

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
The Bibleless	Partners in Ministry	Translation Projects	Teachers & Trainers	Impact Stories

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

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This Just In

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Please pray for healing for a translator who was taken to the hospital last week, where she was diagnosed with kidney problems and did dialysis.

— from the Napo Quicha team in Peru [NA' – PO KEE' – CHWA]

Please pray for quick healing for the director of one of our partner organizations in Burkina Faso, who broke his leg last week.

— from the Seed Company Sahel team

Please pray for one of our sign language translators. He and a coworker had a car accident while in a neighboring country. They fell from a bridge more than 60 feet, and the car was totaled. It's a miracle they survived and are in one piece, and nothing is broken. He is stable in the hospital and overwhelmed by how God protected him. Pray for protection, recovery, and a way to get home, since he lost all his documents and money in the accident.

— from the Seed Company Eurasia team

Praise God that this Wednesday, April 3, our friends at Deaf Missions are premiering their Jesus movie with a Deaf-led cast! You can watch the trailer on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#).

Please pray for God's peace and comfort for the Bungofu team, who we prayed for [last May](#), and our partners at [Acotba-Subo](#) as they grieve the passing of one of the committed translators for that project, Rev. Michel Kpula Ndama.

— from the Seed Company Congo Basin team

Pray for intern [Militsa](#), who has received a warning that she may not be able to enter Peru next time she visits under her current type of visa (Militsa is Mexican). Pray for wisdom as she investigates visa options.

South Asia

Home to more than 2 billion people, a staggering 26% of the world's population, South Asia covers four countries. Once ruled by the British, these nations are now thriving democracies.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with ~30 highly motivated and committed partners in South Asia.	Some parts of South Asia have had Christian presence from the earliest centuries.	Persecution has increased sharply. Political parties oppose Christian outreach. Church leaders have been arrested.

Pseudonyms are used for names and locations in regions hostile to Christians.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for a Single Verse of Scripture

People	Languages
3,383,690	24

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. March 2024.

Numbers may shift as new needs are discovered or languages fall out of use.

Regional Praise

New Testament Complete in 5 South Asian Languages

In 2010, a [cluster project](#) of 5 languages was formed in a rugged region of South Asia where spreading God's Word involves geographic, political, and religious challenges. Together, these teams have produced a writing system, oral Bible stories, the "JESUS" film, and the full New Testament in each language.

Just in the past five weeks, three of these language groups, totaling around 300,000 people, finally received New Testaments for the first time ever. This is an answer to our prayers in [January!](#)

PRAISE

- That the audio New Testament is now available for one of these languages.

PRAY

- For the translation teams and growing churches in each community as they share God's Word.
- For the ongoing recording, production, promotion, and distribution of audio Scriptures.

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

Meliru of South Asia

In an area where Jesus has been preached for centuries, many people still lack access to God's Word in their own language. In January, [we prayed for two of these communities](#). A third group is ready to be added to this new [cluster project](#): the Meliru community, with more than 18,000 people.

PRAISE

- For Seed Company catalyst funds, which have helped lay the foundation for Meliru translation.
- For the people in these communities that God has called to be laborers in his harvest fields for the work of translation.

PRAY

- For the Lord of the harvest to raise up workers for the [Thako](#) team; they may not be able to start with the others due to a lack of translator candidates and known believers in the community.

Pray Now

For our brothers and sisters in South Asia as they feel more opposition to the gospel in many areas. Pray for two countries' governments (one of which recently held elections and the other of which is holding them beginning April 19). In one of these countries, hostility toward minority religions has greatly increased.

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

BSFB in South Asia

In 2010, when a local South Asian ministry called BSFB partnered with ethnic minority groups in gospel outreach, many people struggled to fully grasp the message. That was when they realized what a great injustice it was that these minority groups lacked access to a Bible in their own language.

In response, BSFB held a national camp focused on Bible translation, where students from diverse language groups eagerly responded to the call, expressing their eagerness to bring the Word of God to those without access. Since then, they've been working to bring Scripture to all the ethnic minorities in their country.

PRAISE

Today, BSFB is working with three translation teams who have recently completed the New Testament. Another is expected to finish by July 2024!

Answered Prayer

Last [October](#), we prayed for a South Asian partner who was still waiting for their registration to be approved so they could continue receiving funds from overseas. Praise God that their registration has been approved! Others' applications are still "pending" but are still able to operate unless/until they are denied.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: PYECOPE [PYE' – EH – KOHP]

So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

— Acts 1:6–8 (NLT)

Manda iachem biang ki synran wow Jisu tae kylli ki ia oo, "Kynrad mynnu u pyniob biang mi ia ka hima iöng i ki jaitbru Israel iow synchar pun da i ia i hi?" Tae ong u ia ki: "Ym emkam u tip phi ia ka sngi lane iei por neibhah i tae waroh em i ha ka jingtip wa ha ka bor iöng u Pa u wa ha bneiñ. Tangwa daw iöh phi ia ka bor manda hiar u Mynsien Wakhood ha phi; neitae iow man phi ki nongsakhi ki iöng nga ha sor Jerusalem, ha thaiñ Judia cha ka thaiñ Samaria wei cha kylliñ soodong iöng ka pyrthai."

— Acts 1:6–8 (Pyecope, a language in South Asia)

About the Pyecope of South Asia

While about half of Pyecope speakers identify as Christian, churches continue using the Bible in another language that only a few of them speak. Rituals steeped in complex taboos and animistic beliefs have resulted in age-old strongholds that translators are currently seeking to address.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Celebrating 9 New Testaments Published

We are celebrating nine completed New Testaments with our partner [NLCI!](#) These New Testaments will provide God's Word to almost 15 million people who speak these languages.

While 14 million people speak four out of the nine languages, fewer than 100,000 people total speak the other five languages. One language has only 2,000 speakers. Celebrating all nine of these New Testaments at once underscores our belief that whether many or only a few, no community should be without God's Word in the language that best speaks to their heart.

PRAY

For healthy, multiplying churches that make true disciples in each of these people groups, from the largest to the smallest, as they treasure the gift of God's Word in their languages!

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

Ghavik Sema, a Consultant in Training in South Asia

Ghavik is a [Seed Company intern](#) studying to be a translation consultant in South Asia. He actively works with a translation team and serves with our partner [IEM](#) as the Secretary for Bible Translation and Scripture Engagement, overseeing all their projects in South Asia!

PRAISE

- For the excellent progress this man of God is making; he is on track to complete his internship in the next few months!

PRAY

- For Ghavik's family, as he is often away from them due to his work schedule. As father to two young girls, he needs wisdom in knowing how to balance his time.
- For Ghavik as he completes the remaining requirements to become a certified translation consultant.

Pray Now

For wisdom and protection for [Noah](#), a translator for the Shetel language of South Asia. If people in the surrounding community find out he is a believer, his life could be in danger. His secrecy about his work has already led to schools refusing to enroll his children. Recently, an acquaintance exposed his faith in the rural village where he grew up, so Noah is considering leaving, which would make continuing translation work very difficult.

Friday

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

IMPACT STORY

Two Generations Touched by Rutara Scripture

In an area of South Asia where Christians make up less than 1% of the population, and resistance to the gospel has been increasing, a believer named Katiya is seeing great fruit through using translated Scripture to teach literacy classes in her language of Rutara.

One day, as Katiya was walking along the road, an elderly woman called out to her from the courtyard of her house. She explained that her granddaughter had begun following Jesus after attending Katiya's literacy classes. As a result, this woman had also become curious about Jesus' teachings.

Katiya invited her to attend a fellowship meeting at her home. Since then, this woman and her granddaughter have attended these worship gatherings regularly, eager to learn more about Jesus and grow in their faith.

PRAY

For the Rutara church to continue to grow as people encounter God's Word in their language!

Pray Now

For several more Scripture dedications coming up in the next few months in one South Asian country. Ask God to provide everything our partners need for smooth timing and logistics. Ask above all that he would be praised and glorified through these celebrations!