

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: [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:

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

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

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Pray for Zero	Unceasing Prayer

Pacific

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

Some areas have no roads or can only be reached by boat.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with around 10 partner organizations and many church networks in the Pacific.	Local believers greatly value and desire Scripture. Hundreds of translations are in progress.	Many language groups live in remote areas. There is also a shortage of trained consultants.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for a Single Bible Verse*

People	Languages
712,446	332

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

This Just In

RECENT PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for wisdom and open doors in bordering communities as we check Luke's Gospel.
— from the Doyi* team in the Americas

Please pray for Holly, Seed Company's Director of Bible Translation Programs, who hurt her back in December and had to cut an international trip short. Please pray for healing so she can travel internationally to conduct trainings March–August.
— from Holly and Seed Company field teams

Pray for the team as they work on the hymnal and Old Testament. Ask for encouragement, unity, and safe travel for both the team and the consultants.
— from the Sudest team in Papua New Guinea

Pray for rain due to a dry spell we are going through. Pray for the community to have a growing desire to read the [New Testament that is now available](#).
— from the Ilchamus team in Kenya

Thank God that two translators resolved their disagreement. We pray about this since we know the enemy wants to distract us.
— from the Napo team in Peru

Praise God that the New Testament is nearing the finish line! Pray for us as we continue to wrap up the epistles and draft Old Testament passages.
— from the Buhutu team in Papua New Guinea

Please pray for two Seed Company translation consultants as they help seven South Asian translation teams get their first book of Scripture ready to publish, check Romans with two teams, and mentor two interns who are training to be consultants. They're also flying to a small mountain village to celebrate with one team who has completed the New Testament!

Regional Praise

5 Languages in Papua New Guinea Finish New Testament

Without God's Word in their own language, it's easy for people on the island of New Ireland in Papua New Guinea to turn to animistic rituals when they need help. But the New Ireland [cluster project](#) has accelerated Bible translation to help provide a firm foundation for their faith.

PRAISE

Since Seed Company got involved with these languages in 2006:

- 5 New Testaments have been dedicated
- 1 book of Psalms has been dedicated
- 5 New Testaments are ready to publish
- 1 New Testament is nearing completion

PRAY

- For five New Testament dedications scheduled between early 2024 and mid-2025. Pray for typesetting, publishing, travel, and other logistics to go smoothly for these celebrations.

Monday

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

—Mark 16:15 (NLT)

PRAY FOR BIBLELESS PEOPLE GROUPS

Papua New Guinea

From Lindsay Fairhead of Wycliffe Australia, Pray for Zero Pacific Leader

Papua New Guinea has the highest number of languages in the world (over 800). Two regions need special prayer: Madang and Sepik-Sandaun.

Madang is the site of many new Bible translation projects, and these fledgling teams need prayer support. Madang used to be the area of greatest need, but God is answering prayer through avenues like [Unceasing Prayer](#) and [prayer profiles](#)! The Sepik-Sandaun provinces are now the areas of greatest need, accounting for almost half the remaining Bibleless people groups in Papua New Guinea. However, these areas are also very poor and remote.

PRAISE

By God's grace, the number of languages in Papua New Guinea waiting to begin Bible translation has dropped from 315 to 232 since June 2021, according to ProgressBible.

PRAY

For the new translation teams in Madang to remain healthy and continue growing. May God bring to completion the good work he has begun!

Pray Now

For safe, timely travel for Seed Company Pacific team members John Bruner and John Miller as they prepare to head to Solomon Islands to check Exodus with the [Zabana team](#). Ask that they would be an encouragement to the translators and for a smooth checking process.

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

Vanuatu Bible Translators

Our brothers and sisters at Vanuatu Bible Translators work alongside SIL Vanuatu to develop national workers and Bible translation efforts across the nation. They are currently working with Seed Company on a project for three languages called the Shefa Oral Bible Storytelling Cluster. These languages are spoken across more than 10 different islands.

While most people who speak these languages identify as Christian, their daily lives are often influenced by [animism](#). Oral Bible stories can help them see the relevance and power of God's Word.

PRAY

- For continued strengthening and equipping of Vanuatu Bible Translators as they partner with SIL Vanuatu and Seed Company.
- For safety as teams travel by boat over open seas. Team members must schedule workshops around cyclone season.

Pray Now

For [SIL Papua New Guinea](#) as they prepare for meetings in March, that staff will be encouraged in their Bible translation service and that Seed Company Pacific team members will give effective presentations at these meetings.

Wednesday

If the animal you present as a burnt offering is from the herd, it must be a male with no defects. Bring it to the entrance of the Tabernacle so you may be accepted by the Lord. Lay your hand on the animal's head, and the Lord will accept its death in your place to purify you, making you right with him.

—Leviticus 1:3-4 (NLT)

Sada oye sa kea bulumakau mara vavakatu katunuroa, oye me kea kieke bulumakau lieke sa kareo makomakoa. Oye me kea la kieke bulumakau lieke te ngoyni ka puka tae te toypaka vareire, voy Iaova me tuqini. Oye me vakapete la teteparae koyrisi te boytu bulumakau, no Iaova me tuqini vavakatu ta me sioroa ona zaqala boysi sa kea.

—Leviticus 1:3-4 (Seqa, a language in Solomon Islands)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Seqa in Solomon Islands

About 10,000 Seqa people live in a remote area of Solomon Islands. Almost all of them identify as Christians. However, cultivating an in-depth understanding of God and his Word has been a challenge. Preachers are limited by the lack of Seqa Scripture.

PRAISE

- Seqa people already respect and listen to church leaders. They need only to be equipped with God's Word.

PRAY

- For Seed Company translation consultant Pat as he prepares to travel to Solomon Islands in March to check Exodus with the Seqa translation team. Ask for safe travel, smooth and accurate checking, and for the Seqa team to be encouraged by Pat's visit.
- For educated Seqa youth to find good employment and resist the despair that leads to alcoholism.

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

Seed Company Interns in Papua New Guinea

Simatha Tramaff

Samatha is training to be a linguistic consultant. She is known as a good listener and committed learner.

Cletus Aigeeleng

Cletus is training to be a language development consultant. He is known for his gift of affirming and encouraging people.

PRAY

That both will be accepted to their respective M.A. programs in linguistics and obtain visas before they have to travel to begin their studies in mid-2024. Simatha plans to study at Payap University in Thailand, while Cletus plans to study at Universitas Sebelas Maret in Indonesia. Both will use the skills they acquire to assist Bible translation projects in Papua New Guinea.

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

Starlink in Papua New Guinea

In [November](#), we praised God that translation teams in Solomon Islands are now equipped with Starlink technology, which provides reliable, affordable, high-speed internet for remote Bible translation projects. We are praying for translation teams in Papua New Guinea to have easy access to the same technology. One bottleneck in using this innovation has been getting approval to operate it in individual countries.

PRAISE

Recently, we received news that [Starlink has been approved to operate in Papua New Guinea!](#)

PRAY

That Starlink **residential units** will be available for in-country purchase soon. Right now, licensed in-country resellers are only allowed to sell **commercial-grade units**, which are far more expensive and difficult to transport.

WHAT IS STARLINK?

Watch video: [What is Starlink?](#)

Friday

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

IMPACT STORY

Honoring Wendy Gideon: A Life of Scripture Impact in Papua New Guinea

Wendy served in Bible translation for more than three decades, helping translate Scripture and develop the first hymnbook for the Dawawa language of Papua New Guinea. Today, the New Testament and about 30% of the Old Testament are available in Dawawa.

On January 8, while Wendy and her husband Jino were traveling, their truck overturned. Jino suffered only minor injuries, but Wendy passed away. She leaves a legacy of a lifetime of ministry to the Dawawa people and other people groups in the mountains. Wendy was respected and loved by many and will be sincerely missed.

PRAY

For Jino and the Dawawa team he leads, as well as many others who knew and loved Wendy, as they go through this dark valley.

Pray Now

For the Nukumanu translation team in Papua New Guinea. Their island has a severe food shortage, and several people have died. Praise God that a relief supply ship is on its way; there hasn't been a ship for 11 months, and it's the only way for supplies to get to Nukumanu. Pray for Nukumanu translator Edmond and his family as they travel to Buka so he can finish revising the New Testament in peace and safety.

Watch this [video](#) to see how far Buka is from Nukumanu (Tasman).