

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

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for our Scripture engagement workshop, focused on the website and Facebook, scheduled for May. Several people will need to travel for this; please pray for their safety and documentation.

— from the Shatikha team in Asia

Praise God for protecting the translators. Someone reported to authorities that they were doing illegal language development work, but the investigators never showed up. The attacks and threats have not stopped, but the team is not giving up. Pray for continued protection.

— from the Mele Cluster team in Asia

Pray for a translation team member's sister, "AK," who is in another country looking for a job because of the military conscription law in our country. She has no passport to find work, and the office to issue her one won't open until May. Pray for God's direction, protection, and provision, and for the country's situation to return to normal so she and many others like her can go home.

— from the Yamka team in Asia

CELEBRATE!

The Sierra Leone Sign Language team is finalizing their committee and translation team and getting ready to kick off their first Bible translation project June 1!

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Anglophone West Africa

“Anglophone” refers to countries where English is used as a trade language. This week, we’re praying for the Anglophone West African nations of Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and The Gambia.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We partner with ~15 Bible translation organizations and 10+ church networks in this region.	God has provided incredible unity and local leadership among ministries with diverse strengths.	Socioeconomic instability, persecution, corruption, lack of training, and false teaching hinder progress.

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

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
878,311	67

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. March 2024.

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

Regional Praise

Nigerian Bible Translation Interns Multiply What They Have Received

After completing Seed Company internships, Nigerian Bible translation technologists are launching their own 2-year program to train 18-20 others in what they have learned! We prayed for [two of these interns](#) last May.

This original group of interns represented a huge investment in local expertise. Now this kingdom investment is coming full circle. Organizations from across Nigeria are sending participants to this bootcamp, including some we've prayed for like [CAPRO](#) and [ITDAL](#).

PRAISE

For the breakthrough we are seeing across the region thanks to partnerships like these. Just a few months ago, it was estimated that there were more than 2 million people in this region waiting for Bible translation to begin in their languages. Today, that number is estimated to be under 1 million.

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

Rumaya of Nigeria

About 60% of Rumaya people, with a population of roughly 13,000, identify as Christian. However, they have no Scripture in their heart language and usually must learn from God's Word in either English or Hausa.

Rumaya people live in a mountainous area with abundant rainfall. In some ways, their culture is similar to ancient Israel in the Bible: widows marry within their late husbands' families, and names of places or children reflect circumstances or hopes. Agriculture forms the backbone of their economy.

PRAISE

That Rumaya people reached out to our local partner first to begin translation, and that they're already developing a writing system!

PRAY

For our local partner (who we will pray for in more detail tomorrow) and the Rumaya community as they work together to plan a Bible translation project.

Pray Now

For the economy in Nigeria. It is the worst it has ever been, and people are really suffering. Inflation has increased the cost of many items so much that the average person cannot afford basic commodities. Please pray for wisdom for the government and for the God whose eye is on the sparrow to provide for his people in Nigeria.

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 MISTLAND in Nigeria

The local partner working with the Rumaya people, who we prayed for yesterday, is a relatively new organization called MISTLAND (Mission for Scripture Translation and Language Development). Even in the middle of regional instability, they partner with people who speak minority languages to translate Scripture, such as the [Adunu Cluster](#) we prayed for last March.

PRAISE

That the team at MISTLAND is in conversations with several different communities about beginning Bible translation in their languages!

PRAY

For MISTLAND to maintain their focus and passion as they grow in both numbers and local leadership.

Pray Now

For peace, justice, and healing in this land. Last August, we prayed for [Galadima](#), who works with MISTLAND. Bandits had killed many, including his brother, and kidnapped many others, including his wife. His wife was returned safely, and while the remaining women all came home alive, some had been raped and returned pregnant.

Pray Now

For the Nya Huba translation team in Nigeria. While they've made great strides in translating parts of the Old Testament like Genesis and Exodus, they only have access to one translation consultant, which is slowing the pace. Ask the Way Maker to provide for this team!

Wednesday

And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

— James 3:18 (NLT)

Ogbo ekima ya na egbebb ikpo ekima, ta ebu ma ikpo edian igielake.

— Azemsi 3:18 (Abureni, a language in Nigeria)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT Abureni of Nigeria

About 70% of the 4,000 people who speak the Abureni language identify as Christian. Years ago, most Abureni people practiced traditional African religious practices. Today, it is not uncommon for people to blend these rituals with Christianity.

Translation team members are praying for change and genuine life transformation as Scripture is translated into Abureni. They now have Luke's Gospel and the "JESUS" film in their language, and they're continuing to translate the New Testament and parts of the Old Testament.

PRAISE

- For positive responses from evangelistic outreach and youth camps that use translated Scripture. Youth choirs now want to sing worship songs in Abureni!

PRAY

- For God to save more souls through the "JESUS" film as people continue to watch it in Abureni.
- For peace and economic improvement in the region and across Nigeria.

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

Pray for Future Translation Consultants Training in Ghana

Reaching Zero depends on teamwork. That includes a new generation of translation consultants to help train translators and ensure Bible translations are well-understood and accurate. They need academic ability, extensive biblical background, broad Bible translation experience, and deep knowledge of local cultures and languages.

Today, we're praying for five Seed Company [interns](#) at our partner [GILLBT](#) (pronounced "Gill-bit") who are training to be translation consultants:

- Rose
- Jean
- Lambert
- Rockson
- Nicholas

PRAISE

- For all they've learned about language differences, complex translation issues, teamwork, and the value of their diverse backgrounds.
- That they've nearly completed their graduate studies!

PRAY

- That they will get the rest of the mentoring and experience that they need to serve as translation consultants. May God work through them mightily, in Ghana and beyond!

Pray Now

For the Paasaal team in Ghana as they use AI to help with Old Testament translation. They completed their New Testament in 2002 (one of the first 10 Seed Company translation projects) and are praying that the full Bible will help more Paasaal people turn from traditional beliefs to follow Christ alone.

Friday

He causes wars to end throughout the earth. He breaks the bow and snaps the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

— Psalm 46:9 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

Psalm 46 Comes Alive in Africa

When one man saw an advertisement for a Christian gathering to celebrate the completion of an Oral Bible Storytelling project in Haske, he was skeptical. His tribe, the Egbura, had been in conflict with the Haske for a long time. He had thought there were no Haske Christians.

Upon arrival at the celebration, the Egbura man inconspicuously sat in the crowd, listening to the Bible stories' impact among the Haske and other languages in the [cluster project](#) (which we prayed for in [December 2022](#))!

Near the end of the celebration, he and two Christian Haske men were invited to the front. They welcomed each other with open arms as though they had just been reunited with long-lost relatives. With tears rolling down their cheeks, they prayed for each other and their tribes, asking God to bring peace. A church leader prayed Psalm 46 over them, which talks about God causing wars to cease. The moment ended with a tearful embrace, and the men shared contact information so they could continue to pursue reconciliation among their people.

PRAISE

For this move of the Holy Spirit, bringing unexpected fruit from this translation project.

PRAY

For Psalm 46:9 to truly become a reality among the Egbura and Haske people.