

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 Bible translation each day of the week, beginning with the Sabbath:

SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Around the World	Regional Update	The Bibleless	Ministry Partners	Translation Projects	Teachers & Trainers	Impact Stories

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Saturday

PRAYER UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Pray for healing for one of the great Maby families committed to the smooth running of the translation project. The wife has suffered from a stroke and is almost paralyzed. The husband of the woman who is in charge of fundraising in the Maby community is ill and has gone blind. Please also pray for a translator who travels long distances over difficult roads for his work.

— from the Maby team in Africa

Please pray for a couple translators in a greatly unreached area of West Asia who are older and suffering from health problems that are affecting their ability to work. Please also pray for a translator who has become the primary caregiver for his mother and for another translator who struggles to balance all the jobs he must do to make ends meet. In addition, please pray for the T* people; they face such persecution that it is difficult to establish enough trust so that they'll use the translated resources. Pray for breakthrough as we try to find more local people willing to interact with the translated Scriptures.

Pray for the special program of parable readings the team is planning soon so the community can hear the message of salvation. Also please pray for the elections tomorrow (June 2); a number of previous elections have been violent.

— from the Chinanteco de Ojitlan team in Mexico

Pray for Marcel, the head of our neighborhood, who has been following the oral Bible stories. He wants to give his life to Jesus but hasn't made the decision yet. May God continue to draw him to himself.

— from the [Dugun](#) team in Cameroon

Mainland Asia

Mainland Asia includes seven countries, most of which present security risks. This region has the highest number of people in the world without even one verse of Scripture in their language.

PARTNERS	STRENGTHS	CHALLENGES
We work with around 10 partners in Mainland Asia.	Despite opposition, translators devote their lives to translating God's Word. Some have become translation consultants.	Governments are unstable or hostile. Work is done in secret. Interrogation is a constant threat.

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

Pray for Those Still Waiting for Bible Translation to Start

People	Languages
21,389,719	196

Source: ProgressBible™. SNAPSHOT. April 2024.

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

Sunday

REGIONAL UPDATE

“The Shaman Is Christian Too”

One people group in Mainland Asia collectively embraced Christianity 25 years ago, but many still practice spirit worship. This mixing of beliefs is common in areas where people don't have Scripture in their language.

When a village representative told our translation partner that everyone in the village is Christian now, our partner asked, “So there isn't a shaman anymore?” The representative replied that there is one, of course, but he is Christian too.

PRAISE

- That this people group is interested in beginning Bible translation with our partner organization.

PRAY

- For this people group's leaders to understand their urgent need for God's Word. Once decided, they must travel somewhere with internet access to communicate their decision with our partners and determine next steps.

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

Minxuh (MIN-SHOO) of Mainland Asia

Minxuh people, with a population of about 29,000, live in mountainous areas that are isolated from neighboring language groups. Their isolation hinders them from seeking out better education or employment, resulting in widespread poverty. Addictions to drugs and alcohol are common. Many live in fear of the spirit world.

Today, there are a few Minxuh believers, but they are heavily persecuted. They don't have a single Bible verse in their language, but local outreach workers have requested Bible translation to bring more Minxuh people to faith and encourage the few existing believers.

PRAISE

- Minxuh Bible translation is now in progress! The goal is to produce Mark's Gospel and record it for online distribution.

PRAY

- For freedom from poverty, fear of spirits, and addictions in this community.

Pray Now

That Lamelo people in Mainland Asia will eagerly receive new Scripture recordings in their language. Also, please ask God to provide trustworthy people to help the Lamelo translator check translated Scriptures. Without them, it is difficult to justify the project. Ask God to strengthen and sustain this project, which seems to be hanging by a thread right now, and encourage all involved in an environment where it is extremely difficult to start new translation work in unreached people groups.

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

A Potential Laborer in the Harvest Fields

We pray frequently to the Lord of the harvest, asking Him to raise up more workers to go into the field white and ready for the harvest—for the workers are few.

PRAISE

That recently, we received news that a graduate of a Bible college in a nearby country is interested in assisting with interpreting and checking Scripture. She can potentially serve alongside several translation teams that need help.

PRAY

That nothing will derail her desire to join the team within the next few months. With her Master of Divinity degree, she'd be a great candidate to train to become a fully certified translation consultant in the future.

Curious about what it takes to become a translation consultant? [Learn about Seed Company's translation consultant residency program.](#)

Pray Now

For the Kawzyaw, Manyaw, and Talya Bibles that are stuck at the country's border due to brutal civil war to be able to get across (we prayed for these teams in [December](#)). We are hopeful that we can find a way with the help of resistance soldiers and two pickup trucks.

PRAY FOR AN ACTIVE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Rakali of Mainland Asia

While about 30% of Rakali people identify as Christian, many still practice animistic beliefs like using chicken bones for divination. Even many Christians don't clearly understand salvation; many believe it can be earned through works like tithing or churchgoing.

Praise God that the Rakali team is making progress on the Old Testament despite civil unrest. They've also begun Oral Bible Storytelling. One story crafter shares, "In our region, we all farm on the hillsides from the first light of dawn until nightfall. We don't have much time to read the Bible. But using oral Bible stories, we can learn and share about God while we work. Oral Bible stories give us the opportunity to draw closer to God by encountering His Word at any time, every day."

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

Two Interns in Asia

Valentina

When universities in Valentina's homeland shut down due to civil unrest, she attended Bible school in another country. Today, she holds an M.Div. and master of arts in linguistics. She worked on the New Testament in her language until it was printed, and today, she is a [Seed Company intern](#) preparing to become a translation consultant.

Jill

While serving as the senior translator for the Cejai project in a restricted Asian country, Jill is also working toward a master of arts in translation of Scripture on a full scholarship. Her skills will help teams improve translated Scripture drafts before the final consultant check. Given the shortage of translation consultants worldwide, she will be tremendously valuable in freeing them up to help other waiting teams.

PRAISE

- For Valentina answering the call in a country that is difficult to access, yet where translation projects need more consultants.
- For Jill as she trains to “fill in the gaps” in quality so that by the time a consultant receives a draft, they don’t have to spend as much time with it before helping other teams—the result being that accurate, usable Scripture gets into people’s hands, faster.

PRAY

- For peace in Valentina’s community so they can resume Old Testament translation.
- For Jill as she prepares to travel to another country to attend an 8-week workshop this month.
- For Jill as she comes under increased scrutiny from authorities in her country due to traveling abroad. Pray for wisdom as she answers probing questions.

“God clearly led me. As I studied, I came to realize how much pastors were struggling to understand the Bible because of their struggle to understand [the regional language] and English. From that time, I wanted to translate the Bible for my language.” — Valentina

Friday

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

— Psalm 21:13 (NLT)

IMPACT STORY

Bible Stories Spread Across the Mountains in Mainland Asia

Years ago, Lydia's heart was captured when she joined the Oral Bible Storytelling project for her people. People say she is "a natural, expressive, and enthusiastic" storyteller. Today, she continues to share Bible stories in [Yobee](#) villages throughout the mountains, distributing rice and coats in the winter. Because of her compassion, many have given their lives to Jesus.

However, the fruit of Lydia's faithfulness has not gone unnoticed by the authorities. She has been questioned more than any of the other local translators.

PRAISE

That when local authorities recently questioned her, they said they actually like what she's doing but are just doing their job.

PRAY

For Lydia's protection amid the constant questioning. It is only her close walk with Jesus that keeps her from being afraid.

Pray Now

For protection, healing, and strength for Mary, the translator for the Kanoh team in Mainland Asia, and her family. Mary has had many challenging health issues, including a kidney problem during pregnancy. Then her husband Paul was hospitalized for 2 months due to a heart condition. Mary is caring for him as he recovers while working on the translation. (We also prayed for this team in [October 2022](#) and [January 2023](#)).