miracles in our lives. We live in Acts today."

PRAY

For Tawnya people to turn from empty religion to living faith in Jesus as satellite radio broadcasts God's Word, and for their economic situation to improve.



For the Filo* translator in Eurasia as he moves his family to a different house. Pray that the community will give helpful feedback on the translations and that one of their Scripture testing groups will continue and form a small group.