

From Death to Life

Welcome to this special 7-day Holy Week edition of the Pray for Zero Journal. Join us in celebrating the resurrection life God’s Word is bringing to people all around the world as they receive it in their own language.

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.

Our Journey through Holy Week

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
The “Big 4” Countries	Translators in War Zones	Next Generation	Communion	Stations of the Cross	A Holy Pause	The Word Alive!

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This Just In

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Praise the Lord that the Americas region has many new certified translation consultants! Please ask God to guide our partner to the right consultant to help one remote people group begin Bible translation by May 1.

— from the **Seed Company Americas team**

Please pray for Gloria, a sign language translation facilitator and interpreter, as she's been away from translation work for over a month due to health problems including vertigo and vision issues.

— from the **Brazilian Sign Language (LIBRAS) translation team**

Praise God that the Seed Company translation consultant we prayed for made it back home safely from South Asia despite his fractured hip. He had wheelchair assistance and was able to lie down most of the time. He has a trip planned at the end of April that would require a lot of walking. Pray for rapid recovery as he undergoes physical therapy while continuing to work on Revelation with two translation teams.

— [a prayer update from a few weeks ago](#)

Please pray for the project chairman, whose wife and children were kidnapped recently (unrelated to the kidnappings in the prayer request below).

— from the **Kuturmi translation team in Nigeria**

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in northern Nigeria. Between at least three mass abductions over the past few weeks, roughly 300 people are missing—mostly women and children. Many are being threatened with death if ransom is not paid. ([Learn more](#))

Please ask God to provide a sign language translation consultant for the team.

— from the [Balkans Sign Language Cluster team](#) in Eurasia

Holy Monday

... *“The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations’...”*

— Mark 11:17 (NLT)

PRAY FOR ALL NATIONS TO HAVE GOD’S WORD

Today, we remember Jesus’ zeal for God’s house to be called a house of prayer for all nations. And so we pray for the millions of people in dozens of nations who still don’t have access to his life-giving Word.

PRAY

- For the 1,250+ language groups, representing more than 40 million people, who are still waiting for a single verse of Scripture.
- For the top 4 nations with remaining Bibleless languages:
 - Papua New Guinea (237)
 - Indonesia (200)
 - China (145)
 - Nigeria (81)

GO

- [Visit an Unceasing Prayer hour](#) this week to join others in prayer for Bible translation!
- We are praying specifically for more prayer hours focused on one or more of these “Big 4” countries. If you have a heart for one of these countries, would you and your church or small group consider [leading a prayer hour](#)?

Holy Tuesday

And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world.

— Matthew 24:6-7 (NLT)

PRAY FOR BIBLE TRANSLATORS IN DANGER

Today, we remember Jesus teaching on the Mount of Olives, when he speaks of the events that must take place before he returns. Many of the hardships he warns of are daily realities for Bible translation teams and other Christian brothers and sisters around the world.

[Watch Video: Mayogo Project](#)

The Mayogo team in Democratic Republic of Congo completed their New Testament in the middle of a war. Dozens of other teams in Democratic Republic of Congo continue today despite armed conflict and rampant gender-based violence in the region.

PRAY

FOR MYANMAR

Internet, electricity, and access to basic supplies have been unreliable since the military coup in 2021. Many translators have fled their villages and are praying they don't get conscripted.

FOR NIGERIA

There is ongoing tension and conflict between Christians and Muslims in this country. [Nigeria is in the top 10 most dangerous countries for Christians in the world](#), even though it's about 50% Christian.

FOR UKRAINE/RUSSIA

Many translators have fled to other countries, their hometowns destroyed. Russian translators risk military conscription.

FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

Israel is at war with Hamas; inflation in many countries like Turkey, Lebanon, Egypt, and Jordan is skyrocketing; human rights are constantly under threat in multiple areas, and natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods cause great hardships for many.

GO

Mark your calendar for [Global Day of Prayer for the Muslim World](#) on April 5th.

Holy Wednesday

While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume and poured it over his head.

— Matthew 26:7 (NLT)

PRAY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Today, we remember Jesus being anointed at the home of Simon the Leper. This woman poured out her jar of expensive perfume without regard for the cost. Reckless? Some would say so. Wasteful? Disciples *did* say so. An act of love, worth remembering and retelling for *generations* to come? Jesus certainly thought so.

PRAY

For both Gen Z and Gen Alpha to be known as “a praying generation.” May they grow into mighty prayer warriors who pour out their love for both God and people until they see the day when all people have God’s Word in their own language!

GO

- Gather the kids in your life and [join a Kids Pray for ZERO prayer hour](#) this Saturday or next Monday!
- Connect with [GenZERO!](#)

Holy Thursday

THE LAST SUPPER

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take it, for this is my body.” And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And he said to them, “This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many.”

— Mark 14:22–24 (NLT)

Pray for All to Have Communion in Their Own Language

Today, we remember the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted Communion. We also remember our brothers and sisters around the world who have never taken Communion in their own language.

A Translation Story from Côte d'Ivoire

It began just like any other Sunday church gathering in a [Lobi](#)-speaking area of Côte d'Ivoire. The preacher stood up in front of his church family as he prepared to lead them in Communion. Everyone expected him to read in the regional trade language. But this time, his voice filled the room with Jesus' words in Lobi.

“Take, eat: this is my body,” he read from Mark 14:22.

For the first time, this church was experiencing Communion in their heart language.

PRAY

For all believers to experience Communion in their heart language in our lifetime.

GO

Take Communion today, whether at a church service or at home with your family. As you do, pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who have never had the chance to take Communion in their own language—and those, like the Lobi, who now have that chance.

Good Friday

Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, “This man truly was the Son of God!”

— Mark 15:37–39 (NLT)

“WHY HAVE YOU NEVER TOLD ME HOW JESUS DIED?”

While Christian traditions are common among [Xamtanga](#) speakers in Ethiopia, most church services are performed in either Amharic, the official government language, or Ge’ez, the liturgical language of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

After one translation team member’s wife listened to translated Scripture in Xamtanga, she began weeping. She asked her husband, “Why have you never told me how Jesus Christ died?”

The truth was, she had heard the story many times—but only in Amharic and Ge’ez. Today, this woman who had gone to church for years finally understood the story of the crucifixion.

[Read the story of the Xamtanga project.](#)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Today, at Good Friday services around the world and in private devotion, many Christians will pray through the “Stations of the Cross,” which each depict a moment on Jesus’ journey to his crucifixion.

PRAY

As you pray through the Stations of the Cross using this video, think of how the Temple curtain was torn so that all may have access to the throne of grace through Jesus. Pray for others around the world who still don’t know they have unlimited access to God because they don’t have access to his Word in a way they can understand.

[Watch Video: Stations of the Cross](#)

Holy Saturday

A HOLY PAUSE

Pilate replied, “Take guards and secure it the best you can.” So they sealed the tomb and posted guards to protect it.

— Matthew 20:65–66 (NLT)

In Between Death and New Life

On this day, many believers around the world observe moments of silence, reflection, and contemplation to remember Jesus’ burial. To honor the death he willingly chose, in order that he might defeat death once and for all. To prepare their hearts for the Resurrection.

PRAY

For the many Bible translation projects that are in development. They’re currently “in between” expressing need and beginning translation work. Pray for the right people to come together, for favor with governments and financial transfers, and for these teams to receive all the resources and support they need to get started.

GO

Spend time pausing in silence before the Lord, whether for 15 minutes or the whole day. Listen to the Holy Spirit. What is he saying to you personally? How is he calling you to intercede for the nations?

Easter

RESURRECTION DAY!

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

— 1 Peter 1:3a (NLT)

CELEBRATE THE WORD COMING TO LIFE

Today, we celebrate Jesus, the Word made flesh, coming back to LIFE! When people receive God’s Word in their language, Scripture finally comes to life for them.

Every Monday, we pray for a Bibleless people group in hopes that translation can soon begin among them—but it’s not guaranteed. Sometimes conversations and planning take years, the right partners can’t be found, or plans fall through.

But today, we take a moment to celebrate the Bibleless people groups we’ve prayed for that now have *active Bible translation work underway*. Thank you for praying these projects to life:

AMERICAS

[Aymara del Sur](#)

[Waiampi Camopi and Zoro](#)

[Deni](#)

[Kiche Chichicastenango](#)

ANGLOPHONE EAST AFRICA

[Nile Cluster](#) (Aliba, Gimara, Kuku, and Reli)

[Basamba and Shuho](#)

[Hadzabe](#)

ANGLOPHONE WEST AFRICA

[Nkukoli](#)

[Chala](#)

[Dass Cluster](#) (Dot, Wandu, Zumbul, Gala)

[Oja](#)

[Kwah](#)

CONGO BASIN

[Kindu](#) (Nonda and Zula)

[Nyindu](#)

[Congo Banda Cluster](#) (Gobu, Ngbundu, Yakpa, Togbo)

[Ngiri Cluster](#) (Mangala, Dzamba, Makutu, Baloi, Eleku, Boloki, Managua, Mpundza, Mbonzi, Balobo South, Balobo North)

[Cuvette Cluster](#) (Koyo, Akwa, Ngare)

[Kananga Cluster](#) (Salampasu, Lwalu, Tshiluba, Bastille, Nkutu, Dengese, Cibindi, Songe)

EURASIA

[Balkans Sign Language Cluster](#)

[Gorev Cluster](#) (Bumez, Jiktum)

[Hajar](#)

ISLANDS ASIA

Sumselri Cluster ([Kuada](#), [Oaji](#))

[Bokngobo](#)

[Lolengi](#)

[Tiow](#)

MAINLAND ASIA

[Ekisa](#)

[Mana](#)

[SOUL Cluster](#) (Kal, She, Coh, Gat, Mak, Uta)

[Iroca](#)

[Nata](#)

[Gharok Cluster](#) (Ghaltang, Lakith, Mutu, Rilali)

PACIFIC

[Namakura](#)

[Diodio](#)

[Alor Cluster](#) (Aadang, Abui, Alor Malay, Lembur)

SAHEL

[Kuluso Cluster](#)

[Bagyele](#)

SOUTH ASIA

[Higher Terraces Cluster](#) (Ugatam and Ubuta languages)

[Bamboo Shoots Oral Bible Storytelling](#) (Upiri and Tajmaya languages)

SOUTHERN AFRICA

[Kaaps](#)

A Bonus “Easter Egg”

WATCH PRAY FOR ZERO GLOBAL LEADERS SHARE EASTER
VERSES IN THEIR HEART LANGUAGES

[Anja with Kids Pray for Zero & 2BC, and and her husband, Mkhululi](#)

[Hendrik with Pray for Zero and The Word For The World](#)

[Kim Leong with Pray for Zero Asia and illumiNations Asia](#)

[Lola with Pray for Zero Pacific and Wycliffe Australia](#)