

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

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This Just In

RECENT PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Please pray for complete, rapid healing for a Seed Company translation consultant who was in a serious mountain biking accident while working with teams in South Asia. Praise God that his wife and fellow translation consultant was still able to attend a New Testament dedication ceremony, and that they were still able to finish their work with a local intern and team.

When we checked Hosea chapter 3 as a team, we were amazed to see that this book speaks of our current situation. As Hosea continued to love the unfaithful woman, so God continues to love us. We still ask God to love us by his grace as we are, given that life remains difficult for us. Pray for the food and security crisis in the Didi villages. Since 2014, people have been forced to abandon their fields and homes. Today, the population lacks enough to eat. Pray that the people who have been displaced can find places to settle in peace.

— from the Didi team in Africa

Praise God for leading the translation team throughout the year to enforce the victory Christ has won on the cross. Pray that the team may continue to be used by the Lord as his chosen representatives, called and authorized to administer the blessing of the New Covenant.

— from the Kubokota team in the Solomon Islands

Praise God for enabling us to begin the new phase of Old Testament translation. Pray that the distributed Scriptures, audio Bible, and Bible apps will bring great transformation in the community.

— from the Samburu team in Kenya ([watch footage from the Samburu New Testament dedication](#))

Pray for translator Domingo, who has been declared free of tuberculosis but is still recovering his strength. He is also suffering from the effects of diabetes. Pray for God's healing hand to continue to work in his body.

— from the Cloudlands* team in the Americas

Sahel

“Sahel” means “coast” in Arabic. But in this case, it refers to an African region that borders the southern “coast” of the Sahara Desert, rather than a body of water. Many of this region’s 12 countries present security risks, so pseudonyms and general terms are used for some names and regions.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with ~17 partners, ranging from small and local to large, widely connected, and well resourced.	French provides a common language for resources and training. Partners are committed, passionate, and gifted.	Political instability, violence, travel hazards, famine, drought, and poverty pose challenges in many areas.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for One Bible Verse

People	Languages
4,382,620	90

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. February 2024.

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

[Go deeper in specific, strategic prayer for the Sahel with this 3-part article from the Lausanne Movement.](#)

Regional Praise

Scripture Publishing Center Up and Running in Cameroon

Printing Scripture is a highly specialized task that's only handled by a few services worldwide. Since the pandemic, manuscripts have been piling up at the printers, causing a long delay between finalizing translated Scripture and actually getting it into people's hands.

PRAISE

That our Cameroon partner organization CABTAL, which works in 116 languages, has opened its own publishing center to print translated Scripture from Cameroon and the surrounding region!

PRAY

That CABTAL will encounter no obstacles to this huge increase in their printing capacity.

Watch video: [CABTAL Publishing Center Cutting Machine](#)

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

Mambema in Cameroon

Most of the 40,000 Mambema speakers are Christians, but not having the Bible in their own language has prevented many from fully understanding the gospel. Before, it was thought that Mambema was a dialect of another language called Medumba, but they've confirmed that they cannot readily understand the Medumba Bible.

PRAISE

- For Mambema speakers who have been faithfully praying for Bible translation to begin and have raised \$5,000 locally to lay the foundation for a potential future project.
- For local volunteers who have been laying the linguistic groundwork in preparation for translation.

PRAY

- For unity among the Mambema communities and church leaders who are scattered across a wide area.
- For the remaining linguistic work that needs to be done before Bible translation can hopefully begin.

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

Bagirmi Bible Translation Association in Chad

Most of the 100,000 Bagirmi (BAH – GEER – MEE) people in Chad follow Islam, but there is a small group of ~10 local believers. Bagirmi translators have translated some oral Bible stories, and now they hope to build a firm foundation for the first Bagirmi church through translating Luke, Acts, and 1–2 Samuel.

However, these translators have had trouble getting off the ground. They've formed their own Bible translation association (ABT for short), but they haven't been able to open a bank account to support it. Thus far, the official has been unwilling to endorse their paperwork.

PRAY

- For favor with this government official so ABT can get the approval they need.
- For individual believers to be strengthened in their faith and equipped to tell Bible stories.

Pray Now

For an interdenominational group of 49 church leaders in a sensitive region of the Sahel as they proceed with a Church-Based Bible Translation project, led by another translation organization. Translators have ambitious goals of engaging every language on this region's list of remaining needs! Seed Company has been asked to give input on how to ensure quality translation. Pray for good collaboration and wisdom in this hard-to-access, dangerous area.

Wednesday

Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear.

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need.

— Luke 12:22, 31 (NLT)

Kəpɔ nani, Yesu tɔ n-dɔ warwu tɔ fa kē:" Kəpɔ nya ɲ wə ni i fa i kəkə tēklə i wəh m̄ja janā tayhe kē i m-pey kwawə ɲɔhɔ. I kəkə tēklə i māmā flə tayhe kē i m-pey kwawə m̄hā.

I i jahā Tupag fye n-ti, kəpɔ nakə pay, Tupag m-pey i kāhā sətɔhe

— Luka 12:22, 31 (Toussian Nord, a language in Burkina Faso)

Ensuite, Jésus dit à ses disciples : « C'est pourquoi je vous le dis: Ne vous inquiétez pas de ce que vous allez manger pour vivre. Ne vous inquiétez pas des vêtements que vous allez porter sur votre corps.

Cherchez d'abord le royaume de Dieu, et Dieu vous donnera le reste.

— Luc 12:22,31 (French back translation)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Toussian Nord New Testament Project in Burkina Faso

(TOO – SEE – AHN NOR)

Toussian Nord translators believe heart language Scripture will tear down strongholds that have been in place for centuries, bringing truth to those who constantly seek to appease spirits by offering sacrifices of animals, harvests, and money.

May all Toussian Nord speakers seek the Kingdom of God above all else and discover that he alone provides everything they need!

“Hearing this passage gave me goosebumps! Hearing this passage in my language speaks to my heart and makes me feel like I am there!” — a Toussian woman after hearing part of a Gospel passage in her heart language

PRAY

- For the team as they publish four epistles and translate Matthew, Romans, and Acts.
- For safety and perseverance for translators from persecution and the threat of Islamic extremists operating throughout their region.
- For peace in Burkina Faso as God’s Word permeates the country, reaching many who have never had the chance to hear in their language before.

PRAISE

- For a successful completion of the first phrase of translation and all the fruit we have seen; God’s Word does not return empty!

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

Language Technology Specialists in Côte d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso

Clement and Jean-Pierre are [Seed Company interns](#), working as language technology specialists with SIL in Côte d'Ivoire and [ANTBA](#) in Burkina Faso respectively.

Both Clement and Jean-Pierre have felt a strong calling to Bible translation since childhood. Clement is the son of a translator and translation consultant, while Jean-Pierre is the son of pastors who introduced him to Bible translation at an early age. Clement works as a librarian in the SIL office, and Jean-Pierre provides freelance IT consulting services and technical support to ANTBA.

PRAISE

- For these young men's families supporting their calls to ministry.
- For Jean-Pierre's many gifts, as he sings and plays both traditional and modern instruments in churches.

PRAY

- For Clement and Jean-Pierre to overcome every obstacle that would stand in the way of their calling as language technology specialists.

Pray Now

For all who loved Jacques Malo, a faithful translation consultant with ANTBA who we prayed for in [January](#), [July](#), and [September](#) 2023. We received word February 8 that this dear brother had passed away after battling cancer for more than a year. Pray for the translation teams he helped, his ANTBA colleagues, and especially his wife Ramatou and their 3 young boys, Blessing, Farel, and Melvic.

Friday

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

IMPACT STORY

Oral Bible Stories Transform Lives in Cameroon

While roughly half of the people in the Dugun, Duupa, Kolbila, Gimnime, and Kompana communities identify as Christian, many also seek protection from village gods and traditional rituals. But oral Bible stories are helping these people root their faith in God of the Bible.

Watch a Dugun storyteller share the Parable of the Good Seed from [Matthew 13](#):

Watch video: [Dugun Storyteller Telling the Story of the Good Seed](#)

When I finished telling the story of the separation of the good and the bad, a woman named Hoyleui Therese asked, "If I die today, which side will I be on?" We spoke with her, and she gave her life to Jesus.

— Storyteller Batpo René

PRAISE

That in addition to the fruit they're seeing from sharing oral Bible stories, the Dugun, Duupa, Kolbila, Gimnime, and Kompana communities all recently completed drafts of Luke's Gospel! This is an answer to our prayers for protection [last July](#).