

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

Please pray for wisdom in light of the new military conscription law. Should we flee to a neighboring country? What about our sons and daughters? How do we protect them?
— from the Yene team in Asia

We praise God that Philippians 1-2 are ready for future printing. Thank you, thank you, Good Father, for your great help, and thank you, dear brothers, for praying. It is very difficult to translate this letter of Paul. Please pray for translator Selmira, who became ill while we were translating Philippians and Colossians. Doctors are recommending dialysis 3 times a week for at least a month. Please join our cry of prayer for God to restore her kidneys. — from the Napo team in Peru

Please pray for wisdom and strength for the local translators and for stable electricity and internet so they can connect with their adviser who had to evacuate to Canada. Their city was destroyed by the military. Pray in the spirit of Nehemiah: “Lord, strengthen their hands.” — from the Nap team in Asia

I give God thanks that I received my certification as a translation consultant, for taking care of my family, and for my mentor Theo. — from intern Misael in Guatemala
[\(answered prayer from last October!\)](#)

Please pray for the spiritual battles we are experiencing. We have been having lots of power outages, and false teachers have been visiting our communities. We have also had increased arguments and criticism from our families. But other good things are happening. For example, some of us have been sharing recordings of Bible stories with our families. — from the Doysi translation team in the Americas

Congo Basin

The Congo Basin includes the nations of Central African Republic, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Republic of Congo.

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

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with ~20 Bible translation and ministry partners in the Congo Basin.	Committed, trained local believers see the need to reach the Bibleless.	Hazardous roads, internet outages, rebel activity, and corruption hinder Bible translation.

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
1,340,940	82

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. March 2024.

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

Regional Update

Internet Access and Oral Bible Translation in Democratic Republic of Congo

Our Congolese partners often request prayer for reliable internet and electricity. These prayers are becoming even more crucial with the increased need for Oral Bible Translation. Many of the remaining languages will greatly benefit from oral translation, but this method usually relies on an app called [Render](#), which requires 4G at minimum. Many areas that need Bible translation have 1G or 2G.

Existing internet solutions are expensive and slow. For example, one current option (pictured) requires fences and guards to protect it from theft, drawing unwanted attention to the translators.

A new reliable, affordable, fast internet service called Starlink could turn these translation projects around, but governments are hesitant to allow it because they are afraid of neighboring countries using it to spy on them.

PRAY

For God's guidance for the Congo teams to overcome internet challenges and find innovative solutions.

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

Cuvette Cluster (Akwa, Koyo, and Ngare Languages) in Republic of Congo

Though 75% of people identify as Christian in the area where these three languages are spoken, many mix Christianity with other traditions. Scripture in their native languages will help break the influence of ancestral beliefs and rituals, reaching more than 54,000 people with the truth of God's Word.

PRAISE

Thank you for praying [last August](#) for the local teams who were preparing to begin Bible translation in these three languages. The Cuvette Cluster Bible translation project was officially launched in October!

PRAY

For the Word of God to bring light and freedom to these communities, breaking the chains of darkness and ancestral traditions. May God guide the teams' efforts as they build community support and engage with church leaders.

Pray Now

For Pastor Fael, an Ipunu translator in Gabon who lost his wife, daughter, and mother-in-law to an illness in February 2024. May the God of all comfort give him peace that passes understanding, and may his church community love him well during this time.

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

Group of Associations for the Promotion of Languages, Cultures, and Integral Development (GAP)

While GAP (acronym shortened) officially began working with Seed Company this February, they are not a new organization. They formed six years ago in Democratic Republic of Congo to support language teams Seed Company was also partnering with.

PRAISE

That our faithful co-laborers at GAP are not only taking on management of the translation projects for three Congolese languages; they are also partnering with Seed Company to invest in local [Bible translation interns](#) with their organization, laying groundwork for fruitful, sustainable translation ministry in the years to come.

Pray Now

For the Nyangu [cluster project](#) in Gabon. They successfully learned how to translate, created writing systems, and translated Luke and [the “JESUS” film](#). But recently, the team has struggled. One translator died, and others couldn’t continue for other reasons, so new people had to be trained. They’re still hoping to print Luke and Acts in each of the three languages by October.

Wednesday

TRANSLATED SCRIPTURE: TEKE LANGUAGE OF GABON

So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen.

— 2 Timothy 2:10 (NLT)

Nja ma bwa mi emono mpasi eso ma baari eli Njyami swoli, ma bu ndi bo se avuuga ma Kirisite Zezi, ŋa ma lekuma le obu-obu.

— Okanda yo ywele o Timote 2.10 (Teke)

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Ogooue [OH – GOO’ – WAY] Cluster in Gabon

While some people who speak the 4 languages of the Ogooue Cluster (Ikota, Obamba, Teke, and Wunvu) profess Christ, many mix their beliefs with traditional animistic practices. Sickness and misfortune are often attributed to displeased spirits or ancestral curses, and sacrifices are offered to appease them.

Local churches have struggled to make an impact. Translators have been working to bring change in their communities through Scripture the people can understand.

PRAISE

Local churches are now hearing the book of Acts in their own languages, Luke’s Gospel has been recorded for a Scripture app, and [the “JESUS” film is being shown in churches, neighborhoods, and evangelistic events.](#)

PRAY

For God’s blessing as the teams continue onward to finish the New Testament and record all the books. Like Paul proclaims in 2 Timothy 2:10, may they be willing to endure in this task to bring salvation to many.

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

Gloria Iyanga Ilanga

Gloria is a Language Program Management intern in Democratic Republic of Congo. She holds a law degree, but her pastor suggested that she consider a role in missions and Bible translation after observing her gifts for evangelical storytelling and leadership. She works closely with an experienced mentor to develop her skills and loves being part of work that makes an eternal difference.

“Contributing to Bible translation is a calling for me.” — Gloria

PRAISE

- For the success of the [Tshuapa](#) project (highlighted in tomorrow's Impact Story), which Gloria contributed to.

PRAY

- For Gloria's English studies, which are part of her internship goals.
- For Gloria and her husband, who is a rural doctor, to be united together as one; they are newlyweds, and they both travel for work.

Praise God

For the upcoming wedding of Pascal Kugana and Gisele Mugeni at the end of this month. They were both star students in our [IT internship cohort](#) and developed a romance during that time. Pray for this new family as they decide where to live and look for a job for Gisele.

Friday

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

IMPACT STORY

Celebration of the Tshuapa Project in Democratic Republic of Congo

3 years.

9 languages.

35 Bible stories in *each* language!

This is the success story of the Tshuapa project.

Excitement hung in the air as a local church in Democratic Republic of Congo recently prepared to honor the success of these local translation teams. Leading up to the celebration, they held 5 evenings of open air meetings. Average attendance? Over 1,200 people!

Two Seed Company Congo Basin team members, Shelly and Barb, arrived midway through the last night of meetings. Translated Bible stories were shared, and afterward, a pastor asked the audience questions to encourage understanding and application. Many of the churches in this local denomination (called “the Worker’s Church” in English) use this question-and-answer method for their sermon time.

PRAISE

That when the pastor invited people to follow Jesus after they heard the Bible stories, at least 200 of nearly 2,000 in attendance came forward that night!

PRAY

For follow-up for those who sincerely want to follow Christ, and for the denomination as they are growing quickly and need to train leaders.

WATCH VIDEOS FROM THE CELEBRATION

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