

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

Praise God that the vegetable garden is feeding the less advantaged of the community and bringing in extra income. We praise God for his provision and wisdom. Pray for more men to receive the gospel, especially those whose wives are already going to church. Please pray specifically for the husbands to have a special revelation of the person of Christ and to come to the true knowledge of who God is. And pray for all the logistics surrounding our long-awaited workshop in June.

— from the Akoti team in Mozambique

Pray for the health of the translation group. This past semester, one couple spent all their time in town because of their kids' health. One couple had to leave the team due to health concerns, while another was involved in schooling and also caring for family health problems. Three people have children under 3 years old who keep getting pneumonia and going to the hospital.

— from the Wayampi Amapari team in Brazil

Pray for the success of the musical production on June 8, spiritual attacks that continue to affect the team, and for greater influence in Cape Town as pastors and churches use the translated Psalms.

— from the [Kaaps](#) team in South Africa

Praise God for providing new translators after two of the translators decided to return home. Ask God to grant them wisdom and the ability to adapt quickly and contribute greatly to this important work.

— from the Pastaza Quechua Cluster in Peru

Pray for the health of the indigenous people. We have a serious dengue epidemic affecting several regions.

— from Teresinha Santos, an intern in Brazil

Eurasia

We may read devastating news headlines about the region of Eurasia (Europe and the Middle East), but faithful Bible translators are working behind the scenes to bring the light and peace of Christ.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with 14 strong partner organizations, including churches, church planters, and other mission groups.	Translated Scripture is spreading not only within countries but also among diaspora and refugees.	Security risks, geographically difficult-to-reach areas, and oppression (both religious and political) pose challenges.

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

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
3,806,279	85

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. March 2024.

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

Regional Praise

16 New Testaments Completed in Eurasia

On June 15th, there will be a dedication celebration for 16 New Testaments (11 in partnership with Seed Company)—the first time any of these languages have had a full New Testament. These New Testaments include language groups we've prayed for over the past 2 years like the [Pedayesh Cluster](#) and the [Kular](#), Tiat, and Andir teams of the Davam Cluster.

PRAISE

For those who have served God at great risk and personal cost so that these people groups in one of the darkest corners of the world can have access to the light of Christ.

PRAY

For these Scriptures to reach those who are hungry for truth in this area where millions of people haven't had the chance to hear the gospel in a way they can understand and accept, and for security and safety during the dedication celebration.

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

Northern Ireland Sign Language

We prayed for Northern Ireland Sign Language last June. At that time, we were working with a potential local project leader to craft a doable and effective translation project. However, in August, he moved away, along with his family. All of a sudden, we were back at square one.

Since then, we've met another Deaf man who wants Scripture in his language! However, we're not sure yet which role on the team he'd be the best fit for. We need the Holy Spirit to guide Seed Company and Deaf Bible Society to the right people to spearhead this effort.

PRAY

For God to bring the right project manager and translators together to get this project off the ground.

Pray Now

For two Sign Language Bible translation teams working in the Balkans of Eastern Europe. Last August, a consultant left the project, and our partner [Deaf Pathway](#) has been unable to find another. We urgently need a consultant, or we will have to suspend the project. Ask for God's provision.

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

“The Bridge”

One of The Bridge’s key strategies is sharing God’s Word through satellite TV programs in restricted Middle Eastern countries, which around 30 million people have access to even though it is illegal. The evidence from response rates to Christian programming indicates that large numbers (perhaps over one million)—believers and nonbelievers alike—watch Christian TV.

PRAISE

That in an area where those who have given their lives to Christ often lack access to a local church, God is making a way for discipleship and connection to the global church through satellite TV.

PRAY

For the people The Bridge serves who live in “Bible deserts”—places where Bibles are scarce or illegal. Often, people have never even seen a Bible, much less owned one themselves.

Pray Now

For a team member of the Nabil project, which we prayed for [last September](#), who is in jail for “unacceptable political comments.” Pray for him to be protected and draw near to Jesus during this time.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Igbala of Eurasia

Igbala is spoken by 10 million people in a central Asian country where churches meet in secret. But Igbala translators are working to equip their people with accurate, understandable Scripture.

When Igbala translators wrestled with the phrase “It is enough” in Matthew 10:25, their first translation read, “If the disciple becomes like his teachers, or if a slave becomes like his master, then he should say, ‘This is enough for me. What more could I want?’” But Jesus is saying that his disciples are to expect *no better treatment* than their master experienced.

So the final version reads, “If the disciple is treated like his teacher is treated, and if a slave is treated like his master is treated, then he should not have a higher expectation than that.”

PRAY

For the believers in this central Asian country, who have the daily experience of being persecuted along with their Master. May God grant them wisdom, faith, and favor. May these underground churches be encouraged by Scripture in their own language!

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

8 Eurasian Experts in Biblical Interpretation Deepen Their Skills

In June, we prayed for 22 [exegetes in training](#), and in [September](#), we celebrated the impact they were already having across the region. A couple months ago, 8 of them chose to deepen their training, and they have a second advanced training planned for June! These trainings won't make them certified translation consultants, but they'll move them one giant step closer.

This group, which is already greatly expanding local translation capacity in Eurasia, is the first of its kind in the region. Other regions are even looking at this group as an example to see if it's something they could do.

PRAY

For God to continue to protect and watch over his servants as they train and work together in a high-risk region.

Pray Now

For God to provide the right new mentor for three interns training to be sign language translation consultants with [Deaf Pathway](#) so they can continue in their internships. A potential mentor is considering stepping in.

Friday

Rise up, O Lord, in all your power. With music and singing we celebrate your mighty acts.

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

Community Transformation: From the Gurbet Team in Serbia

Translator Goran, who is working with the Gurbet language (a Roma dialect in Serbia), recently had the opportunity to preach to 700 people from Gurbet Scripture!

For Roma people, who have been marginalized throughout history, preaching, writing, teaching, and reading in their own language is especially redemptive. Things we take for granted, like seeing our language on a giant screen in church and being able to easily follow the entire sermon—these are life-changing moments for speakers of minority and marginalized languages.

PRAISE

From Seed Company Field Project Manager Jay: “This is so encouraging because the Roma don’t feel their language is worthy to be used in the Bible. So to hear the Gurbet accept the translation and want to use it is huge. We want the Gurbet to learn that God knows and cares about not only their language, but them as people.”

IMPACT STORY

Life Transformation: From the Arli Team in Serbia

Around the world, many people initially come to Christ because of powerful evangelism or physical healing, but if they don't have Scripture in their language, it is easy for them to fall away.

Daniel, who speaks the Arli Roma dialect in Serbia, left his former lifestyle of polygamy, drugs, and alcohol to follow Christ after a miraculous healing in his family. While he began regularly attending church services, he didn't study the Bible. It was only after he found out Scripture was being translated into Arli that he started regularly engaging with the Bible.

PRAISE

That Arli believers like Daniel now have access to Scripture they can understand and that can deepen their walk with Jesus. Daniel especially appreciates the [audio version of the Arli Bible on YouTube](#).